



Notice of Availability and Public Meetings
Environmental Impact Report
Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project
Proposed by Southern California Edison Company
Application No.s 07-01-031 and 07-01-031
California SCH #2008011082

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To: All Interested Parties/Readers of the Draft Environmental Impact Report
From: Jensen Uchida, California Public Utilities Commission, EIR Project Manager
Subject: **Notice of Availability and Public Meetings**, Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project
Date: June 15, 2009

On January 16, 2007, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed Application No. 07-01-031 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Permit to Construct the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission line. On April 30, 2007 SCE filed Application No. 07-04-028 for a Permit to Construct the Fogarty Substation project. By ruling dated June 6, 2007, Applications No. 07-01-031 and 07-04-028 were consolidated.

The CPUC, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for consideration of SCE's Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project (Project).

A. Proposed Project, Location, and Alternatives

The Proposed Project would install a 25-mile 115 kV subtransmission line to connect SCE's existing Valley and Ivyglen Substations, install a new telecommunications line alongside the subtransmission line, construct the new Fogarty Substation, and make improvements to the Valley and Ivyglen Substations in southwestern Riverside County. The Project would be located in southwestern Riverside County, and would traverse the City of Perris, the City of Lake Elsinore, and the Glen Ivy/Corona Lake area. The Draft EIR describes the Proposed Project, evaluates and describes the environmental impacts associated with construction and operation, identifies those impacts that could be adverse, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC, would avoid or reduce those impacts. The Draft EIR also evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project. These alternatives include the following:

Alternative 1: No Project Alternative. The Project would not be constructed and existing conditions in the Project area would remain unchanged. Alternative 1 would not achieve Project objectives such as providing safe and reliable service to the customers in the Fogarty and Valley-Ivyglen Electrical Needs Areas and complying with voltage levels mandated by the CPUC.

Alternative 2: Construct the subtransmission line along the existing Valley-Serrano 500 kV ROW. Under Alternative 2, a new 115 kV subtransmission line would be constructed that traverses between the Valley 500/115 kV and Ivyglen 115/12 kV Substations along the existing Valley-Serrano 500 kV ROW to an area north of the Ivyglen Substation to eventually be connected to the Ivyglen Substation by one of various routes.

Alternative 3: Construct the central portion of the subtransmission line along segments C-2, C-4, and C-6. Alternative 3 would connect Segments C-2, C-4, and C-6 to segment E-1 in the east and W-1 in the west. Combined, these segments would make up a complete route between the Applicant's Valley 500/115 kV and Ivyglen 115/12 kV Substations and still maintain a route that would serve the Valley-Ivyglen and Fogarty Electrical Needs Areas.

Alternative 4: Construct the Fogarty Substation west of Terra Cotta Road. Alternative 4 occupies a 5.7-acre site located directly west of Terra Cotta Road on the side of the street opposite from the proposed Fogarty Substation Site.

Alternative 5: Construct the subtransmission line along segments C-8, C-9, W-3, W-13 and W-14 (Warm Springs-Pacific Clay Alternative). Alternative 5 consists of two geographically separated portions of the subtransmission route – the Warm Springs and Pacific Clay portions. The Warm Springs portion of Alternative 5 would connect Segments C-1 in the Central Region to segment W-1A in the Western Region. The Pacific Clay portion of Alternative 5 would connect W-1A to W-4 in the Western Region and comprises segments W-13A, W-13B, W-13C, W-13D, W-14A, W-14B, and W-3B. Combined, these segments make up a complete route between the Applicant’s Valley 500/115 kV and Ivyglen 115/12 kV Substations and still maintain a route that would serve the Valley-Ivyglen and Fogarty Electrical Needs Areas.

B. Significant Adverse Environmental Impacts from the Proposed Project

The Draft EIR has identified significant and unavoidable adverse impacts that could result from construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project, including impacts to land use, visual resources, mineral resources, and air quality. All other Project impacts were determined to be less than significant, or can be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the implementation of the mitigation measures proposed in the Draft EIR.

Neither the Fogarty Substation nor the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line would be located on a hazardous materials site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

C. Environmentally Superior Alternative

Alternative 1, the No Project Alternative, would be environmentally superior to the Project on the basis of the minimization or avoidance of physical environmental impacts. Section 15126.6(e)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines states that if the no project alternative is found to be environmentally superior, “the EIR shall also identify an environmentally superior alternative among the other alternatives.” In terms of effects on the environment, the environmentally superior alternative is Alternative 5 as it would avoid a significant and unavoidable (Class I) impact to mineral resources by avoiding the Pacific Clay mining facility and meet all of the Project’s objectives. However, this alternative would still result in significant and unavoidable (Class I) impacts to land use, visual resources, and air quality.

D. Public Review Period/DEIR Information

The CPUC will receive comments on the Proposed Project Draft EIR for a 45-day period starting June 15, 2009 and ending July 30, 2009. A telephone hotline for project information has been established at (951)274-7293. Faxes may be sent to (415) 981-0801. Emails queries and comments may be sent to ivyglen@ene.com. Written comments may be sent to:

Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project
130 Battery Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94111

Information about the Project, including the Scoping Report, the environmental review process, the DEIR, and the Final EIR will be posted on the Internet at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/ivyglen/ivyglen.html>. This site is used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.

The DEIR will be placed in two repository sites to allow the public access to the document. EIR-related documents, including the Scoping Report, this DEIR, and the Final EIR will be made available upon their release to the public at these locations:

Lake Elsinore Library
600 W. Graham Ave.
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
951-674-4517

City of Perris Cesar E. Chavez Library
163 E. San Jacinto
Perris, CA 92570
951-657-2358

E. Public Hearings

Following the release of the DEIR, two public participation hearings will be held to allow the public to speak formally on the record on the DEIR and any other issues of concern related to the Applicant (see table below). For more information on the public participation hearings, the Public Advisor may be contacted at 1-866-849-8390 or public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

Time, Date, and Location of Public Participation Hearings

Time	Date	Location
From 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Wednesday, July 15, 2009	Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center 183 N. Main Street, Lake Elsinore, California 92530
From 2:00 to 4:00 PM	Thursday, July 16, 2009	Cesar E. Chavez Library Community Room 163 E San Jacinto, Perris, California 92570