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## VIA E-MAIL

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## RE: Request for Waiver of "Significant Impact" Status, Collinsville 500/230 kV Substation Project

Dear Ms. Loomis, Mr. Agustin, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Tucker:

I am writing on behalf of Turlock Irrigation District ("TID") with regard to LS Power Grid California, LLC's ("LSPGC") request for Waiver of "Significant Impact" Status pursuant to Section 3 of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council ("WECC") Progress Report Policies and Procedures for the Collinsville 500/230 kV Substation Project ("Collinsville Project"). TID opposes the request for Waiver of "Significant Impact" Status proposed by LSPGC as to the Collinsville Project, pursuant to subparts 3 and 4 of Section 3 of the WECC Progress Report Policies and Procedures.

The March 1, 2024 Annual Status Report for the Collinsville Project described how the project was identified in the 2021-22 California Independent System Operator Corporation ("CAISO") Transmission Planning Process ("TPP") and was subject to a competitive process for project sponsors in the 2022-23 TPP. However, at no point during the TPP was the CAISO required to study impacts to neighboring systems, such as TID, and TID is unaware that the CAISO ever studied such impacts. Based on the information available, TID cannot determine whether the Collinsville Project will adversely impact TID's system, though TID technical staff believe there is potential for the Collinsville Project to cause adverse impacts on TID's system. Accordingly, TID identifies itself as a potentially affected system and requests to be included in any studies that are conducted.

Further, TID objects to LSPCG's Waiver of "Significant Impact" Status and requests that the Project proceed into the Project Coordination Process. However, TID requests that the ensuing process allow TID to obtain relevant data and to participate in a study of any potential impacts of the Collinsville Project on TID's system.



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If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please feel free to call me at my office number.

Sincerely yours,

<u>/s/ Brett Bodine</u> Department Manager of Reliability Compliance & Electric Planning Turlock Irrigation District

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