

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**To:** State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and Interested Parties  
**From:** Jensen Uchida, Environmental Project Manager  
**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (A-15-04-013)  
**Date:** October 2, 2018

*Para ver este aviso en español visite [www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/RTRP/espanol.html](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/RTRP/espanol.html) o uno de los sitios enumerados a continuación en Cuadro 1 (Table 1). Se proporciona más información sobre el Proyecto de Confiabilidad de Transmisión Riverside en el sitio web del proyecto.*

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for consideration of the Southern California Edison (SCE) application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to build and operate components of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). The Final Subsequent EIR includes comments received on the Draft Subsequent EIR during the public comment period (April 2, 2018 to May 17, 2018) and CPUC responses to each comment. The Final Subsequent EIR also includes revisions to the Draft Subsequent EIR based on public comments.

### Final Subsequent EIR Availability

The Final Subsequent EIR will be released for public review on October 2, 2018. The Final Subsequent EIR is available for review at the locations identified in Table 1, and at the CPUC office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. A limited number of CD and hard copies are also available upon request by e-mailing [riversidetrp@panoramaenv.com](mailto:riversidetrp@panoramaenv.com). Both the Final Subsequent EIR and the 2013 RTRP EIR are available for download from the project website: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/RTRP/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/RTRP/)

**Table 1. Libraries and Other Final Subsequent EIR Review Locations**

Arlanza Public Library	Norco Public Library
Eastvale Public Library	Colony High Branch Library
Glen Avon Public Library	City of Jurupa Valley City Hall
Louis Robidoux Public Library	Riverside City Hall Planning Division

### Project Background

The RTRP was first proposed by Riverside Public Utilities and SCE in 2009. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the City of Riverside prepared an EIR to analyze the environmental impacts from construction, operation, and maintenance of the RTRP. The City of Riverside certified the EIR and approved the project on February 5, 2013. Following certification of the 2013 RTRP EIR, SCE modified segments of the RTRP to avoid conflicts with residential and commercial developments within SCE's proposed transmission line route in the City of Jurupa Valley. This Final Subsequent EIR analyzes the transmission route revisions and existing distribution line modifications (together referred to as the Revised Project) that were not included in the 2013 RTRP EIR.

### Revised Project Location and Description

The Revised Project is located in the cities of Jurupa Valley and Riverside, as well as unincorporated Riverside County, and includes the following major components.

- Approximately 0.4 mile of new overhead 230-kV double-circuit transmission line
- Approximately 2 miles of new underground 230-kV double-circuit transmission line
- Relocation of existing distribution line at two locations
- Etiwanda Marshalling Yard

### Contents of the Final Subsequent EIR

The Final Subsequent EIR is organized into two volumes, as follows:

- **Volume 1, Draft Subsequent EIR as revised in 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 underline
- **Volume 2, Appendices.** The following appendices are included in Volume 2. Appendix A – L and Appendix N – O are included on CD.
  - **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
  - **Appendix M.** Contains copies of the comment letters received on the Draft Subsequent EIR. Individual responses directed specifically to each comment are provided for each comment letter. This appendix also describes the public review process, the organization of the comments and responses, and lists the commenters.
  - **Appendix N.** Provides Draft Subsequent EIR public review materials
  - **Appendix O.** Contains records of agency correspondence during the preparation of the Final Subsequent EIR

### **CPUC 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)). The CPUC has accomplished this requirement by sending the Final Subsequent EIR to all agencies that commented on the Draft Subsequent EIR at least 10 days prior to EIR certification.

The CPUC will determine the adequacy of the Final Subsequent EIR and decide whether to issue or deny the application for a CPCN. The CPUC will consider the 2013 RTRP EIR along with the Subsequent EIR and determine whether they are compliant with CEQA. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) presiding over the CPCN process, will issue a draft Proposed Decision on SCE's components of the RTRP. The Proposed Decision will include findings adopting the Final Subsequent EIR, the 2013 RTRP EIR, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). The draft Proposed Decision will be subject to a 30-day review prior to the full Commission meeting to vote on issuance of a CPCN. During the 30-day review period each Commissioner may draft an Alternate Decision, which may recommend adoption of alternatives to the Proposed Decision. The Commissioners will then vote on the Proposed Decision and any Alternate Decisions at a meeting of the full Commission. Adoption of the Proposed Decision or one of the Alternate Decisions will result in the certification of the CEQA documents and a determination as to whether the Proposed Project or one of the alternatives will be constructed.