



# EMERGENCY PERMIT

## 12EMP-00000-00002

**Coastal Zone:**

Subject to the requirements of Section 35-171.2 of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance and the policies of the Coastal Land Use Plan.

**Case Name:** Southern California Edison 16kV Conductor Replacement

**Case Number:** 12EMP-00000-00002

**Site Address:** 7017 Shepard Mesa Rd., 7200 and 7220 Casitas Pass Rd., and unassigned Casitas Pass Rd.

**APN:** 001-440-005, 001-450-007, 001-450-004, 001-450-002

**Applicant/Agent Name:** Southern California Edison  
Attn: Mike Parris or Patricia Bartoli-Wible

**Owner Name:** Southern California Edison

ZONING PERMIT  
**ISSUED**  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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North County Office  
624 W. Foster Road  
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**PERMIT APPROVAL:**

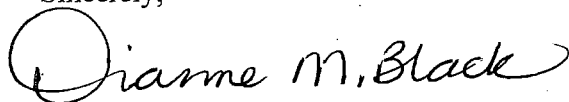
This is to inform you that an Emergency Permit has been approved for:

**The replacement of eight spans of old and deteriorated 16 kV electricity distribution lines (conductors) between nine existing poles (total length of approximately 1,960 linear feet). The age and condition of the conductors has resulted in an increased risk of fire. Existing 5/32" diameter #6CU conductors will be replaced with new, more reliable 7/16" diameter 1/0ACSR conductors (an approximate 1/4" increase in diameter). No grading is required. The poles and distribution lines are located within Southern California Edison's utility easement crossing four agriculturally zoned parcels from near the intersection of State Route 192 and State Route 150 (both known as Casitas Pass Road) to the Ventura County Line.**

The existing 16 kV conductors are old and deteriorated. Electricity distribution was recently disrupted due to a failure of the old, deteriorated conductors, which also resulted in a small brush fire. A temporary restoration of service was obtained by splicing old conductors together; however, without immediate replacement the risk remains high for another power outage and brush fire. Allowing the work to proceed under an Emergency Permit will allow immediate replacement of the deteriorated electricity distribution lines, ensuring continuity of electricity service to the area while reducing the risk of fire associated with a failure of the lines. Postponing the work until the required Coastal Development Permit with Hearing is completed (a process that could take up to four months) would extend the risk of additional power outages and fire.

Therefore, this situation constitutes an emergency in accordance with the applicable zoning ordinance indicated above and immediate action is warranted. As the required findings (listed below) can be made, the emergency work is hereby approved, subject to compliance with the attached conditions of approval. This permit is not valid until signed by the owner/applicant and subsequently issued by the Planning and Development Department upon verification that all conditions of approval requiring action prior to permit issuance are satisfied.

Sincerely,



DIANNE BLACK  
Director of Development Services

APPROVAL DATE: February 16, 2012

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**OWNER/APPLICANT AGREEMENT:**

The undersigned permittee acknowledges receipt of this permit and agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of approval incorporated herein. The undersigned also acknowledges and agrees that:

- This Emergency Permit provides only temporary authorization for the proposed action and other applicable permits (Coastal Development Permit with Hearing) are required by law to validate the emergency work as permanent.
- Any evidence or findings contained herein, or upon which this permit relies, shall not constitute any limitation on the authority of the County of Santa Barbara to issue, grant, deny, rescind, or revoke this permit or any future permit(s) required for the activities described herein, or on the authority of the County of Santa Barbara to analyze, mitigate, or condition any future permit(s) required for the activities described herein.
- This permit does not authorize any work or construction activities outside of the scope of the project as indicated in the project description, conditions of approval and approved plans.
- This permit shall not be construed to authorize any violation of County ordinance or policy, or the violation of any State or Federal regulation.

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PATRICIA BARTOLI-WILKE      Patricia Bartoli Wilke      2-16-12  
Print Name                                      Signature                                      Date

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**PERMIT ISSUANCE:**

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Julie Harris                                      Julie Harris                                      2/16/2012  
Print Name                                      Signature                                      Date

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## BACKGROUND:

The project consists of the replacement of eight spans of old and deteriorated 16 kV electricity distribution lines (conductors) between nine existing poles (total length of approximately 1,960 linear feet). Existing 5/32" diameter #6CU conductors will be replaced with new, more reliable 7/16" diameter 1/0ACSR conductors (an approximate 1/4" increase in diameter). No grading is required. The poles and distribution lines are located within Southern California Edison's utility easements crossing four agriculturally zoned parcels located at the east end of the Carpinteria Valley, from near the intersection of State Route 192 and State Route 150 (both known as Casitas Pass Road) to the Ventura County Line.

The existing 16 kV conductors are old and deteriorated. Electricity distribution was recently disrupted due to a failure of the old, deteriorated conductors, which also resulted in a small brush fire. A temporary restoration of service was obtained by splicing old conductors together; however, without immediate replacement the risk remains high for another power outage and brush fire. Allowing the work to proceed under an Emergency Permit will allow immediate replacement of the deteriorated electricity distribution lines, ensuring continuity of electricity service to the area and reducing the risk of fire associated with a failure of the lines. Postponing the work until the required Coastal Development Permit with Hearing is completed (a process that could take up to four months) would extend the risk of additional power outages and fire.

