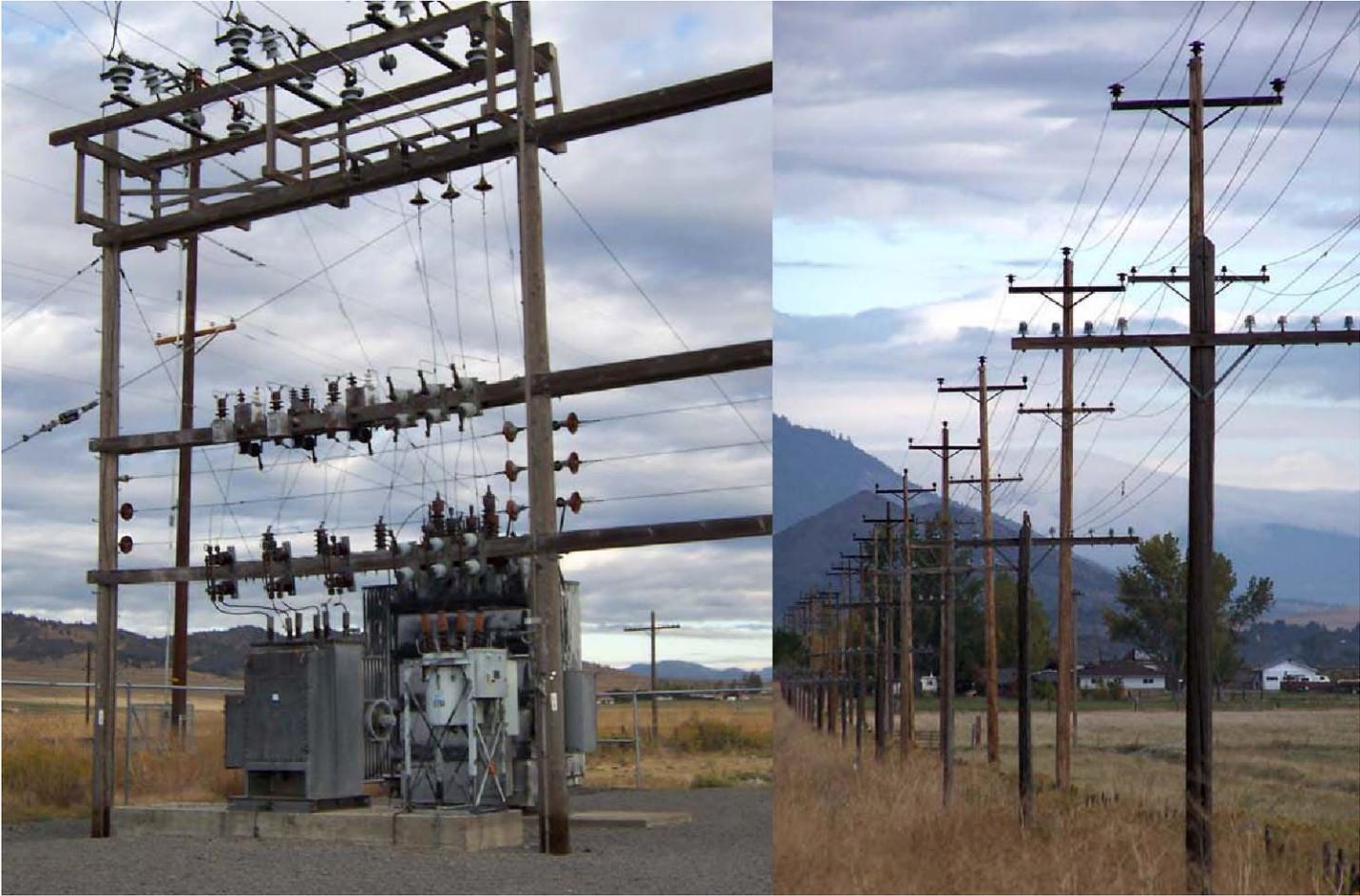


PACIFICORP'S
APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT
YREKA-WEED TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE PROJECT
CPUC A.05-12-011

Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

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To: Interested Parties

From: John Boccio, Environmental Project Manager

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION –
PacifiCorp’s Yreka-Weed Transmission Line Upgrade Project (A.05-12-011)**

Date: September 1, 2006

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of PacifiCorp’s Application to Construct the Yreka-Weed Transmission Line Upgrade Project (A.05-12-011). The Draft MND details the proposed project, evaluates and describes its potential environmental impacts, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures to avoid or minimize these impacts.

