STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER

PERMIT 20894

Application 26539B of Southern California Edison Company

P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, CA 91770

filed on September 24, 1980, has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this permit.

Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1. Source:	Tributary to:
Lee Vining Creek	Mono Lake

2. Location of point of diversion:	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
North 13° West 575 feet from E¼ corner of Section 20	SE¼ of NE¼	20	1N	25E	MD

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3. Purpose of use:	4. Place of use:	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Hydroelectric Power Generation	NE¼ of SE¼	16	1N	25E	MD	

The place of use is shown on map on file with the State Water Resources Control Board.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed 50 cubic feet per second by direct diversion and 498 acre-feet per annum by storage from January 1 to December 31 of each year. The total amount of water to be taken from the source shall not exceed 36,633 acre-feet per water year of October 1 to September 30. (0000005)

6. Complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be made by December 31, 2005. (0000009)

7. Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by permittee when requested by the State Water Resources Control Board until a license is issued. (0000010)

8. Permittee shall allow representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit. (0000011)

9. Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of permittee without unreasonable draft on the source. Permittee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water

measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust. (0000012)

10. The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the State Water Resources Control Board if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges. (0000013)

11. During the season specified in this permit, the total quantity and rate of water diverted, stored, and used under this permit and under permittee's claimed existing right for the place of use specified in the permit shall not exceed the quantity and rate of diversion, storage, and use, respectively, specified in this permit. If the permittee's claimed existing right is quantified at some later date as a result of an adjudication or other legally binding proceeding, the quantity and rate of diversion, storage, and use allowed under this permit shall be the net of the face value of the permit less the amounts of water available under the existing right.

Permittee shall forfeit all rights under this permit if permittee transfers all or any part of the claimed existing right for the place of use covered by this permit to another place of use without the prior approval of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Permittee shall take and use water under the existing right claimed by permittee only in accordance with law. (0000021)

12. This permit shall not be construed as conferring upon permittee right of access to the point of diversion. (0000022)

13. The equivalent of the authorized continuous flow allowance for any 14-day period may be diverted in a shorter time, provided there is no interference with other rights and instream beneficial uses, and provided further that all terms and conditions protecting instream beneficial uses are observed. (0000027)

14. Water diverted under this permit is for nonconsumptive use and is to be released to Lee Vining Creek within the NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 16, T1N, R25E, MDB&M. (0000111)

16. No construction shall be commenced and no water shall be used under this permit until all necessary federal, state and local approvals have been obtained, including compliance with any applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirements. (000J001)

17. Permittee shall forward to the SWRCB all pertinent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission filings which may impact the water rights associated with this project (Application 26539B). (0450300)

18. The SWRCB reserves jurisdiction to re-examine fishery and public trust uses as they relate to this permit and to modify the terms of this permit accordingly, if the law governing the respective legal authority of the SWRCB and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is changed. No action will be taken pursuant to this permit term unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2, is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore uses protected by the public. (0000600)

This permit is issued and permittee takes it subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.

Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

Dated: January 22, 1997

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

for Roger Johnson

Chief, Division of Water Rights