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Notice of Availability

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement/
Environmental Impact Report for the Barren Ridge Renewable
Transmission Project (SCH # 2008041038)

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service), and U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the consideration of LADWP's proposed Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (BR RTP). LADWP is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Forest Service and BLM are co-lead agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Project Location

The proposed BR RTP is located within southwestern Kern County and northwestern Los Angeles County. It would span a distance of 76 miles from the Mojave Desert south to the San Fernando Valley and further extend 12 miles west to the Castaic Power Plant. The project study area is generally defined by the following limits: the northern boundary is the southern slopes of the Tehachapi Mountains, eastern boundary parallels State Route 14, southern boundary parallels the Santa Clara River, and the western boundary parallels Interstate 5. Within this study area, several alternatives have been identified that traverse public lands located in the Mojave Desert through the Antelope Valley and across the Angeles National Forest. Please refer to the enclosed map for the location of the alternatives under consideration.

Project Description

LADWP's proposed BR RTP would consist of the following five project components:

- 1) Expansion of the existing Barren Ridge Switching Station;

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- 2) Construction of a new switching station in Haskell Canyon;
- 3) Construction of a new 230 kV double-circuit transmission line from LADWP'S Barren Ridge Switching Station to the proposed Haskell Canyon Switching Station; length of the transmission line would vary by Alternative;
- 4) Reconductoring of 76 miles of the existing BR-RIN 230 kV transmission line with larger-capacity conductors between the Barren Ridge Switching Station and the Rinaldi Substation;
- 5) Addition of 12 miles of new 230 kV circuit on the existing double-circuit structures from Haskell Canyon to the Castaic Power Plant.

Impacts of the Project

The Draft EIS/EIR found that implementation of the proposed project or its alternatives may result in significant environmental impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, earth resources, wildfire management and suppression, land use, recreation, visual resources, and water resources.

Public Review of the Draft EIS/EIR

The sixty-day public comment period for the Draft EIS/EIR will commence on August 26, 2011 and conclude on October 25, 2011. A copy of the document and additional project information, such as previous newsletters and notices, will also be posted at www.ladwp.com/barrenridge. Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR will also be available for review at the following locations:

Repository Site	Address
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Angeles National Forest, Supervisor's Office	701 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006
BLM, Ridgecrest Field Office	300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Mojave Public Library	16916 State Highway 14 # D2, Mojave, CA 93501
Quartz Hill Library	42018 N. 50th St. W., Quartz Hill, CA 93536
Palmdale City Library	700 East Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, CA 93550
Valencia Library	23743 W. Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Acton-Agua Dulce Library	33792 Crown Valley Rd. Acton, CA 93510
Tehachapi Library	1001 West Tehachapi Blvd., Suite A-400 Tehachapi, CA 93561

Commenting during the public review period provides an opportunity for early and meaningful participation on a proposed action and may also establish standing for administrative review of decisions made by the lead agencies. After the decision has been made, those who provided substantive comments during the comment period and met the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6 are eligible to appeal a Forest Service decision (Appeals Reform Act). Please refer to the Forest Service legal notice available on the Project website for more information on the Forest Service appeal process.

Public Meetings

Five public meetings will be conducted on the dates, times, and locations listed below. The public meetings will inform the public about the proposed project and alternatives that were analyzed in the EIS/EIR and provide an opportunity for agencies, organizations, and interested individuals to provide written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIS/EIR. The meetings will include an “open house” from 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 pm with a formal presentation at 7 pm.

DATE	LOCATION
September 20, 2011	Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union School 16633 Elizabeth Lakes Road Lake Hughes, CA 93532
September 21, 2011	Mojave Veterans Building, Room 1 15580 “O” Street Mojave, CA 93501
September 27, 2011	Agua Dulce Elementary School 11311 W. Frascati Street Agua Dulce, CA 91390
September 28, 2011	Santa Clarita Activity Center 20880 Centre Pointe Parkway Santa Clarita, CA 91350
September 29, 2011	Leona Valley Elementary School 9063 West Leona Avenue Leona Valley, CA 93536

Ways to Submit Comments

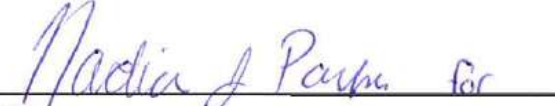
During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIS/EIR may be submitted in one of the following ways listed below. Comments must be

submitted by **Oct. 25, 2011**. Following the public review period, written responses will be prepared for inclusion in the Final EIS/EIR.

