

D. Other CEQA Considerations

D.1 SIGNIFICANT UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS

As described in Section C.1 (Visual Resources), the additional LWS poles located along Segments 2 and 4 of the 115 kV subtransmission line would result in a significant increase in structure contrast, industrial character, view blockage, and skylining resulting in significant and unavoidable impacts (Impacts V-19 and V-20). The proposed changes to the Project would also result in a significant and unavoidable cumulative impact resulting from a perceived increase in the industrialization of the landscape. No additional new significant and unavoidable impacts would result from the proposed changes to the approved Project.

D.2 SIGNIFICANT IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES

Construction of the proposed changes to the approved Project would result in generally the same irretrievable commitment of natural resources as described in the Draft EIR. Please see Section F.1.2 of the Draft EIR for a complete discussion of irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources for the approved Project. Minor differences resulting from the proposed changes to the Project would include a potential reduction in the direct consumption of fossil fuels, as less construction equipment and trips would be required for installation of each LWS poles compared to the original TSPs; however, this would be offset by the increased number of LWS poles (approximately double in Segments 2 and 4). Similarly, the amount of steel for each LWS pole would be less than for each TSP; however, this would be offset by the greater number of LWS poles that would be needed compared to the original TSPs. Less energy would be required for the production of the LWS poles as opposed to TSPs, but again, this would be offset by the increased number of poles required.

D.3 GROWTH-INDUCING EFFECTS

Construction and operation of the approved Project with implementation of the proposed changes identified by SCE would not change the growth-inducing effects described for the approved Project in the Draft EIR. Please see Section F.1.3 of the Draft EIR for a complete discussion of growth-inducing effects for the approved Project.