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Los Angeles City Council
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Re: Notice of Hearing to Consider the City of Los Angeles' (acting by and through its LADWP) Intent to Adopt a Resolution of Necessity ... And Authorizing Acquisition of Certain Real Property Interests by Eminent Domain Proceeding and of Opportunity to Be Heard

Re: APN 3266-006-801, BR RTP, Barren Ridge Renewables Transmission Project

Dear City Council Members:

Edison is in receipt of a "Notice of Hearing to Consider the City of Los Angeles' (acting by and through its LADWP) intent to Adopt a Resolution of Necessity finding that the public interest and necessity require the Barren Ridge Renewables Transmission project ("BR RTP") and Authorizing Acquisition of Certain Real Property Interests by Eminent Domain Proceeding and of Opportunity to Be Heard" for use in the Barren Ridge Renewables Transmission Project (the "BR RTP Project"). The property at issue is APN 3266-006-801, which is owned in fee by Southern California Edison Company ("Edison"). The notice indicates that the LADWP seeks to acquire a 200 foot wide transmission easement over the parcel.

Edison respectfully urges the Commission not to adopt the Resolution at this time. The property which the LADWP seeks to take is already dedicated to public use, and is in use by Edison, a California public utility corporation, to provide electricity to the citizens of California. The property at issue contains high-voltage transmission lines which transport electricity to tens of thousands of California customers.

Edison understands that the LADWP also has critical electric transportation needs. Edison, too, however, has a critical interest in providing for the safe and efficient operation of the pre-existing transmission lines already on the property. Edison's interest in safety around existing high-voltage lines is paramount. The operation of high-voltage electric circuits requires Edison to continually maintain minimum clearances for safety, security and protection, as well as quick access

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points for heavy equipment, for inspection, and in the event emergency outages and repairs are needed.

The presence of a LADWP transmission line on the property could impair those existing interests and safety requirements. Accordingly, Edison must oppose any concurrent use of its property that does not fully provide for and protect these existing public interests. To date, the City has not been able to provide Edison adequate assurances that these interests will be protected.

To make its determination, the Commission will be required to determine that the uses are compatible, and that the benefit to the City of Los Angeles outweighs the harms to be caused to Edison and the citizens of California who consume its electricity. Edison does not think it can do so given the critical unresolved issues on this project.

As to the acquisition of permanent easements for transmission purposes, the City has recently provided Edison copies of its plans so that it could assess what safety and operational measures would be needed to co-use the property. Edison is now in the process of reviewing those plans and talking with the DWP to make a determination whether the two projects can exist on the same parcel and operate together safely, and without compromise to Edison's clearance, safety, operation and maintenance needs.

Edison understands the City of Los Angeles' electric needs are very important and has every intention of working with, and fully cooperating with, the City, by and through its LADWP, to attempt to come to a mutually agreeable resolution if one is possible. Given time, Edison and the DWP are typically able to work out agreements and conditions whereby Edison and the LADWP could safely and cooperatively co-use the property. We hope this will be the same, but need time to make that determination before initiating a premature condemnation process.

Edison would suggest that the hearing is premature, and respectfully requests that it be continued another 90 days. Alternately, in the event there is no continuance, Edison hereby requests to be heard at the hearing on July 29, 2015

Very truly yours,



Lisa DeLorme

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