

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (_____)
AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE
MANNING 500/230 KV SUBSTATION PROJECT**

Proposed Project:

LS Power Grid California, LLC (LSPGC) has filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) requesting authorization to construct the Manning 500/230 kV Substation Project (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project was identified by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) in its 2021-2022 Transmission Plan as a policy-driven project that would address overloads on the Borden-Storey 230 kV transmission lines and advance renewable energy generation within the Westlands/San Joaquin area. The Proposed Project would help meet the area's growing electric demand and support California's clean energy transition.

Project Description:

The Proposed Project would be located in an unincorporated area in the west part of Fresno County near the cities of San Joaquin and Mendota. The Proposed Project would include a new 500/230 kV substation (Manning Substation) and a new 230 kV overhead electric transmission line. The Manning Substation would be located approximately 1.1 miles west and 0.25 mile south of the intersection of Interstate 5 and Manning Avenue. The new approximately 12-mile long 230 kV overhead transmission line would run generally east to west and connect the Manning Substation to the existing Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Tranquillity Switching Station. The transmission line towers would be constructed using tubular steel poles and would not exceed 199 feet tall. An existing underground telecommunication line located near the existing Tranquillity Switching Station would be extended approximately 350 feet underground to the nearest proposed LSPGC transmission tower. LSPGC's CPCN application requests authorization to construct only these LSPGC portions of the Proposed Project, although it also describes potential environmental impacts associated with related work that would be completed by PG&E. Construction is expected May 2026 through June 2028, or as soon as possible after permitting is completed.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) Compliance:

The CPUC requires utilities to implement "no-cost" and "low-cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields. The Proposed Project is located on agricultural land without permanently occupied residences, schools or hospitals. Therefore, "low-cost" measures are not necessary per CPUC EMF guidelines. However, in compliance with the CPUC's requirements, LSPGC will implement the following EMF reduction measures for the Proposed Project:

1. Locating structures at the center of the right of way
2. Appropriate circuit phasing

Environmental Review:

LSPGC has prepared a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) that identifies potential environmental impacts created by the construction and operation of the Proposed Project. The PEA concludes the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Project would be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CPUC's Energy Division will conduct an independent review of the Proposed Project's environmental impacts. Depending on the results of that review, the Energy Division is expected to issue either an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). An EIR would identify any significant environmental impacts and specify the mitigation measures or alternatives that would avoid or reduce the environmental impacts. An MND would be based on the conclusion that the Proposed Project would not result in any significant environmental impacts if adopted mitigation measures are implemented.

Public Participation:

The public may participate in the environmental review process by submitting comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR and draft EIR or the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt an MND. In addition, the CPUC may decide to hold a public participation hearing to take oral public comments. For information about the environmental review, contact the CPUC's Energy Division by email at tommy.alexander@cpuc.ca.gov or call (213) 266-4748.

Members of the public may provide public comments directly on the Docket Card of the Proposed Project via this link: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2406. If you have questions about how to comment, you may contact the Public Advisor's Office using the information at the end of this notice.

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Assistance in Filing a Protest or Response:

In compliance with Rule 2.6 of the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, if you wish to file a protest or response to this application (A.24-06-___), you must do so by ____, 2024. For questions about how to file a protest or response, how to obtain party status, or about CPUC processes, contact the Public Advisor's Office by email at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, or call 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or (415) 703-2074. Use LSPGC's CPCN proceeding number A.24-06-___ in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

To review a copy of LSPGC's application, or to request further information about the Proposed Project, please contact Margaret Bratcher of LSPGC by email at Manning@lspgridcalifornia.com or call (866) 221-7310. You can also visit the Proposed Project website at www.LSPGridCalifornia.com/Manning/.