



RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

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DATE: July 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Crossing Stipulation Letter from Mojave Pipeline Company, LLC
(Mojave Pipeline) – LADWP File No. P-100730

SUMMARY

The proposed Crossing Stipulation Letter between LADWP and Mojave Pipeline, when fully executed, will give LADWP the right to cross Mojave Pipeline's existing high pressure natural gas pipeline easement at one location with LADWP's new Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (BRRTP) 230-Kilovolt (kV) transmission line. This Crossing Stipulation Letter has an indefinite term, and therefore, requires Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) and City Council's approval pursuant to Charter Section 373 and Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 10.5.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached Resolution recommending City Council's approval of this Crossing Stipulation Letter between LADWP and Mojave Pipeline as required in Charter Section 373 and LAAC Section 10.5.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

No alternatives to the Crossing Stipulation Letter were considered. This project is designed to cross Mojave Pipeline's easement and the Crossing Stipulation Letter is required in order to install the transmission lines across that land.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There is no direct cost to obtain the Crossing Stipulation Letter.

BACKGROUND

BR RTP is a new 230-kV high voltage transmission line project that commences at the Barren Ridge Switching Station, which is north of Mojave, California, and continues south to the Haskell Switching Station, terminating at the Rinaldi Substation in Mission Hills for a total distance of approximately 76 miles. The BR RTP will provide renewable energy resources in the Tehachapi Mountains and Mojave Desert areas of Southern California and is crucial for meeting the City of Los Angeles' Renewables Portfolio Standard mandate of 33 percent by 2020.

Even though the BR RTP generally follows existing LADWP-owned transmission right-of-way (ROW), LADWP must acquire additional ROW for the construction of certain BR RTP segments where existing property rights are insufficient. In this particular case, the additional property LADWP acquired was already encumbered by and subject to Mojave Pipeline easements. The Crossing Letter Stipulation was required by Mojave Pipeline as a condition of their permission to cross their existing pipeline easement with the new BR RTP.

This crossing is located about 2.2 miles south west of the town of Mojave, California.

This Crossing Stipulation Letter has indemnity provisions that exceed the authorities established by Resolution No. 95-207 and therefore, requires Board approval. The Crossing Stipulation Letter has an indefinite term, and therefore, requires Board and City Council's approval pursuant to Charter Section 373 and LAAC Section 10.5.

This Crossing Stipulation Letter has been reviewed and approved by Power System, Risk Management, and the City Attorney.

In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 4, the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) Report was approved on August 29, 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15080-15097 (Environmental Impact Report previously adopted). In accordance with CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the LADWP along with its federal co-lead agencies, the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, prepared a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the BR RTP. On September 18, 2012, the Board certified the EIR, adopted the Mitigation

Monitoring and Reporting Program, Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approved the Project.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Resolution and Crossing Stipulation Letter and as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Crossing Stipulation Letter
- CAO Report