

5. If the loan applied for of 6.1 million is subject to even reasonable interest what is the total payback to the REA in Washington, D.C. I understand the total customers is somewhere about 5,000 and what does this mean in rate increases to the customers. It could be years and years before it is paid off and a rate increase is the last thing people in this area need to repay over many, many years. In the March, 1990 issue of Ruralite Bernard Pfile speaks of the line costing 4.2 million with an interest payback of \$275,000.00 but I understand the line cost now is 5.8 million. The way I calculate this is 1.6 million more so that would mean more interest to repay plus the original loan. The March, 1990 Ruralite shows the local R.E.A. seems to be suffering from several financial set backs. He also states a complication-there is currently a surplus of power in California. Now is this the time to spend 4.2 million, 5.3 million or 6.1 million which ever the cost turns out to be.

If the local R.E.A. is really concerned about more reliable power there are several things to consider:

1. Sierra Pacific Industries in Loyalton, California recently built a Co-Gen Plant. This is about 25 miles from their sub-station in Beckwourth, California. An interesting thing also is their line and Sierra Pacific Power Company line cross each other in Sierra Valley. I was told this by Rex Riehm 20 years ago so this has been an option for them for 20 years. Utilities use joint pole agreements to share lines and costs. This would be less costly and a reasonable way to buy reliable power. Rex Riehm was Manager of Sierra Pacific Power and my boss when we talked about the two lines crossing in Sierra Valley.
2. Using diesel locomotive units during winter outages. A neighbor utility (Sierra Pacific Power in Portola, California) uses 3 diesel units during outages. These units are reliable and keep the towns of Portola and Loyalton in service when the main source of power is down. Buying electricity from the Sierra Pacific Industries in Loyalton and installing diesel units in an unpopulated area together would provide safe and reliable service for many years to come.
3. If they spent some money each year on the K line connecting Beckwourth and Milford and worked with the Forest Service (used good housekeeping around their poles to prevent fires) they could use the present line at a far more reasonable cost to their rate payers. The REA in recent years purchased a new snowcat so they have the capability to reach the K line and of recent they installed equipment to alert them to line problems which means they are updating the present lines for reliability.

Lastly no Public Hearings were held with the people in Chilcoot. The people in Chilcoot have no idea what EMF is and what it can mean for their future health. All the people who signed the easements really thought they had nothing to worry about by signing. In fact they were eager to sign thinking they were good citizens.

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We should all read Jackie Engel's letter carefully. It tells the Cooperative Members something very strong. I see the Manager and the Board of Directors as big spenders. I also see this proposed new transmission line as a huge expense totally unnecessary. I have underlined the July, 1969 issue where Greg Nervino states they could even build this new proposed line in the existing easements. I already knew this because I talked with linemen at the utility where I work and found this to be consistent with the men I spoke with. So we have real estate values to consider, health hazards to be very outspoken about and a huge bill to repay a line not needed.

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Exhibit A3

August 21, 1989

Dear Cooperative Member:

You were advised that after the Advisory Committee presented the proposed bylaw amendments to the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors a letter would be written telling you the results of this meeting.

The bylaw amendments, along with petitions containing 57 signatures, were presented to the Board on July 31. The proposed bylaw amendments were declared legal by the Board of Directors and corporate attorneys; the signatures were determined to be valid; the proposed bylaw amendments met all qualifications to be presented for consideration of the membership at the August 26, 1989 Annual Meeting.

The proposed bylaw amendments have been sent to you from the Co-op along with covering letters from corporate attorneys and an Argument For the Proposed Bylaw Amendments from the Advisory Committee.

In the Manager's Report of the Plumas-Sierra's 1988 Annual Report the manager states: "-----Effective October 1, 1989, our wholesale power cost will increase by 9%. Plumas-Sierra may soon be doing a cost of service study. After this is completed, the Board will have to make a decision to implement new rate adjustments."

In 1987 a rate increase of 5-6% was made on all members although wholesale power costs had not increased. At the Annual Meeting in 1988 it was announced that the Cooperative had experienced a decrease in wholesale power costs, but no decrease in rates was made to consumers. Now a 9% increase in wholesale power costs means another rate increase?

It might be suggested to the Board of Directors and Manager that they look at cutting the Operating Costs of the Cooperative such as:

- (1) the manager has had two new cars in less than three years;
- (2) Board of Directors expenses were almost \$60,000.00 in 1988 with two board members spending around \$10,000.00 each;
- (3) the rent on just the tent for the 1988 Annual Meeting was over \$10,000.00;
- (4) the 1989 Annual Meeting will be held in a new building at the Cooperative with \$5,000.00 per month being pro-rated for Annual Meeting expenses---this means \$60,000.00 a year for the Annual Meeting!

