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APPENDIX F

FORM OF NOTICE UNDER SECTION XI.A OF GENERAL ORDER 131-D

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT
500 KILOVOLT FERN ROAD SUBSTATION**

Proposed Project: LS Power Grid California, LLC (LSPGC) has filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Permit to Construct the 500 kilovolt (kV) Fern Road Substation (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project would:

- Ensure the reliability of electric service to a major portion of the California electric grid;
- Provide cost-effective voltage control and other electric transmission grid benefits;
- Support the provision of safe, reliable, and adequate electricity service to customers in the service territory of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E);
- Facilitate the importation and use of renewable electricity to fulfill California's energy policies and goals by ensuring reliable operation of the grid.

Project Description: The Proposed Project will be located on a 40-acre parcel adjacent to the Round Mountain-Table Mountain #1 and #2 transmission line corridor near the unincorporated community of Whitmore, about 20 miles east of Redding in unincorporated southern Shasta County. The Proposed Project consists of a 500 kV dynamic reactive support substation consisting of and two 500 kV tie lines. The substation component will provide a minimum of approximately ± 529 million volt-amperes, reactive (MVAR) dynamic reactive capability to be installed in a minimum of two, equally sized Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) units. Each STATCOM unit will be independently connected to the existing PG&E transmission system.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) Compliance: The CPUC requires substation developers to implement "no-cost" measures to reduce public exposure to magnetic fields. In compliance with the CPUC's requirements, LSPGC has filed an EMF Management Plan for the Proposed Project. LSPGC will implement the following EMF reduction measures for the Proposed Project:

1. Locate high-current devices, transformers, capacitors, and reactors away from substation property lines;

2. Locate new substations close to existing power lines to the extent practical;
3. Increase the substation property boundary to the extent practical.

Environmental Review: LSPGC has prepared a Proponent’s Environmental Assessment (PEA) of potential environmental impacts created by the construction and operation of the Proposed Project. The PEA concludes that with implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measures, the potential significant environmental effects associated with the Proposed Project would be reduced to less than significant levels.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CPUC’s Energy Division will conduct an independent review of the Proposed Project’s environmental impacts.

Depending on the results of that review, the Energy Division is expected to issue either a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on its conclusion that the Proposed Project will not result in any significant environmental impacts if adopted mitigation measures are implemented, or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) identifying the significant environmental impacts and specifying the mitigation measures or alternatives that will avoid or reduce the environmental impacts.

Public Participation: The public may participate in the environmental review by submitting comments on the Notice of Intent to a Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, or the Notice of Preparation of an EIR and draft EIR, and by participating in any scoping meetings or public meetings that may be conducted. For information about the environmental review, contact the CPUC’s Energy Division at enviroteam@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2126.

Persons wishing to present testimony in evidentiary hearings or legal briefing on all other issues, including the need for and cost of the Proposed Project, compliance with EMF requirements, or whether the EIR (if one is prepared) complies with CEQA, need to obtain party status. Persons may obtain party status by filing a protest to the application (A.22-04-) by May , 2022, in compliance with Rule 2.6, or by making a motion for party status at any time in compliance with Rule 1.4 of the CPUC’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (available at www.cpuc.ca.gov).

Members of the public may communicate their views regarding the Proposed Project by writing to the CPUC at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by emailing the Public

Advisor at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. In addition, the CPUC may, at its discretion, hold a public participation hearing to take oral public comments.

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To review a copy of LSPGC's application, or to request further information about the Proposed Project, please contact David Wilson of LSPGC at DWilson@LSPower.com or call (636) 532-2200.