

Variance Request Form



Ocotillo Express Wind LLC
Pier 1 Bay 3
San Francisco CA 94111
415-283-4000

Variance: 011
Request No.: Rev 0
Date Submit: 7/27/2012
Date Approval Needed: 8/4/2012
Date Agency Received: _____
Agency Approval Reference No.: _____

Request Prepared by: Joan Inlow / James Dermody

Spread/ Location: Wind Turbine 176

(Milepost):

Net acreage affected: 0.04 acres

Alignment Sheet/Sta.

No.:

Tract No:

Landowner: BLM

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): Water 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 011 includes a move of Wind Turbine 176 and its associated access road and collection circuit (see map attached). The proposed variance will shift the turbine pad location a total of 129 feet east of the location included in the ROD and ROW Grant dated May 11, 2012. The access road and collection circuit realignment leading into Wind Turbine 176 measures 298 feet, with a maximum offset distance of 51 feet from the alignment identified in the ROD and ROW Grant alignment. The net acreage impacted is 0.04 acres.

Variance Justification: The proposed shift in turbine location is requested by OE LLC as an accommodation to a third party interest group requesting avoidance of an area that the group considers to be culturally sensitive. While OE LLC and BLM do not have factual evidence that sensitive resources exist in this area, micrositing Wind Turbine #176 is being requested by OE LLC.

The proposed shift is located within areas previously surveyed during the environmental review completed for the Final EIS/EIR. 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.

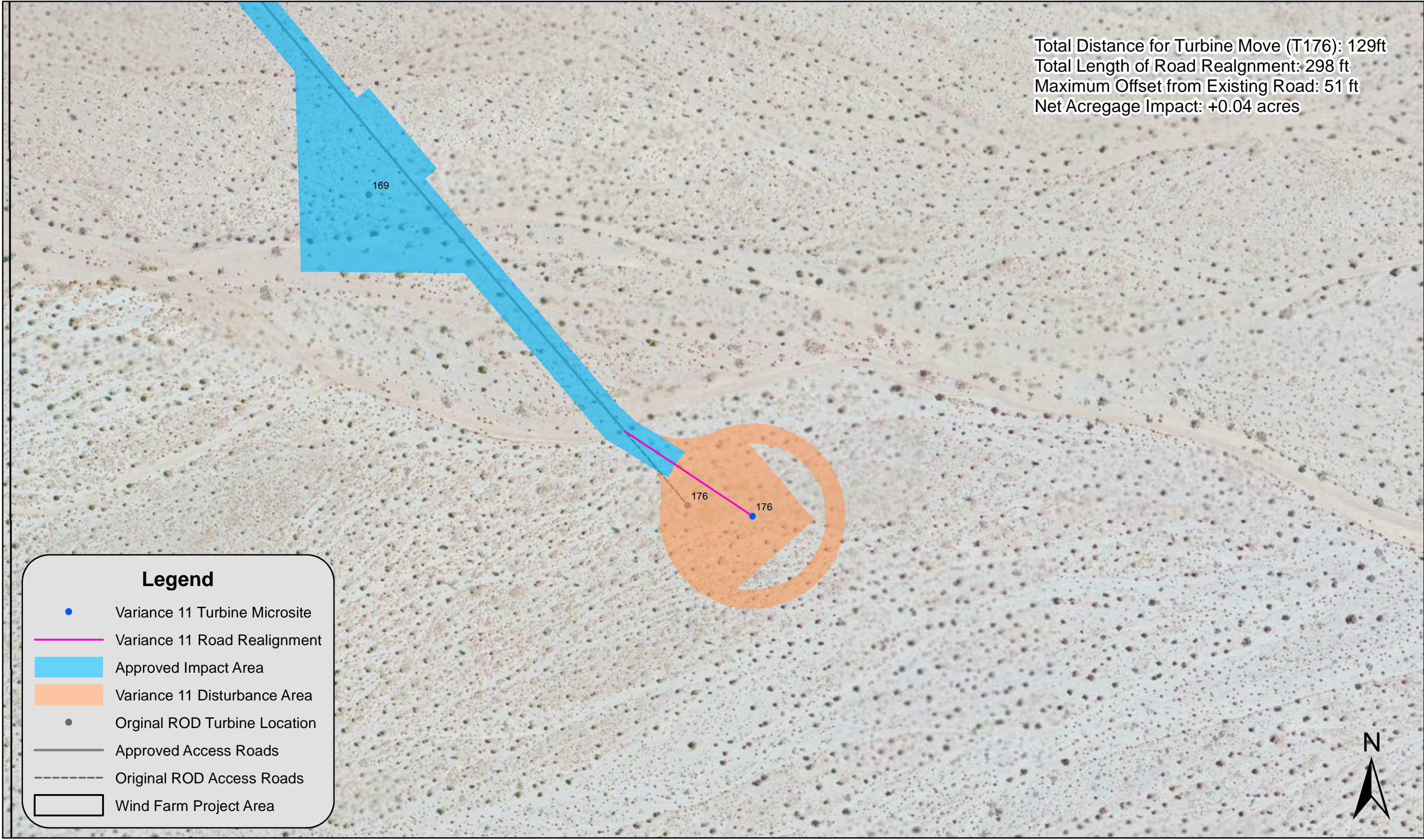
In accordance with the procedures and guidance provided in the ECCMP, OE LLC is requesting a level 2 variance to adjust the location for Wind Turbine 176. The shift of the access road corridor remains entirely within areas previously surveyed during preparation of the Final EIS/EIR. The shift will not result in increased impacts to PBHS Essential Habitat, FTHL Habitat or other sensitive biological resources. Therefore, no additional biological or cultural surveys are required.

For (Company Name) Use Only					
Additional Surveys Required		Surveyed Corridor Description		Additional Surveys Completed	
Cultural Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
T&E Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Reporting Document Survey:					
Sign-off (as appropriate)		Name (print)	Approval Signature		Conditions (See Attached)
Contractor Sup't. or Env. Coordinator		Derek Price			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Lead Environmental Inspector		Shelby Howard			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Spread Supervisor		Michael Baksh			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Environmental Field Manager		Natalie McCue			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ROW Agent					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
For BLM Project Manager or Compliance Contact Use Only					
Variance Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>		Variance Denied: <input type="checkbox"/>		Date:	
Signature:					
For Compliance Manager and Monitor Use Only					
Variance Approved:		Variance Denied		Date:	
Signature:					
Stipulations					
Spread:			OPPC Variance Request No.:		
VARIANCE CONDITIONS					
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 11 - JULY 26, 2012

Total Distance for Turbine Move (T176): 129ft
Total Length of Road Realignment: 298 ft
Maximum Offset from Existing Road: 51 ft
Net Acreage Impact: +0.04 acres



Legend

- Variance 11 Turbine Microsite
- Variance 11 Road Realignment
- Approved Impact Area
- Variance 11 Disturbance Area
- Original ROD Turbine Location
- Approved Access Roads
- - - Original ROD Access Roads
- Wind Farm Project Area

0 100 200 400 600 800 Feet