



California Public Utilities Commission



March 27, 2026

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Re: Minor Project Refinement No. 1 for the Power Santa Clara Valley Project (A.24-04-017)

Dear Mr. Joseph:

On March 19, 2026, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Power Santa Clara Valley Project (Project) and selected Alternative Combination 1 (AC-1)¹ for approval (Application 24-04-017). The CPUC Decision (26-03-042) granted LS Power Grid California (LSPGC) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and approved the Project conditionally with the implementation of Applicant Proposed Measures, Mitigation Measures, and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) best management practices and field protocols adopted in the Construction Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP).

On March 20, 2026, LSPGC submitted a request for Minor Project Refinement No. 1 (MPR-1) to the CPUC seeking the approval to reconfigure Staging Area 6/Fairgrounds Staging Yard required to construct the Project as described in the FEIR. Approval of MPR-1 authorizes the reconfiguration of Staging Area 6 from the FEIR (Fairgrounds Staging Yard) for Project construction as described in **Attachment A, MPR-1 Form**. The Fairgrounds Staging Yard is located at 2542 Monterey Road in the City of San Jose, California. The proposed area for the Fairgrounds Staging Yard, as identified in Minor Project Refinement No. 1 (MPR-1), is approximately 10 acres.

The short-term and periodic nature of activities at the reconfigured Fairgrounds Staging Yard would not result in the generation of pollutant concentrations or noise levels that would pose a new or increased health risk or noise impact beyond those already evaluated in the FEIR. In addition, as shown in the request for MPR-1, Attachment B, the primary access road entrance off Monterey Boulevard will not be in the immediate vicinity of existing air quality or noise sensitive receptors. Although the secondary access road to the staging area will be from a driveway near residences off Umbarger Road, LSPGC has indicated that use of that access road will be infrequent. Therefore, use of the reconfigured Fairgrounds Staging Yard

¹ The “project” selected for approval is AC-1, which is hereby described as the “Project.”



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access roads will not result in new or greater air quality or noise impacts on sensitive receptors than described in Final EIR.

Use of an existing recycled water filling station in the northern corner of the Fairgrounds Staging Area site is also requested as part of MPR-1 for filling project water trucks to be utilized for dust control. There are five trailers that are currently inhabited at a half-acre fenced lot approximately 125 feet north of the Recycled Water Filling Station. Assuming the use of a pump would be required to fill water trucks at the Recycled Water Filling Station, such activities may be audible at the inhabited trailers. However, using the Federal Highway Administration's Roadway Construction Noise Model, periodic pump noise that will result from the filling station will be attenuated to up to 70 dBA L_{eq} at the nearest inhabited trailer (see Attachment 1), which is less than the FEIR construction noise significance threshold of 75 dBA for activities in unincorporated Santa Clara County (see pages 3.13-19 and 3.13-20). Therefore, water truck filling noise levels will not result in a new noise impact or increase the severity of the previously analyzed construction noise impacts identified in the EIR.

The Fairgrounds Staging Area slightly intersects a cultural resource, the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. This resource has been determined not eligible for the National Register as per the California Office of Historic Preservation. As such, the modification of the Fairgrounds Staging Yard will not result in new cultural resources impacts.

In addition, this MPR-1 approval does not result in alteration to existing Applicant Proposed Measures or Mitigation Measures, would not require new mitigation measures, and would not require new permits or new regulatory approvals.

LSPGC is authorized to proceed with the preparation and use of the reconfigured Fairgrounds Staging Yard as described in its March 20, 2026, MPR-1 request and NTPR-1 to CPUC upon condition that all proposed actions and construction are carried out in accordance with the methods and conditions described in the FEIR, the MPR-1 request, and the NTPR-1 approval issued by CPUC.

Sincerely,

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