## FINDINGS OF APPROVAL:

1. The approval of this project shall not be held to permit or to be an approval of a violation of any provision of any County Ordinance or State Law.
2. Pursuant to Section 35-171.5 of Article II, an Emergency Permit may be granted if the Director of the Planning and Development Department makes the following findings:
  - a. *An emergency exists and requires action more quickly than provided for by the procedures for permit processing, and the action will be completed within 30 days unless otherwise specified by the terms of the permit.*

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The risk is an emergency situation that needs to be addressed immediately and outside of the standard permit processing timeframe that would be required for processing a Coastal

Development Permit with Hearing. Approval and issuance of this emergency permit will allow construction to begin within 30 days of permit issuance and would be completed within the following 30 days; therefore, eliminating the risk to life and property as quickly as possible. Southern California Edison staff indicates that the replacement work will take approximately five days. Therefore, this finding can be made.

- b. *The action proposed is consistent with the policies of the Coastal Land Use Plan and the requirements of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance.*

The proposed action is consistent with the policies of the Coastal Land Use Plan and the requirements of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance. Approval of the emergency permit will allow replacement of the conductors to commence immediately. Replacement of the deteriorated conductors is necessary to safely provide reliable service and reduce the risk of fire associated with the deteriorated conductor wire. Conditions of approval of the emergency permit require the applicant to submit an application for a Coastal Development Permit with Hearing within 30 days of issuance to permit the construction to remain permanently.

- c. *Public comment on the proposed emergency action has been reviewed if time allows.*

Notice of this Emergency Permit was mailed to surrounding property owners on February 15, 2012. However, due to the time sensitive nature of conductor replacement as discussed in finding 2a, above, time does not allow for public comment on the Emergency Permit itself since immediate action is warranted to reduce the risk of fire or power outage. Therefore, this finding can be made.

3. This action is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, statutory exemption for emergency projects.

## **EMERGENCY PERMIT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. This Emergency Permit is based upon and limited to compliance with the project description, and the conditions of approval set forth below. Any deviations from the project description or conditions must be reviewed and approved by the County for conformity with this approval. Deviations without the above-described approval will constitute a violation of permit approval. If it is determined that project activity is occurring in violation of any or all of the following conditions, the Director of Planning and Development may revoke this permit and all authorization for development. The decision of the Director to revoke the Emergency Permit may be appealed to the Planning Commission.

The project description is as follows:

**The replacement of eight spans of old and deteriorated 16 kV electricity distribution lines (conductors) between nine existing poles (total length of approximately 1,960 linear feet). The age and condition of the conductors has resulted in an increased risk of fire. Existing 5/32" diameter #6CU conductors will be replaced with new, more reliable 7/16" diameter 1/0ACSR conductors (an approximate 1/4" increase in diameter). No grading is required.**

**The poles and distribution lines are located within Southern California Edison's utility easement crossing four agriculturally zoned parcels from near the intersection of State Route 192 and State Route 150 (both known as Casitas Pass Road) to the Ventura County Line. The emergency work will require approximately five to complete.**

2. An application for the required permit necessary to validate the emergency work as permanent shall be submitted by the applicant to the Planning and Development Department no later than 30 days following the issuance of this Emergency Permit. The permit required for the proposed emergency work includes a Coastal Development Permit with Hearing pursuant to Section 35-169 of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance.
3. Any materials required for a completed application, as identified in the initial review of the original application required pursuant to Condition #2 above, shall be submitted within 90 days after written notification of the application deficiencies is provided to the applicant. This time period may be extended by the Director of Planning and Development.
4. Only that emergency work specifically requested and deemed an emergency for the specific property mentioned is authorized. Any additional emergency work requires separate authorization from the Director of Planning and Development. The work authorized by this permit must be commenced within 30 days of the date of issuance of the permit and completed within 30 days after the beginning of construction. If construction activities are proposed by the applicant to commence after 30 days, separate authorization by the Director of P&D is required.
5. This permit does not preclude the necessity to obtain authorization and/or permits from other County Departments or other agencies.
6. The Director of Planning and Development may order the work authorized under this emergency permit to stop immediately if it is determined that unanticipated and substantial adverse environmental effects may occur with continued construction.
7. **Noise-02 Construction Hours.** The Owner/Applicant, including all contractors and subcontractors shall limit construction activity, including equipment maintenance and site preparation, to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No construction shall occur on State holidays. Non-noise generating construction activities such as interior plumbing, electrical, drywall and painting (depending on compressor noise levels) are not subject to these restrictions. Any subsequent amendment to the Comprehensive General Plan, applicable Community or Specific Plan, or Zoning Code noise standard upon which these construction hours are based shall supersede the hours stated herein.
8. **Rules-33 Indemnity and Separation.** The Owner/Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County or its agents or officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void, or annul, in whole or in part, the County's approval of this project. In the event that the County fails promptly to notify the Owner / Applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding, or that the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense of said claim, this condition shall thereafter be of no further force or effect.

