

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

Decision Memorandum

**DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2015-0139-CX
N-94309**

PREPARING OFFICE

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1.1. Introduction

Southern California Edison (SCE) needs to replace three existing transmission structures with three new structures that are taller in height, (DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2015-0058-EA). The existing rights-of-way are the Eldorado-Moenkopi 500 kV transmission line (N-00869) and the Eldorado-Mohave 500 kV transmission line (N-03827).

The proposed action is to conduct survey and geotechnical field activities in connection with the Eldorado Line Swap. The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to provide design parameters for the foundation design for the replacement Eldorado-Mohave 500 kV Towers M49-T5 and M9-T1, and Eldorado-Moenkopi 500 kV Tower M50-T1, which are part of the Eldorado 500 kV Line Swap Project in Clark County, Nevada (DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2015-0058-EA).

1.2. Decision and Rationale

It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2015-0139-CX. I find this action conforms to BLM (516 DM 11.9) Categorical Exclusions with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans, laws and regulations and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation.

1.3. Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Policies, and Land Use Plans

Land Use Plan: Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision	Date Approved: October 1998
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1.4. Administrative Remedies

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

1.5. Authorizing Official:


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 Date