

## **License Application Deficiency No. 5 (Schedule A)**

The Commission's License Application Deficiency No. 5 stated:

5. Exhibit E (PDEA) – 4.51(f)(5)(iv) and (v)(A) – Our regulations require that you provide a statement of the existing measures or facilities to be continued or maintained and the new measures or facilities proposed by the applicant for the purpose of creating, preserving, or enhancing recreational opportunities at the project and its vicinity. Our regulations also require that you identify the entities responsible for implementing, constructing, operating, or maintaining any existing or proposed measures or facilities. Although your PDEA and Draft Recreation Management Plan Overview indicate that you propose a 50 percent cost sharing measure for recreational facility rehabilitation, and presumably maintenance, no details of what would be implemented at each of the Mammoth Pool recreational facilities are provided. We need this information for us to assess whether there is a nexus of project purposes to your proposed recreational measures at each facility. Please provide the required information.

## **SCE Response to License Application Deficiency No. 5 (Schedule A)**

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) description of existing and proposed environmental measures for recreation resources are described below.

### *Existing Environmental Measures*

Reservoir Water Surface Elevation. SCE makes every effort to maintain water surface elevation at maximum elevation and with minimum fluctuation from June 1 to September 1. This is to secure maximum recreational benefits (as per Article 33 of the existing FERC License).

### *New Environmental Measures*

SCE's new environmental measures for recreation resources were described in Section 3.1.7.3, Recreation Resources of the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA) (SCE 2005). However, SCE has continued settlement negotiations with the Big Creek Collaborative (BCC) stakeholder group in hopes of reaching a comprehensive Settlement Agreement since the filing of the Application for New License for the Mammoth Pool Project and the associated PDEA. SCE has revised its proposal for new environmental measures associated with recreation resources through the ongoing settlement negotiations. Based on these negotiations, SCE drafted a comprehensive Recreation Management Plan for the Big Creek Alternative Licensing Process (ALP). Although this Plan is intended to be comprehensive for all of the four FERC Projects included in the Big Creek ALP, an adaptation of this Plan has been prepared that is specific to the Mammoth Pool Project for the purposes of this filing. This Plan is also being filed concurrently as the response to Additional Information Request (AIR) No. 11,

Proposed Recreation Management Plan. A copy of the Recreation Management Plan (Plan) for the Mammoth Pool Project is provided in AIR No. 11, Appendix A.

The following provides a summary of the recreation measures provided in the Recreation Management Plan Mammoth Pool Project. The measures provided below supersede those provided in Section 3.1.7.3, Recreation Resources (SCE 2005). Please refer to the Recreation Management Plan (AIR No. 11, Appendix A) for detailed descriptions of the proposed measures.

- SCE will participate in an annual coordination meeting with the Forest Service to discuss the measures needed to ensure protection and utilization of the recreation facilities listed in Table 1 of the Plan.
- SCE shall complete a recreational use and facilities condition survey at least once every six years, as agreed upon by the Forest Service and SCE at the facilities listed in Table 1 of the Plan.
- The recreation facilities owned and operated by the Forest Service (listed in Table 1 of the Plan) will continue to be owned, operated and maintained by the Forest Service.
- SCE will be responsible for the full cost of rehabilitation of existing recreation facilities listed in Table 1 of the Plan, in consultation with the Forest Service.
- SCE will develop a two-panel roofed kiosk interpretative exhibit that provides information on Native American lifestyle practices in the vicinity of the Project.
- SCE will make every effort to secure recreational benefits by maintaining the water surface elevation at the maximum elevation practical for water storage, with minimum fluctuation, from June 1 to September 1 each year.
- SCE will provide daily average Mammoth Pool Reservoir elevation information to the public via the Internet or other publicly accessible technology.
- SCE will match equally the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) stocking of Rainbow Trout, up to the following amounts annually: in Mammoth Pool Reservoir 6,000 fingerlings and 5,000 catchables; and in Rock Creek 2,000 fingerlings.
- SCE shall provide year-round hourly streamflow information for the San Joaquin River below Mammoth Pool Reservoir via the Internet or other publicly accessible technology.
- SCE will provide pre-spill whitewater flow releases below Mammoth Pool Dam in Wet and Above Normal Years, as described in the Plan.

- SCE will be responsible for the maintenance of the section of the San Joaquin River Trail that is co-aligned with the Mammoth Pool Transmission Line Road.

### **Literature Cited**

Southern California Edison Company (SCE). 2005. Section 3.1.7.3, Recreation Resources (Pages 3-41 and 3-42). *In*: Volume 2 of the PDEA for the Big Creek ALP; Mammoth Pool (FERC Project No. 2085), Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2 (FERC Project No. 2175), Big Creek Nos. 2A, 8, and Eastwood (FERC Project No. 67) and Big Creek No. 3 (FERC Project No. 120). Submitted to FERC November 21, 2005.