



Devers–Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project
Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
Colorado River Substation Expansion

California SCH #2005101104

To: Readers of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
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Subject: **Notice of Availability**, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Colorado River Substation Expansion
Devers–Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project
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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) for consideration of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) application to build and operate an expanded Colorado River Substation (CRS) for the Devers–Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2). The CRS was originally known as the Midpoint Substation and was analyzed in the DPV2 Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), which was published in October 2006. The original substation design included the loop-in of the Devers–Palo Verde No. 1 (DPV1) and DPV2 transmission lines covering 44 acres of land. The CPUC approved the DPV2 project in January 2007 and certified the EIR/EIS as being in compliance with the requirements of CEQA.

In November 2009, the CPUC also approved SCE's Petition for Modification to build the California-only portion of DPV2 beginning at the CRS. Since then, SCE has determined that the CRS needs to be expanded to 90 acres to include 500/220 kV transformer banks and a 220 kV switchyard in order to accommodate the interconnection of renewable power generators in the Blythe area. The CRS would be located on an approximately 160-acre parcel of land located approximately 1.5 miles south of Interstate 10 and 4.75 miles east of Wiley Well Road, in the County of Riverside, California. The CRS site, including the proposed expansion, would be located on public lands managed by the BLM that would be granted to SCE for this use.

The Final SEIR details the components of the Proposed Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of SCE's Proposed Project, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The Final SEIR also evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA.

The Final SEIR will be available for review at several area libraries and on the project website, as listed on page two of this notice. Additional copies of the Final SEIR on CD and/or a separately bound Executive Summary may be requested at the addresses or telephone numbers given herein. The CPUC also has a limited number of additional copies of the complete Final SEIR document available to the public upon request.

Contents of the Final EIR/EIS

The Final EIR/EIS consists of the following.

- The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) has been completely reprinted, except that Appendices 2 through 10 are made available on a compact disc and not in printed copies. Changes made to the Draft SEIR are marked within the document: inserted text is underlined and deleted text is shown in ~~strikeout~~. Both types of changes are indicated with a vertical line in the margin. Changes made to text excerpted from the DPV2 Final EIR/EIS (2006) are shown with double underline and ~~double strikeout~~.
- Section I in the Final SEIR consists of all comments on the Draft SEIR and responses to those comments. Over 100 pages of comments on the Draft SEIR were submitted to the CPUC during the 45-day comment period.

Sources of Project Information

For additional information or to read the Draft SEIR online, check the Internet website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/asp/dpv2/dpv2.htm>.

The public repository sites at which project documents may be reviewed are listed below.

Document Repository Sites

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| Indio Public Library | 200 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA 92201..... (760) 342-0185 |
| Palo Verde Valley Library District | 125 W. Chanslorway, Blythe, CA 92225..... (760) 922-5371 |
| BLM Palm Springs–South Coast Field Office | 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262..... (760) 833-7100 |