If you believe that some of the expenses of the Cooperative should be cut before the rates are again raised please call, write or talk to the Board of Director from your area and let him/her know your thoughts of raising rates to consumers as the only panacea for making our Cooperative a viable organization.

Please attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 26, 1989 and vote for the proposed bylaw amendments. All of our members deserve to have a say in how our Cooperative is operated.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline R. Engel
Jacqueline R. Engel
Member, Advisory Committee

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Exhibit A4

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. 30
was approved as Minute Item
No. 2 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 9/27/90
meeting.

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GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT-OF-WAY USE

APPLICANT: Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative
73233 Highway 70
P. O. Box 2000
Portola, California 96122-2000

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION: Three parcels of school land totalling
3.53+ acres, 11 miles south of the town of
Doyle in Section 36, T24N R17E, MDM. Lassen
County.

LAND USE: Construction and maintenance of an overhead
69kv transmission line, and maintenance of an
existing 7.2kv distribution line.

TERMS OF PROPOSED LEASE:
Initial period: 25 years beginning
September 27, 1990.
Public liability insurance: Combined single
limit coverage of \$1,000,000.

CONSIDERATION: \$600 yearly rental, payable in five-year
increments and shall be payable every five
years for the remainder of the lease term; with
the State reserving the right to fix a
different rental on each fifth anniversary of
the lease.

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BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Pursuant to 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2003.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES, AND EXPENSES:

Filing fee and the first five year's rent and back rent in the amount of \$1,500 has been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.

B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 2, Div. 3;
Title 14, Div. 6.

BACKGROUND:

Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (Cooperative) currently serves 4,800 customers within a service area of approximately 1,400 square miles which encompasses the rural areas of Plumas, Sierra, and Lassen counties. The Cooperative intends (through the proposed project) to improve service to its customers. The current 69kv line was built in 1960 and runs through rugged, mountainous terrain. The Cooperative represents that this line is subject to numerous outages from severe winter storms which are accompanied by high winds and heavy snow loads, as well as summer thunder storms. During these outages, approximately 1,700 customers are without power, including the California Correctional Facility at Susanville. Access to the current 69kv line is restricted to the use of either snowcat or all-terrain vehicles. The current 69kv line does not cross any State land and could be maintained as an alternative feed and operate as a "loop feed", ensuring service during scheduled maintenance of the proposed line and during outage periods, should they occur.

The routing and construction of the proposed 69kv line is based on ease of maintenance, which will lessen outage periods. The proposed transmission line route partially follows existing distribution right-of-ways.

Additionally, during negotiations for the proposed project, staff was informed by Plumas-Sierra that an existing 7.2kv distribution line, also maintained by the Cooperative, crosses the State's land. This distribution line was built in the early 1930s. Previous information obtained by Plumas-Sierra in 1938 indicated the property had not vested to the State, therefore, Plumas-Sierra concluded that a lease or permit was not required from the State. Through research completed for the proposed 69kv project, Plumas-Sierra determined the land

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was vested to the State and under the jurisdiction of the Commission and a lease would be required. Plumas-Sierra desires to bring the existing transmission line under lease.

AB 884: 12/08/90.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that the existing 7.2kv distribution line is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities, 2 Cal. Code Regs 2905(a)(2).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15300, and 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905.

2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15025), the staff has prepared a Proposed Negative Declaration identified as ND 517, State Clearinghouse No. 90020692, for the proposed 69kv transmission line. Such Proposed Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Based upon the Initial Study, the Proposed Negative Declaration, and the comments received in response thereto, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed 69kv transmission line project will have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15074(b))

3. The Cooperative's proposed transmission line route will cross both Plumas and Lassen counties. The total project is approximately 30.3 miles in length. Of this total, 3.52+-acres of school land are affected. The proposed project will only cross State land in Lassen County. No substations will be located on the State's property.

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4. Staff has received back rent in the amount of \$1,500 for the existing 7.2kv distribution line. Staff believes that no penalty or interest should be assessed for the back rent since the Lessee acted in good faith and believed the land had not vested to the State.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Bureau of Land Management, Department of Fish and Game, Plumas County, and Lassen County.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description
- B. Location Map.
- C. Negative Declaration #517, SCH# 90020692.
- D. Letter dated November 18, 1989 to Bureau of Land Management from the Office of Historic Preservation.
- E. December 1987 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact by the Rural Electrification Administration.
- F. Bureau of Land Management Right-of-Way Grant and Decision Record/Finding of No Significant Impact Dated April 5, 1989.
- G. Proposed Project Monitoring Program.
- H. Biological Report on the Bank Swallow.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE EXISTING 7.2KV DISTRIBUTION LINE IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES, 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905(a)(2).
2. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, ND 517, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 90020692, WAS PREPARED FOR THE PROPOSED 69KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
4. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF \$1,500 FOR THE EXISTING 7.2KV DISTRIBUTION LINE AS SETTLEMENT OF BACK RENT.

