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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Willow Distribution Station Upgrades
SCH # 2022020502
Vic. LA-134/PM 2.237
GTS # LA-2022-03866-MND

Dear Michael Wang:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced environmental document. The project involves the demolition of the existing Naomi Distribution Station which is currently owned and operated by Burbank Water and Power as a 34.5/4.3 kilovolt (kV) distribution station and will be re-constructed as a new 69/12.47kV station. Construction activities are anticipated to take up to 24 months. Construction of the proposed project includes demolition, trenching, grading and installation of electric utility infrastructure, landscape improvements, and paving.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and 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. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

As a reminder, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date.

The proposed project would result in a minor increase in vehicular trips associated with the arrival of construction workers to the substation site. The proposed project would require no more than 15 on-site workers on any given day during the construction period. It is anticipated that there would be a maximum of 15 cars traveling back and forth to and from the project site during the 24-month construction period. These trips would be

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temporary and short-term during project construction. Furthermore, with the completion of project construction, the impact to the area in regards to traffic is negligible because the substation project is not a destination for any reason other than maintenance. Once the proposed project is constructed, approximately 2 to 4 workers would be entering the substation site for maintenance activities a couple times a year, and 1 to 2 workers would be conducting monthly inspections of the substation. These activities would generate a negligible number of new vehicle trips with no notable growth in VMT. The transportation impact under State CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3(b) would be less than significant.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

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-2022-03866-DEIR.

Sincerely,



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