



California High-Speed Rail Meeting with CPUC and HSR

December 16, 2013



Goal and Agenda for Meeting

- Goal:
 - Coordinate on how PG&E and the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) will proceed with CEQA Review of interconnection facilities needed for project.
- Agenda:
 - CHSRA
 - Introductions: Key Staff Roles and Responsibilities
 - Overview of schedule associated with energization of various HSR segments
 - High level description of critical path activities necessary to meet energization schedule
 - Overview of CEQA review for each segment (i.e. what has been completed, what is in progress, what is schedule for remaining segments)
 - PG&E
 - Introductions: Interconnection and CEQA Permitting Teams
 - Recap of interconnection studies completed to date
 - Remaining items to finalize interconnection project descriptions
 - CEQA Review: Interconnection Facilities with Various Rail Segments
 - Review of Action Items and Next Steps



Introductions: Interconnection and CEQA Permitting Teams

Interconnections

CEQA
Permitting

Transmission Planning:
Jon Eric Thalman

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Project
Management:

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Law:
David Kraska

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Regulatory Affairs:
Meredith Allen

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Environmental
Management:
Steve Ferrara

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Other CHSR-Related Work Streams:

CPUC Safety Standards
Proceeding (e.g. gas casing,
grounding/bonding issues)

Relocations



Recap of PG&E Interconnection Studies Completed to Date

- PG&E completed preliminary studies in 2012 identifying interconnection and system upgrade needs to interconnect 12 (originally 13) traction power substations
 - CHSR will install a 2x 25 kV AC Traction Electrification System (TES) to power the electric trains.
 - Proposed TES will interconnect into local utility networks at 115 kV or 230 kV, with approximately 30-mile intervals between the traction power substations.
 - Total load on the system estimated to be 550 MW
 - Preferred and alternative sites were identified at some locations
 - Interconnection needs based on electrical needs and proposed HSR rail alignment

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Next Steps for Finalizing Interconnection Project Descriptions

HSR to select final traction
power substation locations and
interconnection facilities design



HSR's contractor to complete
single phase study



Submit an Application for Service
to enable PG&E to proceed with more
detailed design, engineering and permitting



PG&E to develop 60%
design for each
interconnection location



Environmental review for
interconnection facilities



CEQA Review: Interconnection Facilities Within Various Rail Segments

Interconnection Location	HSR Rail Segment	HSR Proposed Service Start Date ¹ ; Target Electrification Date	Status of HSR CEQA Analysis for Segment	Potential GO 131 D Requirements if not included in HSR CEQA ²
7 (Merced)	Merced to Fresno	2022; 2020	Complete; Did not include interconnection facilities	PTC (App plus PEA)
8 (Madera)	Merced to Fresno	2022; 2018		CPCN (App plus PEA)
9 (Fresno)	Merced to Fresno	2022; 2018		CPCN (App plus PEA)
10 (Hanford)	Fresno to Bakersfield	2022; 2018	Finalize in Spring 2014? Currently does not include interconnection facilities	PTC (App plus PEA)
11 (Pixley)	Fresno to Bakersfield	2022; 2018		PTC (App plus PEA)
12 (Wasco)	Fresno to Bakersfield	2022; 2018		PTC (App plus PEA)
13 (Bakersfield)	Fresno to Bakersfield	2022; 2018		PTC (App plus PEA)
1 (San Francisco)	San Francisco to San Jose	Cal Train to Provide	?	PTC (App plus PEA)
3 (San Jose)	San Francisco to San Jose	Cal Train to Provide	?	PTC (App plus PEA)
4 (Gilroy)	San Jose to Merced	2022; 2020	?	PTC (App plus PEA)
5 (O'Neill Pumping Plant)	San Jose to Merced	2022; 2020	?	CPCN (App plus PEA)
6 (Lido)	San Jose to Merced	2022; 2020	?	PTC (App plus PEA)

1. Based on revised 2012 HSR Business Plan
2. Preliminary based on 2012 Interconnection Study

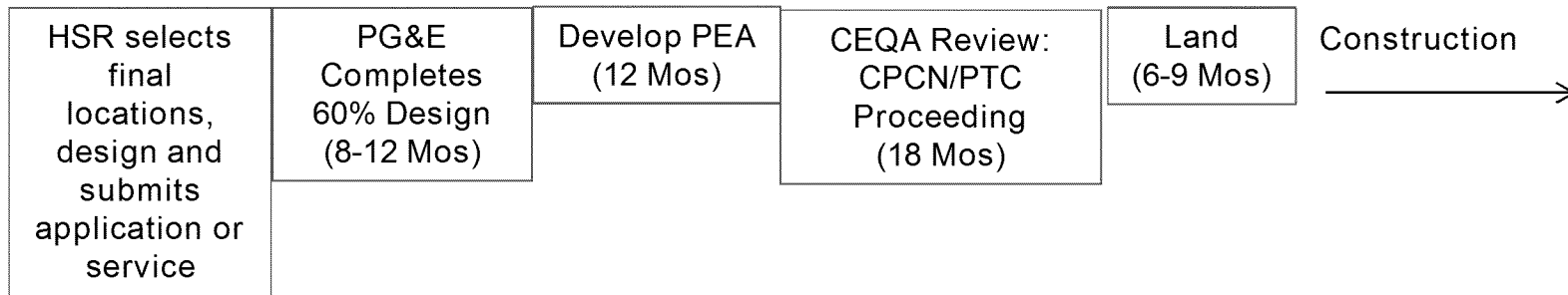


CEQA Review: Interconnection Facilities Within Various Rail Segments, cont.

- Background Regarding Interconnecting Large Load Customers:
 - When third parties trigger changes to electric system, PG&E encourages the CEQA lead agency for third party to include the interconnection facilities in its CEQA review, provided there is sufficient information to permit meaningful review.
 - Approach can often result in a faster overall project development schedule and may be necessary in order for the third party's lead agency to comply with CEQA.
 - Case Studies:
 - PG&E has evaluated the process/schedule differences associated with CEQA permitting under two different approaches:
 - Option 1: Deferring environmental review to the CPUC permit processes (PTC/CPCN – 18 months).
- versus
- Option 2: Interconnection facilities being included in HSR CEQA analysis (NOC – 45 days).



CPUC CEQA Review: Hypothetical Schedule Option 1





HSR CEQA Review: Hypothetical Schedule Option 2