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5. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO PLUMAS-SIERRA RURAL ELECTRIC OF A 25-YEAR GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT-OF-WAY USE, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 27, 1990; IN CONSIDERATION OF \$600 YEARLY RENTAL, PAYABLE IN FIVE-YEAR INCREMENTS, AND SHALL BE PAYABLE EVERY FIVE YEARS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE LEASE TERM, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT TO FIX A DIFFERENT RENTAL ON EACH FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEASE; PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT COVERAGE OF \$1,000,000; FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN OVERHEAD 69KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND MAINTENANCE OF AN EXISTING 7.2KV DISTRIBUTION LINE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Three parcels of land in Section 36, T24N, R17E, MDM in Lassen County, California, said parcels being strips of land 40 feet wide lying 20 feet on each side of the following described centerlines:

PARCEL 1 (Existing) 7.2KV Distribution Line

BEGINNING at the intersection of the centerline of the existing 7.2 KV Distribution Line with the north line of the NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 of Section 36, T24N, R17E, MDM; thence following the centerline of said distribution line to its intersection with the south line of the NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 of Section 36, T24N, R17E, MDM and the end of the herein described line.

PARCEL 2 (Proposed) 69KV Transmission Line

BEGINNING AT A POINT on the south line of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said section, which bears S 89° 30' 17" W 261.87 feet from the southeast corner thereof; thence N 34° 53' 05" E 446.54 feet along an electric power line to a point on the east line of said NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, said point bears N 01° 01' 07" W, 364.09 feet from the southeast corner thereof and the end of the herein described line.

PARCEL 3 (Proposed) 69KV Transmission Line

BEGINNING AT A POINT on the south line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said section, which bears S 89° 13' 08" W 900.68 feet from the southeast corner thereof; thence N 42° 55' 38" E 1194.44 feet along an electric power line to an angle point in said power line; thence continuing along said power line N 06° 26' 07" E 479.38 feet to a point on the north line of said Section 36, said point bears S 88° 04' 28" W 1201.85 feet from the northeast corner thereof and the end of the herein described line.

TOGETHER WITH that segment of a circle with a radius of 80 feet, whose radius point is the above mentioned angle point, said segment lies easterly and southerly of said 40.00 foot strip of land.

This description is based on the California Coordinate System of 1927, Zone 1.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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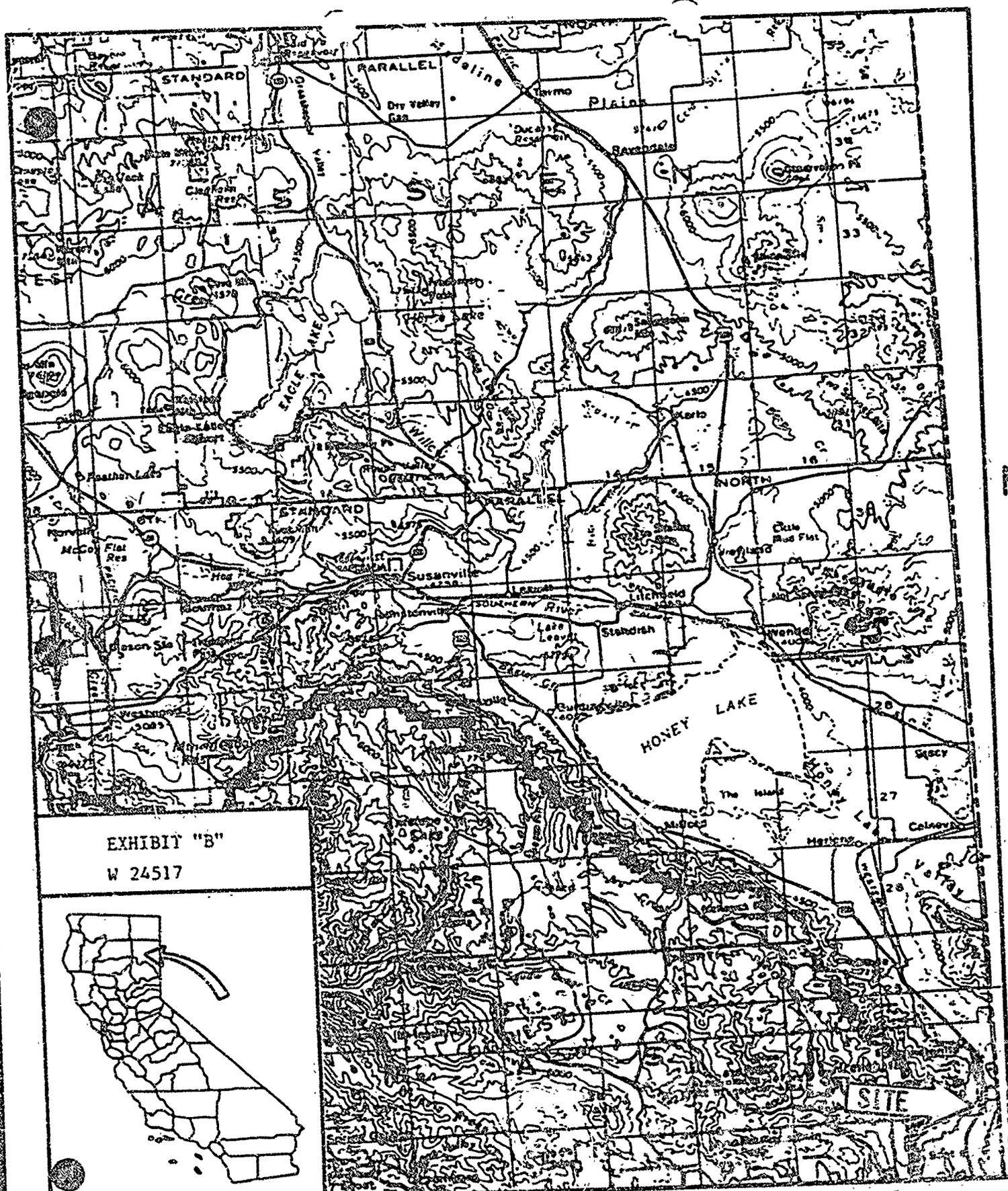


