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Dear Mr. Boergers:

REQUEST BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR AN ALTERNATIVE LICENSING
PROCESS FOR THE BIG CREEK HYDROELECTRIC SYSTEM (FERC 67, 120, 2085, AND 2175)

This letter is submitted in response to the request by Southern California Edison (SCE) to use a
relicensing process described in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 596,
as the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP).

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff supports SCE's proposal to use the ALP
which is to include a basin-wide planning process focused on collaboratively identifying and
addressing the issues related to relicensing the Big Creek System. SWRCB staff believes the
common ownership by SCE and the location of the projects within one watershed basin presents
a unique opportunity to address multiple licenses within a single collaborative licensing process
and can act as a model for future FERC relicensing efforts in California.

SWRCB staff appreciates the efforts of SCE staff to date and looks forward to working with
FERC staff and other stakeholders in the ALP. If you have any questions please contact me at
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Sincerely,

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