



El Casco System Project

California SCH #2007071076

To: All Interested Parties
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Subject: Notice of Availability, Recirculated Final Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed El Casco System Project
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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared the Recirculated Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for consideration of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Proposed El Casco System Project (Proposed Project). The Recirculated Final EIR has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and includes responses to comments received during the Recirculated Draft EIR comment period (July 9, 2008 through August 22, 2008), updates to the original Final EIR resulting from new information presented in the Recirculated Draft EIR, and any text changes resulting from the comments and recommendations submitted on the various versions of the EIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SCE proposes to construct a new 220/115/12 kV substation (the proposed El Casco Substation), upgrade the existing Zanja and Banning Substations and SCE's Mill Creek Communications Site, upgrade a total of 15.4 miles of 115 kV electric subtransmission line and associated structures, and install fiber optic communication cables within existing conduits in public streets and on existing SCE structures between the Cities of Redlands and Banning. The entire project would be located within Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

CONTENTS OF THE RECIRCULATED FINAL EIR

The Final EIR consists of the original Draft EIR as revised in the original Final EIR (April 2008), the Recirculated Draft EIR (July 2008), and the Recirculated Final EIR.

The Recirculated Final EIR contains four sections: (1) an introduction to the Recirculated Final EIR; (2) a summary of the public involvement activities related to the environmental review process for the Proposed Project; (3) a lists of all persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the original Draft EIR and the Recirculated Draft EIR, the complete text of all comments received on the Recirculated Draft EIR, responses to those comments, and updates to responses provided in the original Final EIR resulting from new information presented in the Recirculated Draft EIR; and (4) changes and revisions made to the Recirculated Draft EIR in response to comments received on that document, as well as changes resulting from updated project schedule information and additional critical review of the mitigation measures – inserted text is underlined and deleted text is shown in ~~strikeout~~. In general, changes made to the original Draft EIR (December 2007) as a result of comments received on that document are included in the original Final EIR (April 2008). However, a number of additional revisions to

the original Draft EIR are included in Section 4.2 (Revisions to the Original Draft EIR) of the Recirculated Final EIR.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE RECIRCULATED FINAL EIR

Printed and electronic copies of the Recirculated Final EIR have been mailed to parties of the CPUC's General Proceeding; to federal, State, and local government agencies that commented on the original Draft EIR and/or the Recirculated Draft EIR; as well as to some members of the public. Electronic copies of the Recirculated Final EIR on CD may be requested by phone or fax at (877) 576-8342, or by e-mail at elcasco@aspenerg.com. There are a limited number of printed copies of the Recirculated Final EIR document available upon request at the above e-mail address or telephone number. The electronic version of the document is also available on the CPUC's project website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/asp/en/elcasco/elcasco.htm>

Table 1 lists the public information repository sites where printed copies of the Recirculated Final EIR may be reviewed.

Table 1. Repository Sites

Library Sites	Address	Phone Number	Hours
Yucaipa Branch Library	12040 5th Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399	(909) 790-3146	M-Th 10am - 8pm; Fri 10am - 6 pm; Sat 9 am - 5pm
Calimesa Branch Library	974 Calimesa Boulevard, Calimesa, CA 92320	(909) 795-9807	T, Th, Fri 10 am - 6 pm; Wed 12 pm - 8 pm; Sat 9 am-5 pm
Beaumont Library District	125 East 8th Street, Beaumont, CA 92223	(951) 845-1357	M, W, F, Sat 10 am - 6 pm T, Th 10 am - 8 pm
Banning Public Library	21 West Nicolet Street, Banning, CA 92220	(951) 849-3192	M-Th 9 am - 7pm; F, Sat 9am - 5pm
University of Redlands Armacost Library	1200 East Colton Avenue, Redlands, CA 92373	(951) 849-5937	M-Th 8am-midnight; Fri 8am - 9pm; Sat 10am - 9pm; Sun 1 pm - midnight (Fall 2008)

CEQA PROCESS AND CPUC GENERAL PROCEEDING

CEQA requires that the CPUC provide written responses to public agency comments at least 10 days prior to certifying the EIR (Public Resource Code 21092.5(a)). This is accomplished by sending the Recirculated Final EIR to all public agencies that commented.

The CPUC will determine the adequacy of the Final EIR, and if adequate, will certify the document as compliant with CEQA. The CPUC will issue a decision on the Project, which will be announced and published. The final decision is expected by the end of 2008. The Commission may, at its discretion, hold Evidentiary Hearings to define the scope of the proceeding in regard to issues of Project need, Project cost, and other considerations. Within 30 days after the decision is issued by the CPUC, parties can apply for rehearing. For further information on the CPUC's decision-making process, please call the CPUC Public Advisor at (866) 849-8390 or (415) 703-2074 or e-mail public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.