

# EXHIBIT H

## Criteria for Selection of the Operator of the Santa Paula Branch Line

The criteria to be used in evaluating proposers for the RFP for the Operator of Santa Paula Branch Line will include, but not be limited to the following. The Proposer must:

- Exhibit the financial wherewithal to fund the proposed operation, including all administrative and support activities, for the proposed operations and activities included in the Proposer's Technical Plan;
- Have a proven record of managing and operating a successful operation of equivalent size and complexity as that described in the Proposer's Technical Provision;
- Be able to explain and defend the viability of the Proposer's Technical Plan;
- Show a solid knowledge of the relevant laws and regulations governing the type of operation in the Proposer's Technical Plan;
- Have a proven record of working with various regulatory agencies, at minimum, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Californian Public Utilities Commission;
- Exhibit a commitment to environmental stewardship, and reflect that commitment in the Proposer's Technical Plan.
- Address the need for solid bi-directional communication between the Proposer and VCTC, the communities and the public along the SPBL.