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SCE Application

Southern California Edison (SCE; the Applicant), a regulated California utility, filed an application (A.15-04-013) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to construct and operate components of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). The RTRP is a project jointly-proposed by SCE and Riverside Public Utilities (RPU). SCE filed the CPCN application on April 15, 2015, and an amended application was filed on April 30, 2015. In September 2016, SCE revised the SCE-owned components of the RTRP (collectively referred to as the “Proposed Project”) to relocate a portion of the overhead transmission line and to change the design of a segment of the transmission line from overhead to underground. The application was deemed complete by the CPUC on January 5, 2017.

The City of Riverside prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the entire RTRP, including the RPU- and SCE-owned project components and certified the Final EIR in February 2013. The 2013 RTRP EIR analyzed the new 230-kV substation, overhead transmission line, telecommunication facilities, and temporary material storage and laydown areas (referred to as marshalling yards) as proposed in 2013. The elements of the RTRP that resulted from project design changes in September 2016 were not analyzed in the 2013 RTRP EIR. These elements are referred to as the “Revised Project” and include:

- **Relocated Overhead 230-kV Double-Circuit Transmission Line – Wineville Avenue.** Construction of an overhead transmission line along the west side of Wineville Avenue between Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road and Landon Drive.
- **New Underground 230-kV Double-Circuit Transmission Line – Limonite Avenue to the Goose Greek Golf Club.** Construction of 2 miles of new underground transmission line with two riser poles on either end of the underground segment.
- **Distribution Line Relocations.** Relocation of existing overhead distribution lines to underground in two locations. One distribution riser pole would be constructed at either end of each segment.
- **Telecommunication line.** Installation of telecommunication fiber optic cables at the same time as and within the same duct banks as the underground 230-kV transmission line and the distribution lines.
- **Etiwanda Marshalling Yard.** Use of the Etiwanda Marshalling Yard for storing construction materials during construction.

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Environmental Review Process

The CPUC is the lead agency for the Subsequent EIR and is responsible for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On April 2, 2018, the CPUC issued a Draft Subsequent EIR for the Revised Project. The Draft Subsequent EIR provided information about the environmental setting and impacts of the Revised Project and four alternatives, as well as the No Project Alternative. A 45-day public review period for the Draft Subsequent EIR ended on May 17, 2018.

The Final Subsequent EIR will be used by the CPUC, in conjunction with the 2013 RTRP EIR and other information developed in the CPUC's formal record, to make a decision to approve or deny the SCE RTRP application for a CPCN. Under CEQA, the CPUC will determine the adequacy of this Final Subsequent EIR and, if adequate, will certify the document as complying with CEQA. The CPCN approval process includes adopting the 2013 RTRP EIR, selecting project alternatives, adopting mitigation measures, and reviewing project costs.

Contents of the Final Subsequent EIR

This Final Subsequent EIR is organized into two volumes. The contents of each volume is identified in Table P-1.

Table P-1 Contents of the Final Subsequent EIR

Volume Contents	Description of Contents
Volume I	
Draft Subsequent EIR (as revised through Response to Comments)	Includes the entire Draft Subsequent EIR with revisions noted in strikethrough and underlined text. Text deletions are indicated using strikethrough and text additions are indicated using <u>underline</u>
Volume II	
Appendix A	Provides detailed information and route maps for the Proposed Project
Appendix B	Provides the Initial Study Checklist for the Revised Project
Appendix C	Provides supplemental information for electromagnetic field
Appendix D	Presents the Alternatives Screening Report for the Revised Project
Appendix E	Provides detailed route maps for alternatives
Appendix F	Provides supporting information for aesthetics resources analysis
Appendix G	Provides supporting information for air quality and greenhouse gas emission analysis
Appendix H	Provides supporting information for biological resources analysis
Appendix I	Provides supporting information for cultural resources analysis
Appendix J	Presents the land use consistency table for the Revised Project
Appendix K	Contains the technical memorandum for corona noise study
Appendix L	Provides supporting information for traffic and transportation analysis

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Appendix M	Describes the public review process, the organization of the comments and responses, and lists the commenters. Appendix M also contains copies of the comment letters received on the Draft Subsequent EIR. Following each comment letter are individual responses directed specifically to each comment.
Appendix N	Provides Draft Subsequent EIR public review materials
Appendix O	Contains records of agency correspondence during the preparation of the Final Subsequent EIR.

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