

# CHAPTER 1

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## Introduction

### A. Purpose

This document is the finalizing addendum to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR or DEIR) prepared by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for consideration of PacifiCorp's applications to construct the southern portion of the Yreka-Weed Transmission Line Upgrade Project and the Weed Segment (Proposed Project and Weed Segment).

The Draft EIR detailed the Proposed Project and Weed Segment, evaluated and described the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of PacifiCorp's Proposed Project and Weed Segment, identified those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The Draft EIR also evaluated alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA.

The Proposed Project would include an upgrade the existing 69kV transmission line (Line 1) with a new 115kV transmission line within existing right-of-way from Pole 15/44 to Pole 8/45 and to install an additional 1.6 miles of 115kV transmission line within a new right-of-way from Pole 8/45 east to the Weed Junction Substation in the Yreka-Weed area of Siskiyou County.

The Weed Segment would include a rebuild of the Weed Substation from 69kV to 115kV and upgrade of approximately 1.5 miles of single-circuit 69kV transmission line to a double-circuit 115kV transmission line from the Weed Substation north to Pole 8/45.

This document, together with the July 2007 Draft EIR, constitutes the Final EIR for the Proposed Project and Weed Segment. The CPUC, as the Lead Agency for this process, is required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15089 to prepare a Final EIR. The Final EIR will be used by the CPUC as part of its application approval process, which includes selecting project alternatives, adopting mitigation measures, and reviewing project costs.

### B. Organization of Final EIR

As required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, the Final EIR consists of the following elements:

- (a) The Draft EIR or a revision of the draft;
- (b) Comments received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary;

- (c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies that commented on the Draft EIR;
- (d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process; and
- (e) Any other information added by the lead agency.

This EIR for the Proposed Project and Weed Segment contains information in response to concerns that were raised during the public comment period (August 1, 2007 through September 14, 2007).

**Chapter 2** contains comment letters received during the comment period and the responses to each comment. Each comment is labeled with a letter and number in the margin and the response to each comment is presented immediately following the comment letter. A summary of comments heard at the August 28, 2007 public meeting is also provided along with responses to those comments.

**Chapter 3** contains text revisions to the DEIR, reflecting necessary additions, corrections, and clarifications to the DEIR.

**Chapter 4** contains a list of agencies, organizations, and persons that received the DEIR.

## C. List of Commenters

The following commenters submitted written comments on the Draft EIR during the public review period:

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Commenter	Date
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Ritchie & Day, LLP (on behalf of PacifiCorp)	September 14, 2007
Weed Berean Church	September 11, 2007
Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership	September 14, 2007
Dave and Marlene Lovenguth	September 10, 2007
Judy Mackintosh	September 13, 2007
Carrick Ranch (Carl E. Goltz)	September 14, 2007
Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson, PLC (on behalf of Don and Judy Mackintosh)	September 14, 2007, September 17, 2007
Linda Green	September 18, 2007

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