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BDCP/California WaterFix Comments
RDEIR/SDEIS Document
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SUBJECT: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Comments on California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR) Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/California WaterFix Project

Dear RDEIR/SDEIS Team:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RDEIR/SDEIS. The proposed project is expected to require transmission-level electric service and the relocation or protection in place of existing Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) electric and gas facilities. PG&E is an Investor Owned Utility under CPUC jurisdiction. Permitting for the construction and relocation of PG&E transmission facilities is directed by CPUC General Order 131-D. Permitting for the relocation and protection of gas facilities may also require CPUC review.

Each of the two areas of work that are subject to CPUC review: relocation work and interconnection work are described below.

Relocation Work

This proposed project will require the relocation of PG&E facilities.. RDEIR/SDEIS Chapter 20, Public Services and Utilities, indicates that the proposed project would interfere with existing electric transmission lines and gas pipelines. Under Alternative 4, the RDEIR/SDEIS indicates that interference could occur with three PG&E 500-kV lines, two PG&E 115-kV lines, and six PG&E natural gas pipelines. Under other alternatives, interference could also occur with PG&E 230-kV lines.

Interconnection Work

This proposed project will require interconnection to the electrical grid. Either PG&E, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the Western Area Power Administration, or some combination of the three electric utility providers will deliver power to the proposed project. Should PG&E be selected, the CPUC will be required to permit their work pursuant to CPUC General Order 131-D. The CPUC is available to work with DWR/USBOR and PG&E to ensure that the permitting process occurs efficiently.

Next Steps

Please coordinate with Rob Peterson at (415) 703-2820 (Robert.Peterson@cpuc.ca.gov) with questions.

Sincerely,



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Please find attached CPUC comments on DWR/USBOR RDEIR/SDEIS for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Project.

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