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Subject: Waiver Request Determination

Dear Mr. Tekeste,

On March 1, 2024, LS Power sent a request for Waiver of “Significant Impact” Status for the following transmission projects:

- Collinsville 500/230 kV Substation Project

Afterward, letters of opposition to the waiver from Modesto Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation District, Western Area Power Administration Sierra Nevada Region, and Transmission Agency of Northern California were received and posted on the WECC website.

According to [Project Coordination, Path Rating, and Progress Report Processes](#): Project Coordination Process, Section 4, Item 6: “The [Reliability Assessment Committee] RAC chair determines whether the waiver will be granted within 20 calendar days of posting the letter opposing the waiver.” This letter documents that determination.

The requested waiver is **denied**. The main consideration for the denial is that the forum used for coordination did not include all WECC member systems, including the affected systems as identified by the letters of opposition. In its waiver request, LS Power relies on the California Independent System Operator’s (CAISO) approval of the projects in the CAISO Transmission Planning Process (TPP) to fulfil the requirements of the WECC Project Coordination Process and the WECC Comprehensive Project Report Process. However, the CAISO’s TPP states that it is a comprehensive evaluation of the CAISO transmission grid to address grid reliability requirements. As such, it does not appear to address the concerns of affected systems or the impacts on the other WECC member systems. The use of the Project Coordination Process and the Comprehensive Project Report Process allow for expansion of the parties involved in the coordination and review of the project(s) and the related studies.

Sincerely,

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