

Variance Request Form



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

Variance: _036_
Request No.: Rev 0
Date Submit: _11/27/2012
Date Approval Needed: _12/4/2012
Date Agency Received: _____
Agency Approval Reference No.: _____

Request Prepared by: Joan Inlow / James Dermody

Spread/ Location: T167

(Milepost): all

Net acreage affected: 0.56 acres

Alignment Sheet/Sta. All

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: undeveloped/desert vegetation

Nearby Features (Water body, T&E Habitat, Wetland, Noxious Weed): CDFG Habitat

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 036 includes modifications to Turbine 167 site disturbance areas and location (see map attachment). Turbine 167 will shift a total distance of 81 feet as a result of Variance 036, with 104 feet of associated road realignment leading to the turbine.

Variance Justification:

The proposed disturbance area modification is located within areas previously surveyed during the environmental review completed for the Final EIS/EIR. The modification to site disturbance areas at Turbine 167 is required in order to mitigate geotechnical siting considerations.

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 Turbine 167. 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 shift in infrastructure will occur was 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. The proposed modifications 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.

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 T&E(biological) 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)
Contractor Sup't. or Env. Coordinator Lead Environmental Inspector Spread Supervisor Environmental Field Manager ROW Agent	Derek Price Shelby Howard Michael Baksh Joan Inlow		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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:			
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OCOTILLO WIND PROJECT: IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

VARIANCE 36 - NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Variance 36
Net Acreage Impact: +0.56 acre
Distance for Turbine Move: 81 ft
Total Length of Road Realignment: 104 ft



Legend

- Approved Turbine Locations
- Variance 36 Turbine Microsite
- Approved Access Roads
- Variance 36 Road Realignment
- Approved Impact Area
- Variance 36 Disturbance Area

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0 37.575 150 225 300 Feet