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SCH #: 2024040144

Project Title: McCullough-Victorville Lines 1 and 2 Upgrade Project

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Project Location: Victorville, Barstow
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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

McCullough-Victorville (MCC-VIC) Transmission Lines 1 and 2 are two existing 500 kilovolt (kV) electrical power lines which run parallel to each other and are supported on approximately 1,740 single-circuit towers and spanning over 160 miles from McCullough Switching Station in Nevada, through several mountain ranges, into the Mojave Desert and ending at the Victorville Switching Station in California. The proposed project would upgrade the McCullough-Victorville Transmission Lines 1 and 2 circuits to newly rate them as 570kV at 2500 Amperes (A)/3000A from their current rating of 500kV at 1600A/2400A. The Project would consist of modifications and/or replacement of existing insulators and hardware assemblies, raising existing transmission towers as needed to mitigate any ground clearance violations, replacing towers as needed within the footprints of existing tower sites, repairing or replacing damaged structural members, replacing conductors, ground wire, and re-tensioning conductors, repairing and grading existing access roads.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air quality impacts were determined to be significant and unavoidable with mitigation measures implemented.

Impacts to Biological, Cultural, Tribal Cultural and Paleontological Resources were determined to be less than significant with mitigation measures implemented.

All other categories previously evaluated in the Initial Study were determined not to have potentially significant impacts.

Page 1-6 of the Executive Summary has a summary of environmental impacts and a complete list of all mitigation measures to be implemented for Air Quality (2 measures), Biological Resources (19 measures), Cultural Resources (9 measures), Tribal Cultural Resources (1 measure), and Paleontological Resources (1 measure).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

A public scoping period was held to solicit input on the scope of the analysis for the EIR between April 1, 2024 and May 1, 2024. Additionally, a virtual scoping meeting was held by LADWP on April 17, 2024. The purpose of this meeting was to seek input from public agencies and the general public regarding the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project. Three written comments were received during the scoping period. Comment letters are included in Appendix A of this EIR. The public comments, questions, and concerns that were received at the scoping meeting, as well as in writing, generally pertained to the following topics:

- The need for transportation permits from the San Bernardino County, Department of Public Works
- Potential impacts to biological resources along the transmission line alignment during construction
- Potential impacts to tribal cultural resources

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regional Water Quality Control Board
State Water Resources Control Board
State Lands Commission