Meeting Date: 04/07/23 Lease Number: PRC 4511 Staff: V. Caldwell

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## LESSEE:

Southern California Edison Company

## **PROPOSED ACTION:**

**Revision of Rent** 

#### AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

0.302 acre, more or less of State school land located in a portion of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 38 East, MBM, near Little Lake, Inyo County (as shown in Figure 1).

#### Figure 1. Location



## AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance a 33-kilovolt (kV) overhead distribution line, five wood poles and three steel towers (as shown in Figure 2).





NOTE: This depiction of the lease premises is based on unverified information provided by the Applicant or other parties and is not a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject property or any other property.

### Term:

25 years, beginning June 21, 2013.

#### **CONSIDERATION:**

The lease provides that Lessor may modify the rent periodically during the lease term. Pursuant to this provision, staff has conducted a review of the rent under this lease and recommends that the rent be revised from \$450 per year to \$503 per year, effective June 21, 2023.

# **OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

- Approval or denial of the revision of rent is a discretionary action by the Commission. Each time the Commission approves or rejects a revision of rent, it exercises legislatively delegated authority and responsibility as trustee of the State's Public Lands as authorized by law. The lessee has no right to a new lease or to renewal of any previous lease.
- On June 21, 2013, the Commission authorized General Lease Right-of-Way Use (June 21, 2013, Item 78) to the Lessee. On April 23, 2014, the Commission authorized an amendment of lease to accept a performance guarantee in lieu of a surety bond for all current SCE leases (April 23, 2014, Item C64). On June 21, 2018, the Commission authorized an increase in rent (June 21, 2018, Item 77) from \$100 to \$450, effective June 21, 2018. The lease will expire on June 20, 2038.
- 3. This action is consistent with addressing the challenges and opportunities described in the Commission's 2021-25 Strategic Plan to "Embrace and safeguard multi-benefit School Lands and resource management stewardship that equitably balances responsible local and regional economic development, supports living wages, environmental protection, and revenue generation."
- 4. Approving the revision of rent is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an administrative action that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15378, subdivision (b)(5).

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

#### **AUTHORIZATION:**

Approve the revision of rent for Lease PRC 4511 from \$450 per year to \$503 per year, effective June 21, 2023.