- Attend the Informational Public Meetings and submit a comment card
- Call the toll free Barren Ridge Hotline (877) 440-3592
- TTY/TDD users please call (800) 735-2922
- Send a fax to (626)-574-5235
- Visit the interactive GIS website at <http://gis.powereng.com/brntp/>
- Email to BR RTP@powereng.com
- Send written comments to:

BR RTP--Forest Service/BLM/LADWP
c/o POWER Engineers, Inc.
731 Ball Road, Suite 100
Anaheim, CA 92805

If there are any questions regarding this Notice of Availability, please contact BR RTP@powereng.com.



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Action Alternatives

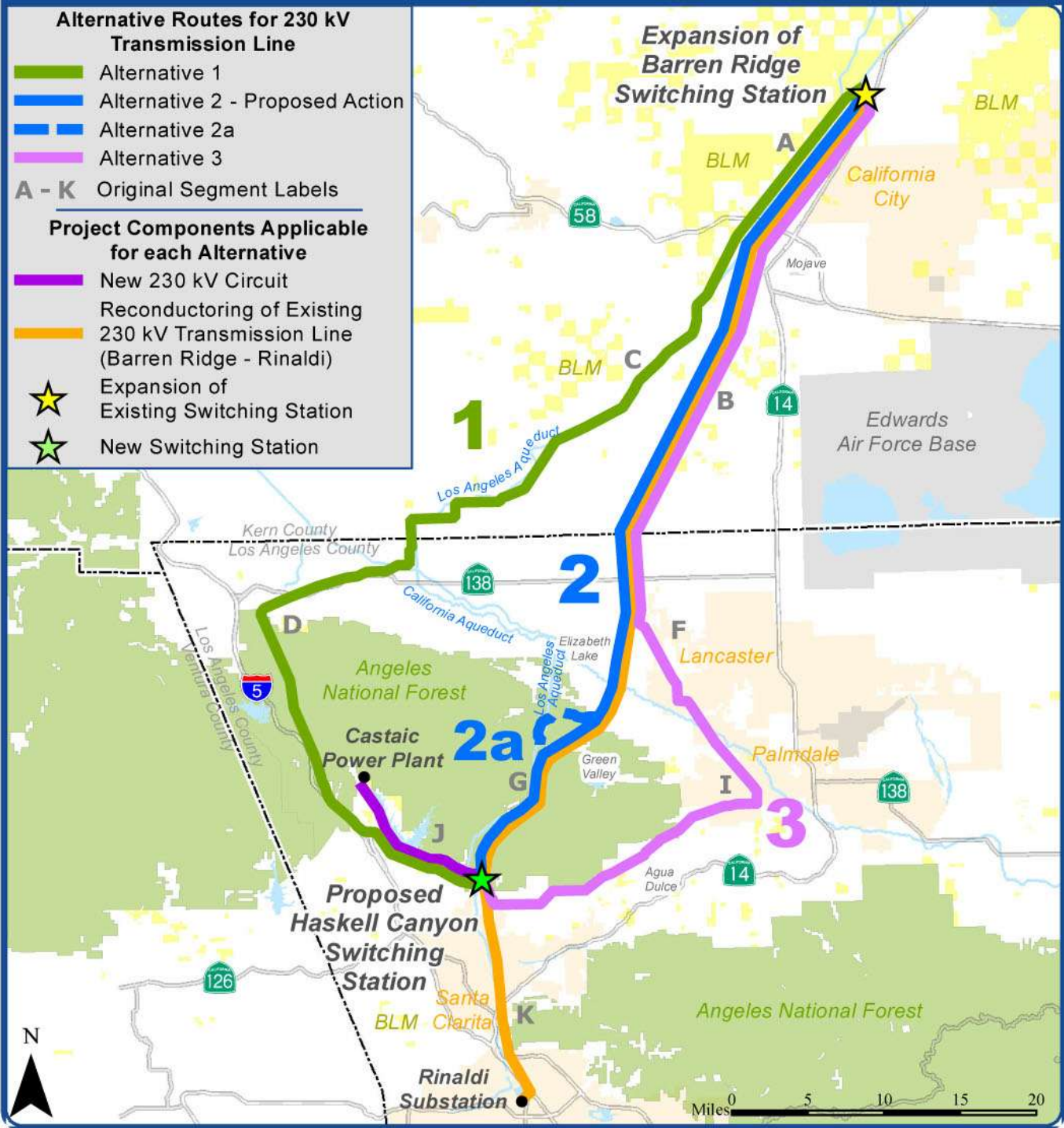
Alternative Routes for 230 kV Transmission Line

- █ Alternative 1
- █ Alternative 2 - Proposed Action
- ▬▬▬ Alternative 2a
- █ Alternative 3

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Project Components Applicable for each Alternative

- █ New 230 kV Circuit
- █ Reconductoring of Existing 230 kV Transmission Line (Barren Ridge - Rinaldi)
- ★ Expansion of Existing Switching Station
- ★ New Switching Station



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