

# **FACT SHEET** SCE Riverside Transmission Reliability Project

## **RTRP HISTORY**

Southern California Edison (SCE) and the City of Riverside's Municipal Utility Department (known as Riverside Public Utilities [RPU]) jointly planned the SCE Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). The RTRP would be owned and operated by both RPU and SCE. The City of Riverside prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in February 2013 and approved the RPU-owned elements—the Wilderness Substation and distribution lines through the RPU service area.

## **CPUC Application and CEQA Process**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has regulatory jurisdiction over the SCE-owned elements of the RTRP, including the new 230-kV transmission line, 230-kV Wildlife Substation, and associated infrastructure. SCE filed an application (A.15-04-013) in April 2015 with the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate their components of the RTRP.

The CPUC, as the next-in-line permitting agency for the RTRP, must consider the environmental impacts of the RTRP before making a decision to approve or deny the SCE Application for the RTRP. Most of the proposed project elements included in the CPCN application were analyzed in the 2013 RTRP EIR.

## **Revised Project and Subsequent EIR**

SCE modified the RTRP to avoid new development in the right-of-way. These modifications were not analyzed in the 2013 RTRP EIR and have not undergone CEQA review. The CPUC determined that while the 2013 RTRP adequately addressed most of the project, a Subsequent EIR is necessary under CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15162) to analyze potentially significant impacts that may result from SCE's changes in the RTRP location and design. The 2013 RTRP EIR is adequate to address the SCE elements of the RTRP that have not changed from those analyzed in the 2013 EIR. The CPUC will consider the 2013 EIR in combination with the Subsequent EIR when making a decision to approve or deny SCE's CPCN application.

For additional information on the SCE Riverside Transmission Reliability Project, please check the website at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/RTRP/index.html Alternatively, you can send an email to the project team at: riversidetrp@panoramaenv.com

## 2006 CAISO directs SCE to construct RTRP 2011 SCE and RPU define project for CEQA review and conduct background studies 2011 City of Riverside publishes Draft EIR 2013 City of Riverside publishes Final EIR City of Jurupa

2013	publishes Final EIR
	City of Jurupa —— Valley approves new
	development
	projects in the RTRP alignment
	City of Jurupa Valley
2015	legal challenge to EIR
-	SCE submits
	CPCN application for CPUC review
	SCE reaches
2016	settlement with
2010 🛉	developers; revises
	route and proposes underground segments
	SCE submits CPCN
+	— application revisions to
	CPUC to include new
	alignment and underground segments
2017	
	— CPUC issues Notice
	of Preparation for
	Subsequent EIR

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## RTRP

#### Application

SCE's application for the RTRP includes the following project elements as described in the 2013 Final EIR:

- 230-kV Transmission Line
- Wildlife Substation
- Relocated Distribution Lines
- Telecommunication Facilities
- Modifications to Existing Substation

#### **Revised Project**

SCE modified the project to avoid impacts from new developments in the proposed RTRP ROW. The new elements will be analyzed in the CPUC Subsequent EIR. These elements will be referred to in the Subsequent EIR as the "revised project" and are noted on the Project Overview Map on the back of this brochure. The revised project includes:

- 1. Construction of approximately 2 miles of 230-kV underground double-circuit duct bank, which was previously proposed as overhead transmission line. The underground duct bank would be constructed primarily within streets in the City of Jurupa Valley.
- 2. Refinements to the proposed overhead 230-kV transmission line and route to avoid conflicts with housing developments along Wineville Avenue.
- 3. Relocation of existing overhead distribution lines to underground duct banks or different overhead locations in four locations to accommodate the new 230-kV transmission line.
- 4. Temporary use of two marshalling yards to store construction materials during construction.



#### Focus of Subsequent EIR

The Subsequent EIR will analyze the revised project elements, which include only the modified elements of the project, as described above and shown in yellow on the Project Overview (see back page). The environmental review in the Subsequent EIR will focus on the topics listed below and will address impacts not fully addressed in the original RTRP EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Paleontological Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources

#### How to Comment on the RTRP Subsequent EIR

The CPUC finds that additional impacts are not likely to occur beyond those analyzed in the 2013 RTRP EIR for many resource topics. The project changes would not require additional analysis in the Subsequent EIR for the environmental topics listed below:

- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Energy Conservation

#### You may submit comments in a variety of ways:

- U.S. mail to: Jensen Uchida (CPUC Project Manager) California Public Utilities Commission c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc. One Embarcadero Center, Suite 740 San Francisco, CA 94111
- 2. Email: riversidetrp@panoramaenv.com
- 3. Fax: 650-373-1211
- 4. Make a verbal comment at the scoping meeting

#### Scoping Comments are Due February 24, 2017.





PEA Review and Deemed Complete

Public Scoping Meeting and Environmental Review

**Draft Subsequent EIR Issued** 

Public Comments on Draft Subsequent EIR

> Final Subsequent EIR Prepared









Longitudal View

Transverse View