

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

RESOLUTION E-3523

January 21, 1998

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY TO REIMBURSE THE COMMISSION FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MITIGATION AND MONITORING OF THE ALTURAS TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 1996 the Commission granted Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPCo) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (D.96-01-012) thereby authorizing SPPCo to construct and operate the Alturas Transmission Line Project.

WHEREAS, Appendix B of the decision consisted of a mitigation, monitoring, compliance and reporting plan (MMCRP) that was instituted as an adjunct to the project construction plan and made a condition of project approval.

WHEREAS, this Appendix B is a brief summation of field studies and environmental protection plans documented in the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement that was certified by the Commission in Decision 96-01-013 on January 10, 1996.

WHEREAS, the MMCRP is required to insure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

WHEREAS, the mitigation and monitoring plan is the extension of the preconstruction studies and plans that were conducted in preparation for construction.

WHEREAS, the mitigation and monitoring plan will continue throughout the construction phase of the project and will include post construction surveys over the five succeeding years to monitor the response and recovery of environmental factors to the project.

WHEREAS, Decision 96-01-012, Ordering paragraph 5, outlines the MMCRP for the project and provides for consulting work and reimbursement of all costs associated with implementation of the MMCRP.

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WHEREAS, on March 1, 1996 SPPCo issued a letter confirming the company's agreement to reimburse the Commission for costs associated with construction of the project.

WHEREAS, Decision 96-01-012, Ordering Paragraph 6, directs the Executive Director to approve of the reimbursement agreement by a Resolution.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

I hereby grant approval of the reimbursement agreement between Sierra Pacific Power Company and the Commission for the implementation of the mitigation, monitoring, compliance and reporting plan for the Alturas Transmission Line Project.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was duly signed on January 21, 1998 in San Francisco, California.



WESLEY M. FRANKLIN
Executive Director