

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA TO SUPPORT FURTHER UNDERGROUNDING FOR THE
4 RIVERSIDE TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY PROJECT AND
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ACTION PLAN,

6 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside is the only city of its size with a single point of connection
7 to the outside power grid, which presents capacity and reliability constraints; and

8 WHEREAS, the California Independent System Operator in 2006 directed Southern California
9 Edison ("SCE") to build a second point of connection; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside and SCE proposed the Riverside Transmission Reliability
11 Project ("RTRP"), connecting SCE's Mira Loma substation to the City of Riverside, which the City
12 of Riverside approved, in addition to an Environmental Impact Report, in 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, on April 15, 2015, SCE applied to the California Public Utilities Commission
14 ("CPUC") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") for SCE to construct the
15 RTRP; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Jurupa Valley opposed the RTRP and intervened in the CPCN process,
17 which proposed undergrounding the RTRP through that city; and,

18 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, based upon a supplemental EIR, the CPUC granted the CPCN
19 to SCE; and

20 WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, the City Council of the City of Riverside authorized an
21 assessment/study regarding further undergrounding of the RTRP; and

22 WHEREAS, on September 15, 2022, California Strategies, LLC was retained to prepare a
23 study of undergrounding the remaining 5 miles of the proposed 230kV transmission line; and

24 WHEREAS, at a special meeting on October 20, 2022, City of Riverside staff and California
25 Strategies, LLC presented its October 14, 2022 Fatal Flaw Analysis Summary ("Report") to the City
26 of Riverside Financial Performance and Budget Committee; and

27 WHEREAS, the Report recommends an Action Plan with a five-step process to support further
28 undergrounding of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project; and

1 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Riverside has read and considered the Report, and
2 seeks to support further undergrounding of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project and
3 implement an Action Plan, as set forth in the Report.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
5 California, as follows:

6 Section 1: The City of Riverside supports further undergrounding of the Riverside
7 Transmission Reliability Project and implement an Action Plan as described in the Report, which
8 includes following five steps to modify the Project.

9 Section 2:

10 A. A Task Force is hereby created.

11 B. The goal of the Task Force is to achieve undergrounding as quickly as possible.
12 The Task Force shall complete all necessary organizational efforts including stakeholder
13 identification, agency outreach, and pre-construction schedule development. Key milestones
14 include the following actions:

- 15 1. Create a coalition of local and state elected officials who support the project;
- 16 2. Establish a working relationship with SCE aimed at an agreement to proceed
17 with CPUC approvals;
- 18 3. Contact CAISO and FERC to determine what approvals may be needed;
- 19 4. Establish links and work plans aimed at meeting the requirements of SCE and
20 agency relationships; and
- 21 5. Develop a pre-construction schedule that considers anticipated approval
22 timelines and required Task Force activities.

23 C. The Task Force shall explore unconventional funding sources such as pilot
24 funding programs, state funding, separate funding through the State budget process, etc., as
25 well as federal funding, should the CPUC not allow funding from transmission access charges.

26 D. The Task Force will identify the modified project's new environmental impacts
27 and select the appropriate variation of an EIR to be completed.
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1 E. Assist SCE as needed with a Petition of Modification for the CPUC and provide
2 them with the completed EIR, approvals identified in Step #2 (B.1, *supra*), and potential
3 funding sources.

4 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

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8 Attest:

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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12 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
13 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council
14 on the _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Abstain:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
21 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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