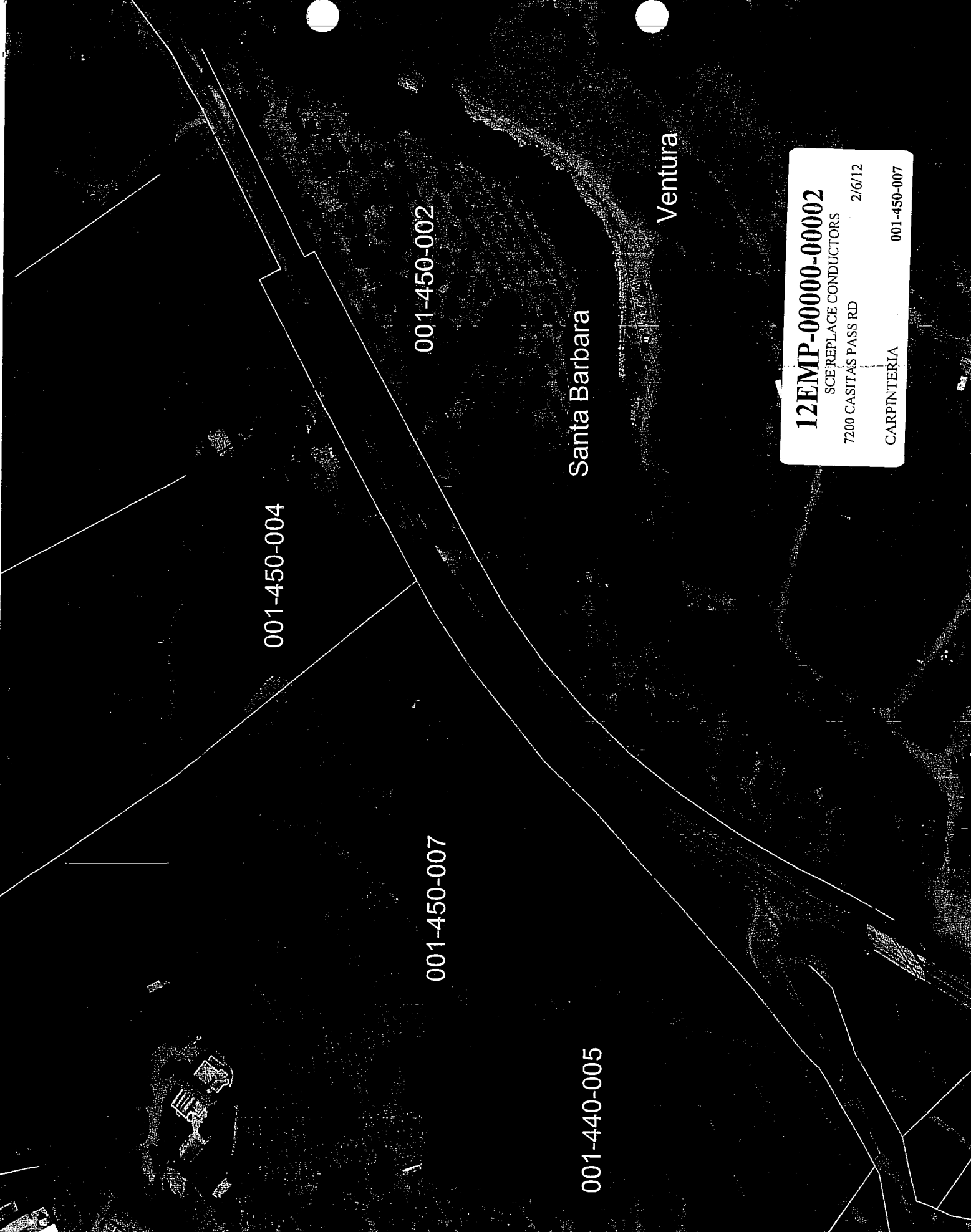
9. **Rules-34 Legal Challenge.** In the event that any condition imposing a fee, exaction, dedication or other measure is challenged by the project sponsors in an action filed in a court of law or threatened to be filed therein which action is brought in the time period provided for by law, this approval shall be suspended pending dismissal of such action, the expiration of the limitation period applicable to such action, or final resolution of such action. If any condition is invalidated by a court of law, the entire project shall be reviewed by the review authority and no approval shall be issued unless substitute feasible conditions/measures are imposed.

Attachments:

- A. Air Photo with Identified Parcels
  - B. Site Plan
- cc: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District  
Glen Russell, P&D Director  
Dianne Black, P&D Director of Development Services  
Alice McCurdy, P&D Deputy Director  
Anne Almy, Supervising Planner, P&D  
Julie Harris, P&D Planner  
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ATTACHMENT A





