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Mr. Erik Krause
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633 East Broadway, Room 103
Glendale, CA 91206

RE: Grayson Repowering Project
SCH # 2016121048
Vic. LA-134/PM R6.075, LA-5/PM 25.76
GTS # LA-2016-03680-PR-DEIR

Dear Mr. Krause:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for a Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (PR-DEIR). The City is proposing to replace the existing generation equipment and related facilities with a combination of new combined cycle and simple cycle gas turbine generation units. The generating capacity would increase from 267 megawatts (MW) net to 310MWnet (an increase of 43 MW net). The PR-DEIR examined impacts of two additional clean energy Project alternatives, updates the Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources Section, and provides analysis required in recently added Wildfire and Energy environmental impact categories.

For all future projects, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date. As a reminder, please reference to Caltrans comment letter dated October 23, 2017, see attached letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2016-03680-PR-DEIR.

Sincerely,

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RE: Grayson Repowering Project
Vic. LA-134/PM R6.075, LA-5/PM 25.76
SCH # 2016121048
GTS # LA-2016-01133AL-DEIR

Dear Mr. Krause:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The City of Glendale, Department of Water and Power (City) is proposing to repower the Grayson Power Plant. The majority of the equipment and facilities at the Grayson Power Plant are proposed to be replaced with more reliable, efficient, flexible, and cleaner units.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Senate Bill 743 (2013) mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. For future project, you may reference to The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information.

https://www.opr.ca.gov/s_sb743.php

Caltrans is aware of challenges that the region faces in identifying viable solutions to alleviating congestion on State and Local facilities. With limited room to expand vehicular capacity, future development should incorporate multi-modal and complete streets transportation elements that will actively promote alternatives to car use and better manage existing parking assets. Prioritizing and allocating space to efficient modes of travel such as bicycling and public transit can allow streets to transport more people in a fixed amount of right-of-way.

Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as road diets and other traffic calming measures. Please note the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the road diet treatment as a proven safety countermeasure, and the cost of a road diet can be significantly reduced if implemented in tandem with routine street resurfacing.

We encourage the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by facilitating the provision of more proximate goods and services to shorten trip lengths, and achieve a high level of non-motorized travel and transit use. We also encourage the Lead Agency to evaluate the potential of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in order to better manage the transportation network, as well as transit service and bicycle or pedestrian connectivity improvements.

After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project, Caltrans has the following comments:

Transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans. The construction time schedule of working hours should be considered off peak hours for the large size truck trips to minimize traffic congestion and to provide maximum safety to the pedestrians and vehicular traffic on the streets and freeways.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Additionally, discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State highway facilities without a storm water management plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact project coordinator Mr. Alan Lin at (213) 897-8391 and refer to GTS # LA-2017-01133-AL.

Sincerely,



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