

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE ROSAMOND SWITCHING STATION PROJECT**

Date: April 23, 2020

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rosamond Switching Station Project

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Rosamond Switching Station Project (proposed project). LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Under the proposed project, LADWP would construct a new 230 kilovolt (kV) switching station, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), and Flexible Alternating Current Transmission System (FACTS) Device. The proposed switching station (approximately 1,200 feet long and 800 feet wide) would include a control house with space necessary for operational control. The BESS (approximately 850 feet by 850 feet) is used to store excess energy during peak renewable energy production and to provide a fast energy delivery response to power shortages, brownouts, and enhance grid stability and reliability. The FACTS Device consists of a switchyard (approximately 189 feet long, 180 feet wide, and 58 feet in height) and a control house (approximately 35 feet long, 86 feet wide, and 13 feet in height). The FACTS Device would help regulate and control voltage to help improve power reliability and to meet power demand. Other project activities include installation of access roads throughout the facility, installation of a perimeter fence, and installation of new steel lattice transmission towers to direct the existing circuits in and out of the proposed switching station. The overall purpose of the project is to help meet broader goals towards increasing the use of sustainable renewable energy sources while decreasing the production of greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project site is located on approximately 120 acres in unincorporated Kern County, California. The site is located in the northwestern portion of the Mojave Desert, approximately three miles north of the Los Angeles County border and approximately eight miles west of the community of Rosamond. Regional access to the project site includes State Route (SR) 14 located approximately eight miles to the east, SR-138 located approximately 5.5 miles to the south, and Interstate-5 (I-5) located approximately 30 miles to the west. Local access to the project site is via Rosamond Boulevard located on the northern boundary of the project site.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on April 23, 2020 and conclude on May 25, 2020. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and at the following location:

LADWP, Environmental Affairs Division
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2020.**

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Mr. Aiden Leong
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All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration and approval at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. The hearing will be in the LADWP Board Room at 111 North Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check the Board agenda within 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access the Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

PLEASE NOTE: LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Aiden Leong at (213) 367-0706.



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