



RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

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DATE: August 2, 2018

SUBJECT: Grant of Easement to Willow Springs Solar, LLC for Power and Communication Facilities and Access Through Transmission Corridor Property Located in Kern County, California

SUMMARY

The attached Resolution recommends the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' (Board) authorization and recommendation to the Los Angeles City Council that it approve granting an easement to Willow Springs Solar, LLC (Willow Springs) for the installation, replacement, repair, removal, maintenance, operation and use of underground transmission lines, wires and cables for the conveyance of electric energy, and/or proper conduit and other appliances, equipment, facilities and fixtures through the portion of Transmission Line Right-of-Way No. 31A and 83 in Kern County, California (LADWP Transmission Corridors). The easement is being granted to Willow Springs in consideration of Willow Springs having disclaimed certain interests in property that LADWP had to acquire for the Barren Ridge Renewables Transmission Project (BR RTP).

City Council approval is required by Charter Section 675(d)(2).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Grant of Easement agreement with Willow Springs conveying an easement for transmission lines, wires, cables and access for the conveyance of electric energy across LADWP's transmission line right-of-way in Kern County, California.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There is no cost to Willow Springs. LADWP acquired over 400 parcels of land for the BRRTP which was completed in 2017. Willow Springs accommodated LADWP's acquisition of certain parcels of land needed for the BRRTP by disclaiming their interest in compensation that LADWP would have had to pay in consideration for LADWP and the City considering this grant of easement.

BACKGROUND

Willow Springs held certain interests in property that straddles LADWP's existing transmission lines and the new BRRTP that runs through Kern County, California. This easement will allow Willow Springs to enter LADWP property to construct and maintain underground electrical crossing. LADWP, during negotiations of the Barren Ridge Transmission Line acquisition, agreed to consider conveying a permanent easement to Willow Springs in consideration for their disclaiming any interest in the potential compensation for LADWP's acquisition of the BRRTP right-of-way through the property that Willow Springs held interests in.

The grant of the easement will not interfere with LADWP purposes. The easement also contains provisions that protect and ensure LADWP's prior and paramount use of LADWP's right-of-way for transmission line purposes.

In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 4, the City Administrative Officer's Report was waived on August 3, 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15305. In accordance with this section, an activity is not subject to CEQA if it consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in an area with an average slope of less than 20 percent, which do not result in any changes in land use or density. The granting of an easement to Willow Springs for Underground transmission lines and appurtenances across LADWP's transmission line right-of-way will not result in any changes in land use or density in an area where the average slope is than 20 percent; therefore, this activity is not subject to CEQA.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Agreement Amendment and Resolution as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Easement
- Ordinance