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**To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners
& Interested Parties**

From: Robert Peterson, CPUC Project Manager

**Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(DRAFT EIR) AND PUBLIC MEETING: Circle City Substation and Mira Loma-Jefferson
Subtransmission Line Project (A.15-12-007)
SCH No. 2016021012**

Date: June 4, 2018

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of the application filed by Southern California Edison (SCE) to construct, operate, and maintain the Circle City Substation and Mira Loma-Jefferson Subtransmission Line Project (A.15-12-007, proposed Project). The Draft EIR describes the proposed Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Project's construction, operation, and maintenance; 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 Draft EIR also considers alternatives to the proposed Project, including a No Project Alternative.

Description of the Proposed Project

The proposed Project would be located in portions of northwestern Riverside County, including the cities of Corona, Eastvale, and Norco; and in portions of San Bernardino County, including the cities of Chino and Ontario. The proposed Circle City Substation would be located approximately 0.25-mile south of the corner of Magnolia Avenue and East 6th Street in Corona; the existing Mira Loma Substation is located off Hamner Avenue near the corner of Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road in Ontario. SCE requests authorization to:

- Construct a new 66/12 kV substation (Circle City Substation) and up to six new underground 12 kV distribution getaways that would exit the new Circle City Substation;
- Construct four new 66 kV subtransmission source lines; and a new 66 kV subtransmission line, in a combination of both overhead and underground installations.
 - Two source lines would be approximately 3.5 miles in length, connecting the existing Mira Loma-Corona-Pedley 66 kV Subtransmission Line to the proposed Circle City Substation forming the new Mira Loma-Circle City-Pedley and Circle City-Corona No. 1 66 kV subtransmission lines (the "Pedley Source Lines") within the City of Corona.
 - Two source lines would be approximately 1.2 miles in length, connecting the existing Chase-Corona-Databank 66 kV Subtransmission Line from west of Rimpau Avenue on the south side of Magnolia Avenue to the Circle City Substation forming the new Circle City-Corona No. 2 and Chase-Circle City- Databank 66 kV subtransmission lines within the City of Corona.
- Construct an approximately 10.9-mile 66 kV subtransmission line (the "Mira Loma-Jefferson Subtransmission Line"), using a combination of both overhead and underground installations. The new line would be constructed from SCE's existing Mira Loma Substation in the City of Ontario, to a location near the southwest corner of SCE's existing Corona Substation near the corner of North Cota Street and Railroad Street. This line would run in a southerly direction within San Bernardino and Riverside counties within the cities of Ontario, Eastvale, Chino, Norco, and Corona.

- The Project would also include an upgrade to the Mira Loma Substation, relocation of approximately 1.9 miles of an existing overhead 33 kV distribution line along River Road between Corydon Avenue and North Cota Street in the cities of Norco and Corona to an underground position, and installation of telecommunication facilities to connect the Project to SCE's existing telecommunications system.

The purpose of this Project is to ensure the availability of safe and reliable electrical service and to provide additional capacity to serve long-term forecasted electrical demand requirements in the Electrical Needs Area (ENA), while also maintaining or improving system reliability and providing greater operational flexibility. The ENA includes the cities of Corona and Norco, and the surrounding area of unincorporated Riverside County.

The Project is anticipated to result in significant short-term construction air quality and noise effects, as well as significant long-term operational aesthetics effects.

Availability of Draft EIR

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for public review at the Norco Public Library 3954 Old Hamner Rd., Norco; Eastvale Branch Library 7447 Scholar Way, Eastvale; and Corona Public Library 650 D Main St., Corona; and on the Project website at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/Circle_City/index.html.

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. CD copies of the Draft EIR may be requested by telephone at (213) 694-3260 or by e-mail at CircleCityEIR@esassoc.com.

