

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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March 1, 2021

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**Subject:** *Notice to Proceed (NTP) 1 – Lassen Substation Project (Application No. A. 15-11-005)*

Dear Mr. Kathol,

PacifiCorp has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to initiate construction associated with the Lassen Substation Project. Specifically, PacifiCorp has requested to perform the following activities:

- Site preparation of the new substation site.
- Demolition of the existing structures on the new substation site.
- Construction of the new substation.
- Boring under 1-5

The Lassen Substation Project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Permit to Construct (PTC) was issued by the CPUC on May 6, 2019 (Decision D. 19-04-011). **NTP 1 is granted by CPUC for proposed construction activities based on the following factors:**

- The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Lassen Substation Project defined required mitigation measures to be implemented prior to project construction. The relevant mitigation measures for construction activities under this Notice to Proceed are summarized in *Attachment A* and shall be implemented by PacifiCorp and its designated contractor. PacifiCorp's compliance with the pre-construction component for each measure is noted in the status table.

The conditions noted below shall be met by PacifiCorp and its contractors for NTP 1:

- APM BIO-7: If construction cannot be completed outside of the nesting season, pre-construction surveys within the project area will be conducted by a qualified biologist for nests prior to ground disturbance, tree trimming, or other construction activities. Results of survey shall be provided to CPUC prior to start of ground disturbance.

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- APM BIO-13: If construction within and near potential willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) habitat (riparian scrub and surrounding wet meadow) cannot be completed outside of the willow flycatcher nesting season (June 1 through August 31), broadcast surveys shall be conducted to determine presence/absence of the species prior to construction activities. If absence is determined, construction may begin within the potential willow flycatcher habitat. If presence is determined, flycatcher nests shall be buffered by 500 feet, or as otherwise determined in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and construction activities shall not occur within the buffer area for the remainder of the nesting season. Any willow flycatcher observed during surveys shall be recorded, and such observations shall be reported to the California Natural Diversity Database.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.703.2579 or [Michael.Rosauer@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Rosauer@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Att: *Attachment A -- Mitigation Measures*