

Variance Request Form



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

Variance: 024
Request No.: Rev 0
Date Submit: 9/26/2012
Date Approval Needed: 9/28/2012
Date Agency Received: _____
Agency Approval Reference No.: _____

Request Prepared by: Joan Inlow / James Dermody

Spread/ Location: Turbines 19 and 20

(Milepost):

Net acreage affected: 0.05 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 024 includes the realignment of the access and collection circuit corridors leading towards Wind Turbines 19 and 20. Variance 024 also includes a 178 foot shift of Turbine 20 and modifications to Turbine 19 and 20 pad disturbance areas (see map attachments). The total length of the access and collection circuit corridor realignments are 1496 feet with a maximum offset of 300 feet from the currently approved corridor alignment. The net acreage impacted for the proposed variance is 0.05 acres.

Variance Justification: The proposed realignments in temporary and permanent infrastructure are located within areas previously surveyed during the environmental review completed for the Final EIS/EIR. The infrastructure shifts for this project area are being proposed by OE LLC in order to comply with Final EIS/EIR Mitigation Measure to minimize disturbances to sensitive environmental resources.

As identified in Section 5 of the ECCMP, 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 the turbine pad disturbance areas, permanent access and collection circuit corridors for Wind Turbines 19 and 20. As identified in the ECCMP, Level 2 Variance requests generally involve project changes that would affect an area outside the previously approved work area, but within the areas previously surveyed for cultural resources, sensitive species, and biological resources. The areas where the proposed modifications in disturbance areas will occur were previously surveyed during preparation of the Final EIS/EIR and the proposed variance is an anticipated result of implementing measures to provide more effective protection of sensitive environmental resources.

Mitigation measures incorporated as part of the Final EIS/EIR require efforts to be completed by OE LLC in order to minimize environmental impacts. Implementation of these mitigation measures as outlined above has resulted in the proposed Variance 024. The proposed realignments of the access corridors would be conducted in accordance with the same impact avoidance, minimization, monitoring and mitigation measures that apply to all other project impact areas. Such measures include those specified in BLM's ROD, and approved plans and permits for specific types of activities.

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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:		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.					
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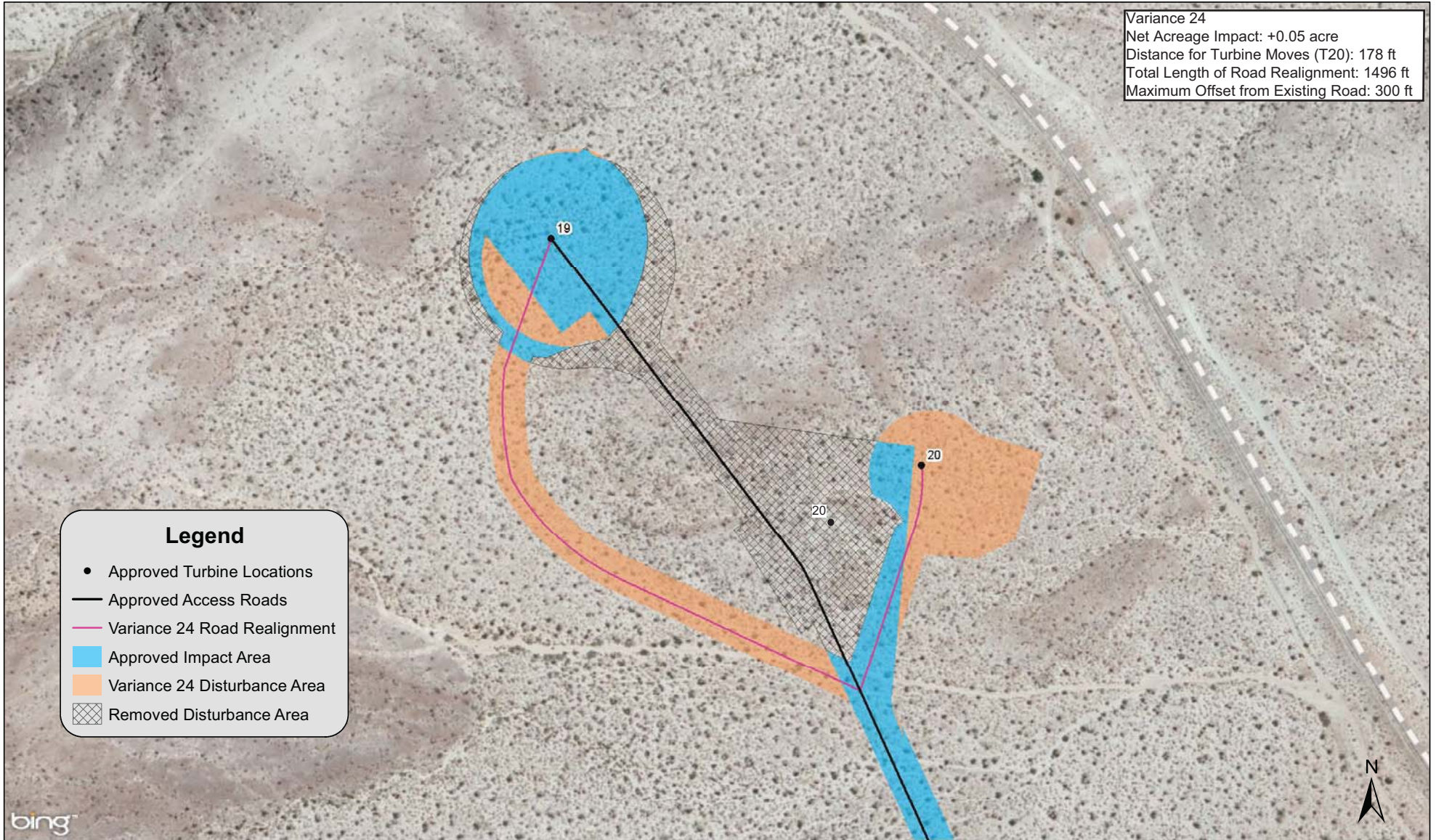
Organization:

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 24 - SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

Variance 24
Net Acreage Impact: +0.05 acre
Distance for Turbine Moves (T20): 178 ft
Total Length of Road Realignment: 1496 ft
Maximum Offset from Existing Road: 300 ft



Legend

- Approved Turbine Locations
- Approved Access Roads
- Variance 24 Road Realignment
- Approved Impact Area
- Variance 24 Disturbance Area
- ▨ Removed Disturbance Area

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