Description of the Proposed Project. PacifiCorp, in its California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application (A.05-12-011), filed on December 13, 2005, seeks a Permit to Construct (PTC) approximately 18.6 miles of 115 kilovolt (kV) single-circuit transmission line between the Yreka and Weed Junction Substations pursuant to CPUC General Order (GO) 131-D. Also included in this CEQA review, although not included as part of PacifiCorp’s original application, is a planned rebuilding of the Weed Substation and upgrade of approximately 1.5 miles of single-circuit 69kV transmission line to a double-circuit 115kV transmission line (collectively called the Weed Segment) which was added to the CEQA review by order of Commissioner Brown in his “Ruling Regarding Piecemealing and Substations,” filed June 5, 2006.

The objective of the Proposed Project is to improve reliability by increasing transmission capacity in the Yreka-Weed area in order to continue safe and reliable electric service to customers in the area, and to meet contractual obligations. The objective of the Weed Segment is to handle increased load and to provide transmission capacity.

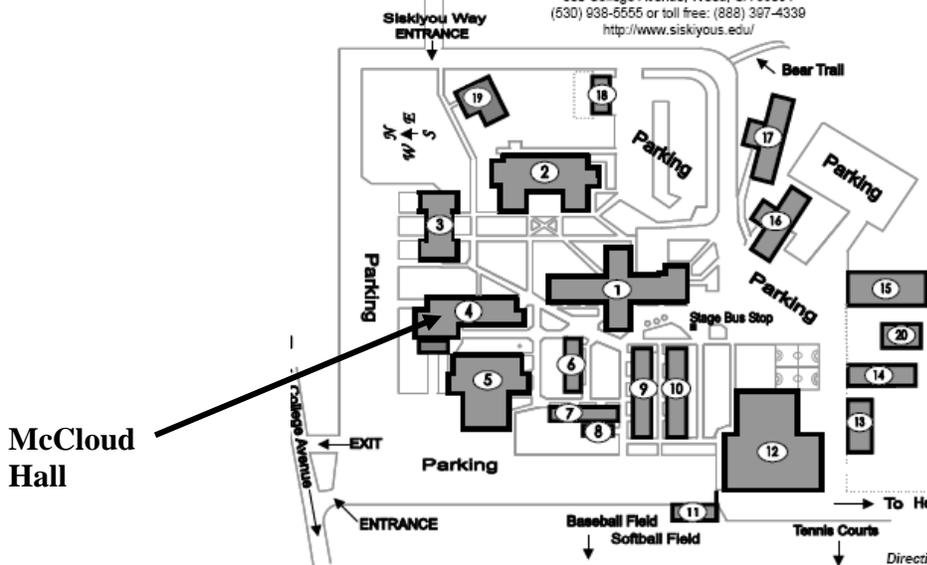
CPUC Actions After Draft MND Publication. The Draft MND is available for a 30-day public comment period September 1, 2006 through October 2, 2006. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the Proposed Project and Weed Segment and the adequacy of the Draft MND. Written comments on the Draft MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than **October 2, 2006**. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence. Written comments on the Draft MND should be sent to:

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The CPUC will also hold a public information meeting on **Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at the College of the Siskiyous, 800 College Avenue, McCloud Hall, Room 3, Weed, California (see map below), between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30pm**. Following the end of the public comment period, the CPUC will prepare a Final MND that will consider comments received on the Draft MND.

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Availability of Draft MND. Copies of the Draft MND will be available for public review at the Yreka Branch and Weed Branch of the Siskiyou County Library, and on the project website: <http://www.yreka-weed.com>. This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Hard copies or CD copies of the Draft MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 962-8421 or by e-mail at yreka-weed@esassoc.com.

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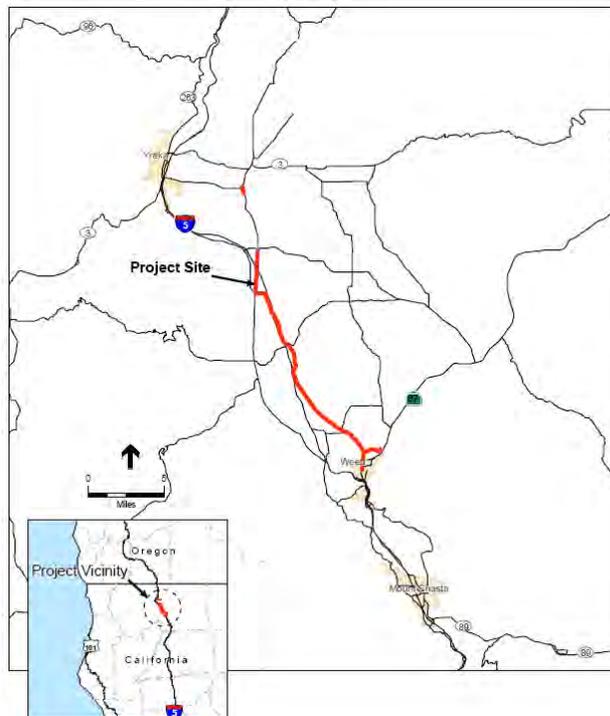
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REMINDER: Draft MND comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through October 2, 2006. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.

Map of the Proposed Project Location:



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