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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 382-099—California
Borel Hydroelectric Project
Southern California Edison

August 30, 2022

VIA FERC Service

James A. Buerkle, Director of Generation
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Subject: Extension of time for filing surrender application

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This letter approves your request to extend the proposed filing date, until May 1, 2029, for the surrender application for the Borel Hydroelectric Project No. 382. The project is located on the North Kern River in Kern County, California. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

In 2017, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) implemented a safety modification to its Lake Isabella Auxiliary Dam for which the Corps condemned 10.7 acres of private and public land associated with the Borel Project and sealed off the existing section of conduit through the Auxiliary Dam by filling it with concrete and abandoning the conduit in place, which rendered the Borel Project non-operational. On March 7, 2019, Commission staff requested that you file a plan and schedule for filing a surrender application with the Commission.

On January 29, 2021, we acknowledged your proposal to submit a decommissioning plan by January 31, 2023. On August 25, 2022, you filed a request to extend the proposed filing date until May 1, 2023, to allow additional time for consultation with several tribal communities and land management agencies. You also state you are preparing an environmental justice analysis to include in the surrender application. The additional time will allow Southern California Edison to further

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collaborate with the agencies to address any comments received when the draft surrender application is circulated for review and comment prior to filing with the Commission.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-6012 or Rebecca.martin@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca M. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca M. Martin
Environmental and Project Review Branch
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