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### Variance Request Form

Variance: 002  
 Request No.: Rev0  
 Date Submit: 16 May 2013  
 Date Approval Needed: 17 May 2013  
 Date Agency Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency Approval Reference No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Prepared by: Amy Parsons, Iberdrola Renewables, LLC  
 Spread/ Location: Geotechnical activities as described in NTP-1  
 (Milepost): N/A  
 Alignment Sheet/Sta.  
 No.: N/A

Net acreage affected: N/A

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: Vacant/Chaparral  
 Nearby Features (Water body, T&E Habitat, Wetland, Noxious Weed): N/A  
 Area, Residence, Cultural Resource Site (distance, etc.): N/A

Variance Level:  Level 1  Level 2  Level 3 **(To Be Assigned by Designated Representative)**  
 Variance From:  Permit  Plan/Procedure  Specification  Drawing  Mitigation Measure  Other: (geotech)

**Detailed Description of Variance:** Variance Request 002 includes the following requests: 1) use existing roads and overland access routes identified in Sheets 1-7 in order to reach all the identified geotech testing locations, 2) the use of a track-mounted excavator rig to be used for some, but not all, of the soil test pit excavations. Required use of this equipment will be determined by the rig operators and on-site engineers in the field on a case-by-case basis, 3) ability to shift small to medium sized boulders (approximately 3'x3' in size), if necessary and with in-field Dudek or BLM approval, to safely allow equipment to access the testing locations, 4) if necessary, use of a chain-saw or similar type equipment to trim vegetation, to allow equipment to access the testing locations.

Attachments? Yes  No  Photos? Yes  No

**Variance Justification:**

- 1) During previous micro-siting, in an effort to reduce impacts to vegetation, overland routes that deviate slightly from the proposed new access routes for the wind project, but are still within previously surveyed corridors, were identified. These deviations are depicted on Sheets 1-7 in the attached MapBook and were mapped for the sole purpose of minimizing: a) temporary impacts to vegetation, and b) boulder movement to allow for safe access.
- 2) The request to add the excavator for the scientific investigations has been deemed necessary because it has been determined that the backhoe is not always capable of reaching depths of excavation that are required to fulfill the geotechnical investigations, based on on-site results. The dimensions of this rig are approximately 10'6" wide and 34'7" long, with a bucket width of 4'2".
- 3) In certain locations, small to medium sized boulders (approximately 3'x3' in size) may impede the path of the equipment. Rerouting around these boulders would result in more disturbance than simply shifting them slightly to safely allow passage of the equipment. These boulders can be shifted back to their original locations once the equipment has departed the testing location.
- 4) It may be necessary to trim down vegetation, using a chain-saw or a similar type of cutting equipment, in order to access testing locations if the vegetation appears to be too dense.

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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: N/A			
Sign-off (as appropriate)	Name (print)	Approval Signature	Conditions (See Attached)


Contractor Sup't. or Env. Coordinator	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Lead Environmental Inspector	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Spread Supervisor	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Environmental Field Manager	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ROW Agent	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**For BLM Project Manager or Compliance Contact Use Only**

Variance Approved:                                   Variance Denied:                                   Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Compliance Manager and Monitor Use Only**

Variance Approved:                                   Variance Denied                                   Date: 5.20.13

Signature:   
Stipulations: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) The onsite biological monitors must investigate any proposed boulder move prior to any shifts and provide a recommendation that the likelihood of displacing creatures is low to minuscule.
- 2). Boulders will be shifted back to their original location if possible after work is completed.

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**VARIANCE CONDITIONS**

Name: N/A                                  Title: N/A                                  Organization: N/A

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