



California Public Utilities Commission



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VIA EMAIL

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Subject: CPUC Review of Proponent's Environmental Assessment for LS Power Grid California, LLC's Manning 500/230 kV Substation Project (Application 24-06-017)

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Energy Permitting Section has completed a review of LS Power Grid California, LLC's (LSPGC's) application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) (A.24-06-017) and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed Manning 500/230 Kilovolt (kV) Substation Project (Project) relative to the CPUC's *Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponents' Environmental Assessments* (Version 1.0, November 2019). The Energy Division finds that the PEA contains sufficient information to satisfy these requirements, and therefore deems the application complete.

The Energy Division is requesting additional information (see Data Request 1 attached to this letter) to supplement and inform the environmental review. Please provide the requested information, or explain why it cannot be provided, by August 9, 2024. Please note that as the environmental review progresses, the Energy Division may submit clarifying questions or request additional data, as necessary, to prepare a complete and adequate analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 266-4748 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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CEQA Project Manager
CPUC Energy Division

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Attachment: Data Request 1

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Data Request 1 **Manning 500/230 kV Substation Upgrade Project (A.24-06-017)** **CEQA Evaluation**

PEA Section 3, Proposed Project Description

1. In PEA Section 3.3.9, “Telecommunication Lines”, the type of cable has not been provided. Please provide an estimate of when LSPGC expects this information to be available. Once the cable type is decided upon, please provide information regarding the type of cable that is proposed.
2. In PEA Section 3.5.5.2, “Aboveground and Underground Conductor/Cable”, the project description contains information on the equipment to be used for the project and sequencing. Please explain why a diagram of the general sequencing is not available.

PEA Section 5.2, Agricultural Resources

3. In PEA Section 5.2.4.1, “Agriculture and Forestry Impact Analysis”, the California Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model was mentioned in the draft PEA but has not been used to evaluate impacts to agricultural resources in the filed PEA. Please explain why the approach changed during the PEA process.

PEA Section 5.3, Air Quality

4. In PEA Section 5.3.4.2, “Air Quality Emissions Modeling”, the numbers presented in Table 5.3-6 in the PEA do not match the estimates in Table 46 of Appendix 5.3-A. Please identify the correct numbers and provide updates to Table 5.3-6 or Table 46 of Appendix 5.3-A with the correct numbers.
5. In PEA Section 5.3.4.4, “Health Risk Assessment”, the Health Risk Assessment (HRA) is required to complete the CEQA analysis. Please provide the HRA no later than September 30, 2024.

PEA Section 5.17, Transportation

6. In PEA Section 5.17.1.2, “Existing Roadways and Circulation”, and PEA Section 5.17.4.1, “Transportation Impact Analysis”, the number of existing vehicles on Manning Avenue has not been provided. Please provide more information related to the existing conditions on Manning Avenue including the number of vehicles that use the roadway to provide substantial evidence for the CEQA document.