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#### **GENERAL LEASE – RIGHT-OF-WAY USE**

#### **APPLICANT:**

Imperial Irrigation District P.O. Box 937 Imperial, CA 92251

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

Sovereign land crossing the Colorado River, adjacent to the Pilot Knob Substation, Imperial County near Yuma Arizona.

#### AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of an overhead 161 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line and a telephone line.

#### LEASE TERM:

25 years, beginning January 29, 2008.

#### **CONSIDERATION:**

\$100 per year, with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease.

#### **OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

- 1. Applicant has the right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
- 2. On January 29, 1959, the Commission authorized the issuance of a 49-year Right-of-Way Easement to California Electric Power Company (CEPC) for an overhead electrical transmission line and telephone line. On December 31, 1963, CEPC merged with Southern California Edison (SCE). Subsequently, on February 10, 1983, SCE, as successor in interest to CEPC, assigned its interest in the facilities to the Imperial Irrigation District (District). The assignment of the lease was not previously authorized by the Commission. The District is now applying for a new General Lease Right-of-Way Use for the existing facilities.

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 Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15300 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905.

4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq., but such activity will not affect those significant lands. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

#### EXHIBITS:

A. Land Description B. Site and Location Map

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

#### **CEQA FINDING:**

Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

#### SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

Find that this activity is consistent with the use classification designated by the Commission for the land pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq.

#### **AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the issuance of a General Lease – Right-of-Way Use to the Imperial Irrigation District, beginning January 29, 2008 for a term of 25 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing 161 kV overhead electrical transmission line and a telephone line as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B (for reference purposes only) attached and by this reference made a part hereof; annual rent in the amount of \$100, with

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the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease; and liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.

# EXHIBIT A

# LAND DESCRIPTION

Two parcels of land lying in the bed of the Colorado River, adjacent to Section 25, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, S.B.B.&M., Imperial County, California, more particularly described as follows:

## PARCEL 1 – Telephone Line

A strip of land 25 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southwest corner of said Section 25, thence N 55°23'06" E 2,772.32 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 34°32'00" E 644.74 feet to the boundary line common to the State of California and Arizona and the terminus of said strip.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying landward of the southeasterly boundary of Sovereign Land Location 10, on file at the Sacramento Office of the California State Lands Commission.

The sidelines of said strip shall be lengthened or shortened so as to commence at said southeasterly boundary of Sovereign Land Location 10 and terminate at said line common to the State of California and Arizona.

# PARCEL 2 – 161kv Transmission Line

A strip of land 140 feet in width, the sidelines of which lie 65 feet easterly and 75 feet westerly of the following described line:

COMMENCING at the southwest corner of said Section 25, thence N 51°11'00" E 3,349.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 12°31'00" E 908.17 feet to the boundary line common to the State of California and Arizona and the terminus of said strip.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying landward of the southeasterly boundary of Sovereign Land Location 10, on file at the Sacramento Office of the California State Lands Commission.

The sidelines of said strip shall be lengthened or shortened so as to commence at said southeasterly boundary of Sovereign Land Location 10 and terminate at said line common to the State of California and Arizona.

The BASIS OF BEARINGS of this description is CCS27, Zone 6.

## END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared 2/23/2012 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.



