

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PacifiCorp Lassen Substation Project

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Chapter 5, Article I, PacifiCorp filed an application (Application No. A.15-11-005) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Permit to Construct (PTC) on November 2, 2015, for the purpose of constructing the Lassen Substation Project (proposed project) in the City of Mount Shasta and the unincorporated areas of Siskiyou County, California.

Under the CPUC's rules, approval of this project must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The CPUC proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project. A Draft MND has been prepared based upon the assessment of potential environmental impacts outlined in the Initial Study (IS) prepared for the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of the demolition of the existing Mount Shasta Substation, construction of the new Lassen Substation, and pole replacement and reconductoring activities. The existing and proposed substations are located to the west in Interstate 5 (I-5), and the pole replacement and reconductoring activities would occur both on the west and east of I-5 in the south-central portion of unincorporated Siskiyou County. Existing transformers in the Mount Shasta Substation would be replaced with 12.47-kilovolt (kV) transformers in the new Lassen Substation, which in turn would require the existing 4.16 kV distribution lines that currently supply the City of Mount Shasta to be upgraded to 12.47 kV distribution lines. To accommodate the additional weight of the new distribution lines and maintain compliance with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations and CPUC General Order 95, 36 wooden poles along the existing 69 kV transmission line running to the northwest and southeast of the proposed substation would be replaced and the existing 69 kV transmission line would be transferred to the new poles. Implementation of the proposed improvements would help ensure PacifiCorp that all equipment and structures comply with current company, state, and federal standards, including the replacement of aging and non-standard equipment and the removal of sulfur hexafluoride distribution breakers; ensure a reliable ongoing electricity supply to the area currently served by the Mount Shasta Substation; and facilitate regional bulk transmission voltage stability and improve bulk power transfer across the region.

In order to help understand the proposed project and the CEQA document, the CPUC will hold a public meeting on December 7, 2016, at the Mount Shasta Elementary School, located at 501 Cedar Street, Mount Shasta, California 96067. The public information meeting on the proposed

project and the CEQA document will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 8:00 p.m. At the public meeting, the environmental team and CPUC staff will be available to discuss the environmental document and to obtain public comments on the environmental document. In addition, comment cards will be available for the public to provide written comments on the Draft MND. The MND, including the IS, is available on the project website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/LassenSub/PacifiCorpLassenSub.htm>

Copies of the document are also available for review at the following locations:

City of Mt. Shasta
Planning Department
305 N. Mt. Shasta Boulevard,
Mt. Shasta, California, 96067

Mount Shasta Library
515 E. Alma Street
Mount Shasta, California, 96067

The 30-day public review period for the Draft MND begins on November 23, 2016. The CPUC will be accepting comments on the document during this timeframe. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2016. You may submit comments in a variety of ways: (1) by U.S. mail, (2) by electronic mail (e-mail), or (3) by attending the public meeting on December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. (see previous page for location) and handing in written comments at the meeting.

By Mail: If you send comments by U.S. mail, please use first-class mail and be sure to include your name and a return address. Please send written comments on the Draft MND to:

Michael Rosauer, Project Manager
California Public Utilities Commission, c/o Dudek
605 Third Street
Encinitas, California 92024

By Electronic Mail: E-mail communications are welcome; however, please remember to include your name and return address in the e-mail message. E-mail messages should be sent to LassenSubstation@dudek.com with a subject line "Lassen Substation."