

Variance Request Form



Ocotillo Express Wind LLC
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Variance: 010
 Request No.: Rev 1
 Date Submit: 8/8/2012
 Date Approval Needed: 8/10/2012
 Date Agency Received: _____
 Agency Approval Reference No.: _____

Request Prepared by: Joan Inlow / James Dermody
 Spread/ Location: Access Corridor between Wind Turbines 101 and 102
 (Milepost): _____
 Alignment Sheet/Sta. No.: _____

Net acreage affected: -0.07

Landowner: BLM

Tract No: _____

In or within 50 feet of a wetland: Yes No
 Within 50 feet of a water body: Yes No

Current Land Use/ Vegetative Cover: Desert vegetation
 Nearby Features (Water body, T&E Habitat, Wetland, Noxious Weed): Waters of the U.S.
 Area, Residence, Cultural Resource Site (distance, etc.): _____

Variance Level: Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 **(To Be Assigned by Designated Representative)**

Variance From: Permit Plan/Procedure Specification Drawing Mitigation Measure Other:

Detailed Description of Variance: Attachments? Yes No Photos? Yes No

Variance 010 includes a minor modification of the access road corridor between Wind Turbines 101 and 102 as well as the turbine laydown area of Wind Turbine 102 (see map attachment). The total length of the corridor realignment is 878 feet, the vast majority of which runs through currently approved limits of disturbance.

Variance Justification: The proposed shift in infrastructure is located within areas previously surveyed during the environmental review completed for the Final EIS/EIR. The infrastructure shift for these project facilities is being proposed by OE LLC in order to comply with Final EIS/EIR Mitigation Measures to minimize disturbances to sensitive environmental resources.

As identified in Section 5 of the ECCMP, during construction site conditions and subsequent environmental surveys could result in the need for changes from the approved work spaces. Changes to previously approved work spaces are handled in the form of variance requests submitted by OE LLC to be reviewed and approved or denied by the BLM. The variance procedures outlined in Section 5 of the ECCMP specify three different levels that a variance request may fall under. In accordance with the procedures and guidance provided in the ECCMP, OE LLC is requesting a level 2 variance to modify permanent access to Wind Turbine 102. The proposed variance is a minor shift designed specifically for the better protection of environmental resources. The shift of the access road corridor remains entirely within areas previously surveyed during preparation of the Final EIS/EIR. The shift will not result in increased impacts to PBHS Essential Habitat, FTHL Habitat or other sensitive biological resources. Therefore, no additional biological or cultural surveys are required.

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Additional Surveys Required	Surveyed Corridor Description	Additional Surveys Completed
Cultural Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No T&E Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reporting Document Survey: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Sign-off (as appropriate)	Name (print)	Approval Signature
		Conditions (See Attached)

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Conditions: The Contractor Sup't., Lead Environmental Inspector (Bio), Archeology Principal Investigator, and/or Environmental Field Manager did not identify any variance conditions.

OCOTILLO WIND PROJECT: IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

VARIANCE 10 - AUGUST 7, 2012

Variance 10:
Total Length of Road Realignment: 878 ft
Maximum Offset from Existing Road: NA ft
Net Acreage Impact: -0.07 acres



Legend

- Turbines Locations
- Variance 10 Road Realignment
- Approved Access Roads
- Approved Impact Area
- Variance 10 Impact Areas



0 70 140 280 420 560 Feet