

August 3, 2001

Dear Agency or Interested Party:

**Subject: Big Creek Alternative Licensing Process**  
**FERC Project Nos. 67, 120, 2085, and 2175**  
**Final Technical Study Plan Package**

Southern California Edison (SCE) is pleased to present the following Final Technical Study Plan Package (FTSPP) for the Big Creek Alternative Licensing Process (ALP) for the Big Creek Hydroelectric Projects. The FTSPP represents the technical approach to gather objective environmental information that will be used to assess the environmental effects of relicensing SCE's Big Creek Hydroelectric Projects. The distribution of this FTSPP is a key milestone for the Big Creek ALP.

The technical study plans were developed over the last 15 months (May 2000 – July 2001) in collaboration with numerous stakeholders, collectively referred to as the Big Creek Collaborative (BCC). These stakeholders represent state and federal resource agencies, Native American tribes, local and regional authorities, non-government organizations, local communities, local businesses, and other members of the public. A total of 94 collaborative meetings/conference calls were completed in support of the development of the FTSPP. A summary of these activities in support of the Big Creek ALP is provided at SCE's Hydro Relicensing Website at: [http://www.sce.com/bigcreek/006b2a\\_relicensing.shtml](http://www.sce.com/bigcreek/006b2a_relicensing.shtml). The BCC should be commended for their dedication, hard work, and collaborative spirit demonstrated during the study plan development phase.

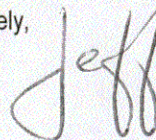
A goal of the Big Creek ALP is to achieve a Comprehensive Resource Settlement Agreement (CRSA), serving as the basis for proposed protection, mitigation and enhancement conditions for the new Project licenses. The CRSA will help form the framework for the Applications for New Licenses for the four ALP Projects, as well as any appropriate License Amendments on the earlier-expiring Project licenses.

SCE encourages active participation in the Big Creek ALP by all parties interested in providing input on the future license terms and conditions for the Big Creek Hydroelectric Projects. If you have any questions or wish to be added to the Big Creek ALP distribution list please contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation and participation in the Big Creek ALP.

Sincerely,



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