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RE: Adelanto-Rinaldi Line 1 Upgrade Project (MND)  
SCH # 2025070053  
Vic.: Various locations  
GTS # 07-LA-2025-04841

Dear Jazmin Martin,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing the Adelanto-Rinaldi Line 1 Upgrade Project (proposed project), which involves ampacity upgrades of the Adelanto – Rinaldi Line 1 (ADL-RIN L1) transmission line to increase its capacity from its current rating of 500 kV at 1593A/1593A (continuous/emergency) to approximately 500 kV at 1680A/1965A. The ampacity upgrade requires ground clearance grading and tower raises in order to be compliant with transmission line safety and reliability standards. The location of the proposed project is along one existing 500 kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line (ADL-RIN L1) located in the northern portion of Los Angeles County.

The nearest State facilities are U.S. Highway I-405, I-5 and State Route 14. After reviewing the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. A permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. If construction traffic

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is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing potential impacts for Caltrans review.

Any work performed within State right-of-Way will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications. One specific location includes 70-4 to 71-1, which is closest to SR-14, as shown on page 11 of Initial Study/MND report. If removal or replacement of power lines crossing a freeway is needed, it will require a Caltrans permit.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nestor Lemus, the project coordinator, at [Nestor.Lemus@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Nestor.Lemus@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2025-0481.

Sincerely,

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