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Subject: LS Power Collinsville 500/230 KV Substation Project (CPCN A.24-07-018)

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the LS Power Grid California, LLC (LSPGC) Collinsville 500/230 KV Substation Project (Proposed Project). SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and operates the Solano Wind Project in the Montezuma Hills Wind Resource Area which borders the Proposed Project. SMUD has been cooperating with LSPGC's request for information regarding locating the Proposed Project near SMUD's wind turbines and collection system. We appreciate the collaboration effort from LSPGC.

SMUD operates facilities that generate and transmit renewable energy, which is critical for addressing climate change, reducing regional air quality impacts, and providing reliable energy to residential and commercial users. To that end, SMUD wants to ensure that the Proposed Project minimizes effects on SMUD facilities, employees, and contractors; as well as more general environmental impacts, such as protected species and traffic impacts.

SMUD appreciates the inclusion of requested project changes in the Draft EIR such as eliminating lattice steel towers in favor of tubular steel poles, locating transmission towers and lines outside of turbine blade throw areas, and commitment to protect SMUD buried infrastructure from construction loads and permanent structures.

SMUD requests the following changes be included in the Final EIR:

- **Microwave Tower Installation** – SMUD requests that the microwave tower be constructed using tubular tower instead of lattice tower. SMUD currently monitors avian impact related to the wind turbines. SMUD has been continuously working to improve manmade structures to reduce avian nesting and perch habitat. Lattice structures provide habitat that leads to increases in avian activity in the area. Increases in avian strikes because of new lattice structures would cause an avoidable environmental impact and should be mitigated through design.

- Underground Utilities – SMUD requests that throughout the design process, LS Power confirms that there will be no conflicts with, or impacts to, SMUD's existing underground 34.5 kV collection system, as referenced in the Draft EIR Mitigation Measure UT-1: Protect SMUD Buried Infrastructure from Construction Loads. Regarding SMUD underground collection line easements and right of way, please view the following link for more information regarding encroachment: <https://www.smud.org/Corporate/Do-Business-with-SMUD/Land-Use/Transmission-Right-of-Way>
- Access Roads – If the Project plans to use the existing Solano Wind Project access roads, SMUD requests that the roads be restored to pre-project conditions at the end of project work.

SMUD would like to be involved with discussing the above areas of interest as well as discussing any other potential issues. We aim to be partners in the efficient and sustainable delivery of the Proposed Project. Please ensure that the information included in this response is conveyed to the Project planners and the appropriate Project proponents.

Sincerely,



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