Public Comment on the Draft EIR

The Draft EIR is available for review and comment during a 45-day public comment period (June 4, 2018 through July 20, 2018). The public may present comments and concerns regarding the proposed Project and the adequacy of the Draft EIR. Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by e-mail no later than 5 p.m. on July 20, 2018. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

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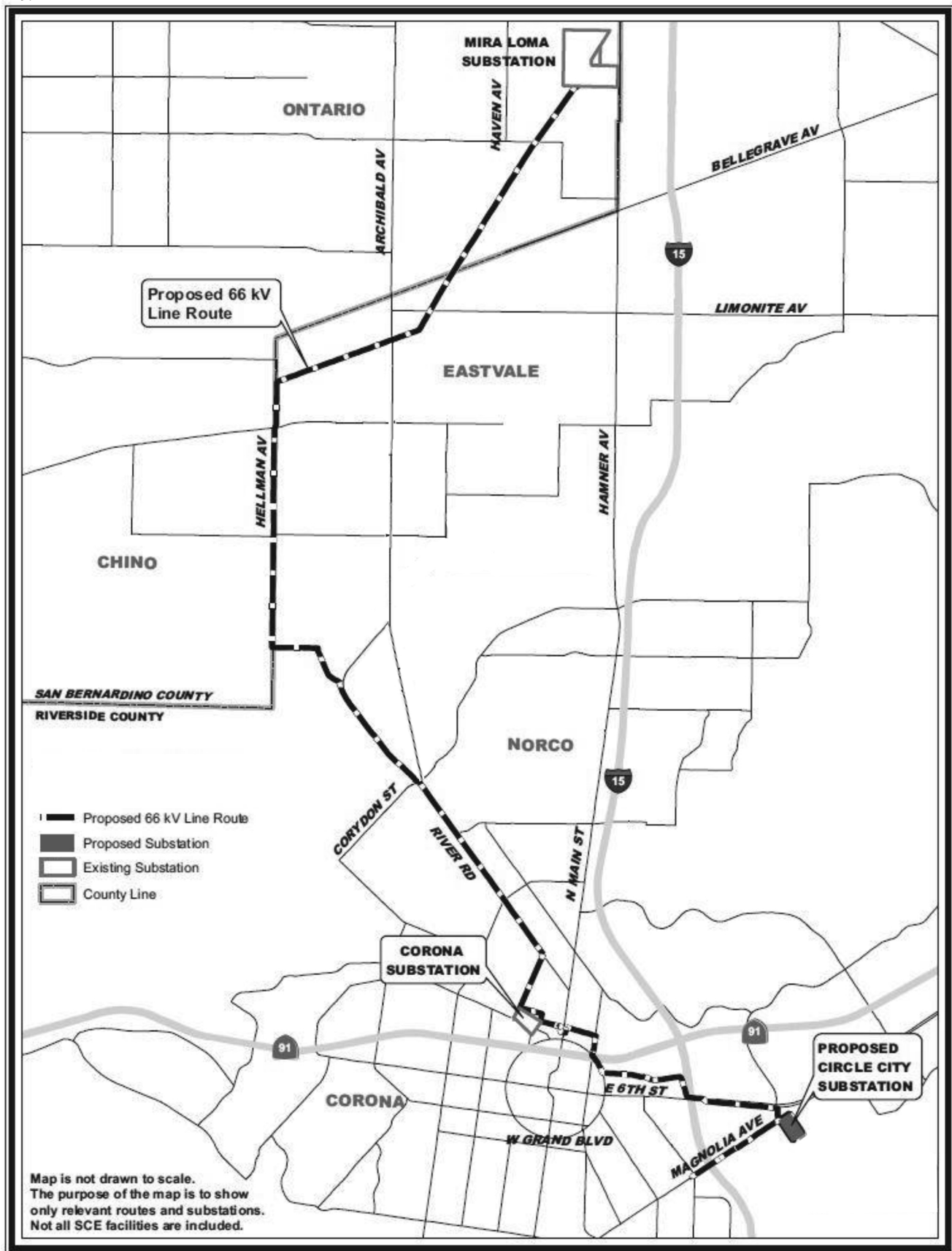
The CPUC will also hold two public comment meetings (presenting identical content) to receive oral and written comments from interested parties. Following the end of the public comment period, responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR and submitted within the specified 45-day review period will be prepared by the CPUC and included in a response to comments document, which together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR for the Proposed Project. The public meetings will be held:

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Circle City Center
365 N. Main St. Corona, CA 92882

Thursday, June 28, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Eastvale Community Center
13820 Schleisman Road Eastvale, CA 92880

REMINDER: Draft EIR comments will be accepted by e-mail or mail with postmark through July 20, 2018. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.

Figure 1



Source: Based on Southern California Edison, 2015. Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for a Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities with Voltages between 50 kV and 200 kV: Circle City Substation and Mira Loma-Jefferson Subtransmission Line Project. December 4, 2015.