

Variance Request Form



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

Variance: 015
Request No.: Rev 0
Date Submit: 8/22/2012
Date Approval Needed: 8/24/2012
Date Agency Received: _____
Agency Approval Reference No.: _____

Request Prepared by: Joan Inlow / James Dermody
Spread/ Location: Wind Turbines 26, 27, and 28
(Milepost):
Alignment Sheet/Sta.
No.:

Net acreage affected: 0.88 acres

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):
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 015 includes a shift of Wind Turbines 26, 27, 28 and the realignment of the associated access road and collection circuit corridors (see map attachment). The proposed variance will shift Wind Turbines 26, 27 and 28, distances of 665, 490, and 319 feet, respectively, from the currently approved turbine locations. The access road and collection circuit realignments have a maximum offset of 645 feet from the currently approved access road and collection circuit corridors.

Variance Justification: The proposed shift in turbine locations 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 at this area, micrositing Wind Turbines # 26, 27 and 28 is being requested by OE LLC nonetheless.

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.

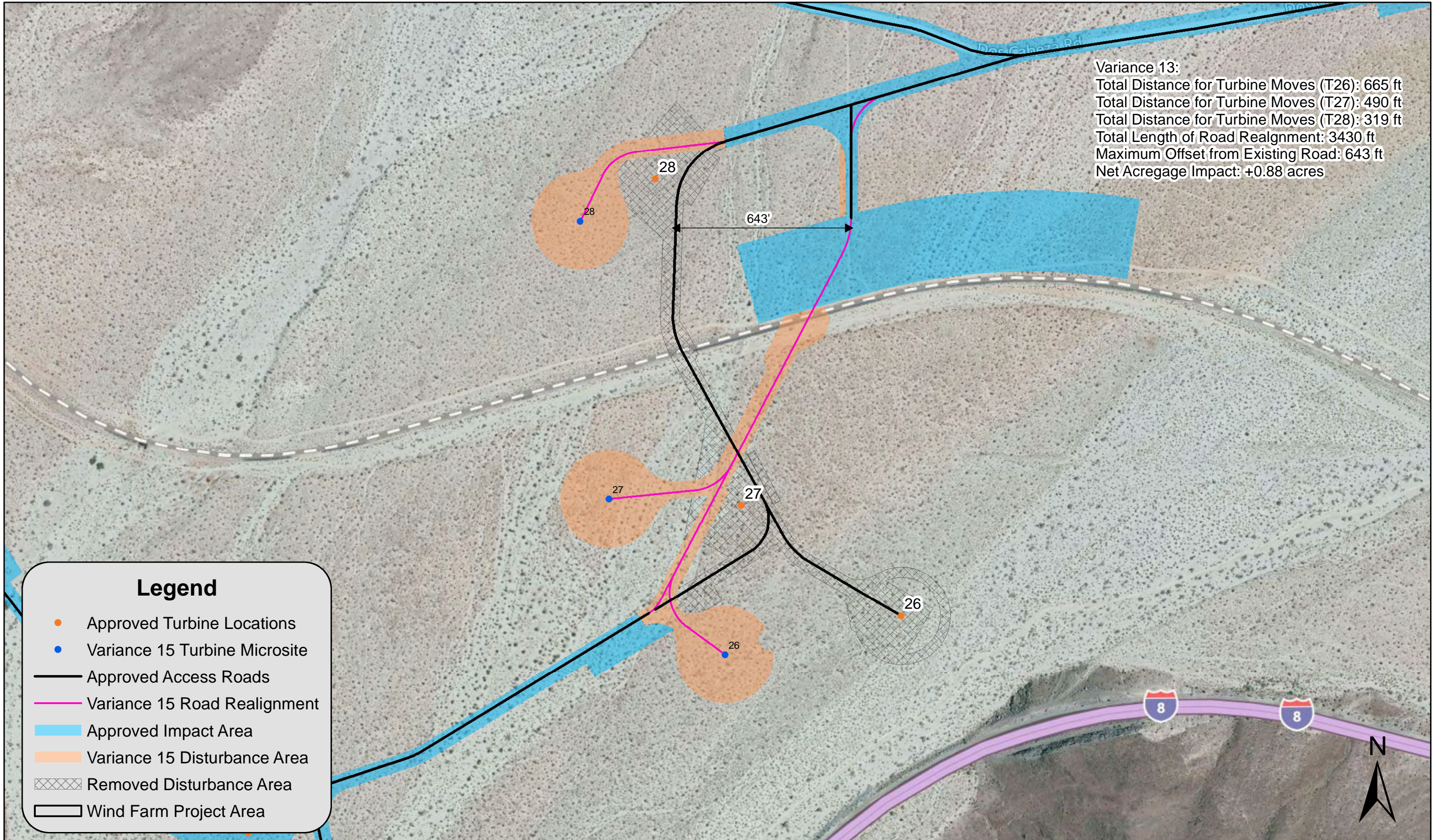
In accordance with the procedures and guidance provided in the ECCMP, OE LLC is requesting a Level 2 variance to adjust the location for Wind Turbines 26, 27, 28 and the realignment of the associated access road and collection circuit corridors. The turbine location shifts and corridor realignments remains entirely within areas previously surveyed during preparation of the Final EIS/EIR. 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 X No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	
T&E Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X 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 X No
Lead Environmental Inspector		Shelby Howard			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
Spread Supervisor		Michael Baksh			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
Environmental Field Manager		Joan Inlow			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
ROW Agent					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X 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: <input type="checkbox"/>		Variance Denied : <input type="checkbox"/>		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.					
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VARIANCE 15 - AUGUST 20, 2012

Variance 13:
 Total Distance for Turbine Moves (T26): 665 ft
 Total Distance for Turbine Moves (T27): 490 ft
 Total Distance for Turbine Moves (T28): 319 ft
 Total Length of Road Realignment: 3430 ft
 Maximum Offset from Existing Road: 643 ft
 Net Acreage Impact: +0.88 acres



Legend

- Approved Turbine Locations
- Variance 15 Turbine Microsite
- Approved Access Roads
- Variance 15 Road Realignment
- Approved Impact Area
- Variance 15 Disturbance Area
- Removed Disturbance Area
- Wind Farm Project Area

0 185 370 740 1,110 1,480 Feet

