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Docket Nos. STN 50-592 and STN 50-593

MEMORANDUM FOR: Wm. H. Regan, Chief

Environmental Projects Branch 2, DSE

FROM: Paul H. Leech, Project Manager

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON MEETING WITH APPLICANT REGARDING ROUTE

OF PVNGS 4 AND 5 - MIRA LOMA TRANSMISSION LINE

On November 28, 1978, Members of the Argonne National Laboratory team and I met with the applicant's representatives in Rosemead, California, to discuss the proposed route and various alternatives for the transmission line from Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Units 4 and 5 to Mira Loma Substation northwest of Riverside, California. The main purpose was to obtain further understanding of the constraints involved in routing between Devers Substation near North Palm Springs and Valley Substation southeast of Perris Lake.

The proposed route from Devers to Valley and several alternatives are discussed in the Final Environmental Statement on the Sundesert Nuclear Plant. An additional alternative called the Martinez Canyon route was described during the meeting. To follow this route, the transmission line would depart from the PVNGS - Devers right-of-way somewhere between Desert Center and Coachella and run west to a point southwest of San Bernardino National Forest and then northwest to Valley Substation. It would avoid passing through Indian lands, San Bernardino National Forest and Anza-Borrego State Park, but it would pass through Federal land which is being considered for wilderness classification by the Bureau of Land Management. Whether the land will be proposed for such classification will not be known until BLM studies are completed about March 1, 1979.

None of the alternatives appears to offer overall environmental superiority over the proposed route through San Gorgonio Pass. However, the latter would go through Indian lands and the applicant has not yet been able

-2- DEC 8 1978 Wm. H. Regan, to obtain permission to do so. If further negotiations between the Indians and the applicant are unsuccessful, an alternative would be chosen. The meeting was useful to our understanding of this situation. Paul H. Leich Paul H. Leech, Project Manager Environmental Projects Branch 2 Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis Enclosure: Attendance List

Attendance List Meeting on November 28, 1978 at Southern California Edison Company Offices in Rosemead, California regarding Proposed Transmission Line from Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Units 4 and 5 to Mira Loma Substation Docket Nos. STN 50-592 and STN 50-593 SCE Gary Dudley Jerry A. Brody Tom P. Gilfoy Steve Shermoen David Poole Janet Baas Larry Hinton David White Clifford Gum Fred Klumb Keith Krumwiede Burl R. McDaniel ANL Lars F. Soholt Kathie Hockstra R. Zussman S. A. Curtis Snell & Wilmer Arthur C. Gehr NRC Paul H. Leech