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SENT VIA E-MAIL & USPS:

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Lisa Orsaba, CEQA Project Manager Mesa.CPU@ene.com
California Utilities Commission
Re: Mesa 500k V Substation Project
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94111

**Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the
Proposed SCE Mesa 500-kV Substation Project (Application No. A.15-03-003)**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final CEQA document.

In the project description, the Lead Agency includes construction related soil disturbance activities during the development of the telecommunications routes that could encounter contaminants including petroleum hydrocarbons in areas that were occupied by uses that included a former leaking underground storage tank site.¹ Based on the potential soil disturbance of these contaminated sites, the Lead Agency should also include how compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1166 – Volatile Organic Compound Emissions From Decontamination of Soil will be incorporated in the proposed project in the Final EIR.² In addition, if any demolition results includes contact with asbestos, compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1403 – Asbestos Removal should also be included in the Final EIR.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, SCAQMD staff requests that the Lead Agency provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the FSR. Further, staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

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¹ DEIR, Section 4.7 Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Table 4.7-1 starting on page 4.7-7.

² E.g., The SCAQMD regulatory portion of Section 4.2 – Air Quality and the applicable plans described in Section 4.7 Hazards and Hazardous Materials starting on page 4.7-39.