

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

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 application to modify 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 CPCN application includes the following project components:

- Approximately 10 miles of new double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line
- New 230-kV substation
- New telecommunication facilities
- Relocation of existing overhead distribution lines
- Temporary use of two marshalling yards

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 new 230-kV substation and the overhead transmission line, as proposed in 2013, was analyzed in the certified 2013 RTRP EIR. The elements of the RTRP that were modified by project design changes in September 2016 were not analyzed in the certified 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.

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- **Etiwanda Marshalling Yard.** Use of the Etiwanda Marshalling Yard for storing construction materials during construction.

1.2 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

CEQA requires a lead agency that has prepared a Draft EIR to consult with and obtain comments from responsible and trustee agencies that have jurisdiction by law with respect to the proposed project, and to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR. This document has been prepared to respond to comments received on the Draft Subsequent EIR prepared for the Revised Project. The Draft Subsequent EIR identifies the environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the Revised Project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce or avoid significant impacts. The purpose of this document is to address the significant environmental issue(s) raised by each comment. This Comments and Responses document provides a response to each comment received and revises the Draft Subsequent EIR, as necessary, to clarify information.

This Comments and Responses document, together with the Draft Subsequent EIR (Volume I), constitutes the Final Subsequent EIR for the Revised Project.