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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
CHARLES WARREN
Executive Officer

September 17, 1990
File Ref.: W 24517
ND 517 SCH: 90020692

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Section 21092 Public Resources Code)

An application for the following described project is currently being processed by the staff of the State Lands Commission:

Project Title: Plumas Sierra 69kV Transmission Line
Project Proponent: Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative
Project Location: Chilcoot Substation, Plumas County to Herlong Substation, Lassen County

Project Description:

The proposed transmission line will be routed south of Highway 70, east of Chilcoot, and cross to the north side of Highway 70 before reaching Highway 395. The line will span Long Valley Creek and continue north to Herlong and west of Highway 395.

The Rural Electrification Administration issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for this project through their Environmental Assessment dated December, 1987. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office, issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on April 5, 1989.

Contact Person: Judy Brown Telephone: (916) 324-4715

A Negative Declaration identified as EIR ND #517, State Clearinghouse No. 90020692 has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

The above mentioned document will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the State Lands Commission scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 1990, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 1145 of the Department of Finance, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Persons wishing to appear at the meeting should call (916) 322-4107 in order to assure time allocation for such appearance. Responses to comments received on the Negative Declaration will be available prior to the September 27, 1990 meeting.

CHARLES WARREN
Executive Officer

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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

EIR ND: 517

File Ref.: W 24517

SCHL NO.: 90020692

Project Title: Plumas Sierra Transmission Line
Project Proponent: Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative
Project Location: Chilcoot Substation, Plumas County to Herlong Substation, Lassen County.
Project Description: Construct approximately 30 miles of 69kV transmission line.
Contact Person: Judy Brown Telephone: (916) 324-4715

This document is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq., Public Resources Code), the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code Regulations), and the State Lands Commission regulations (Section 2901 et seq., Title 2, California Code Regulations).

Based upon the attached Initial Study, it has been found that:

- that project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- mitigation measures included in the project will avoid potentially significant effects.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST - PART II

Form 13.28 (7/82)

File Ref.: W 24517

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. Applicant: Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative
P. O. Box 2000
Portola, CA 96122
- B. Checklist Date: 07 / 02 / 90
- C. Contact Person: Judy Brown
Telephone: (916) 324-4715
- D. Purpose: Proposed Electric Transmission Line to establish a more reliable electrical system to serve the needs of the existing community and the State Correctional Facility in Susanville, California.
- E. Location: Chilcoot Substation in Plumas County to Herlong Substation in Lassen County.
- F. Description: Construct approximately 30 miles of 69KV transmission line.
- G. Persons Contacted:
Elaine Russell (415) 557-8803
Public Utilities Commission
Tom Stone (916) 225-2371
Department of Fish and Game
Region I

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. (Explain all "yes" and "maybe" answers).

A. Earth. Will the proposal result in:	Yes	Maybe	No
1. Unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substructures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcovering of the soil?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The destruction, covering, or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet, or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Exposure of all people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, or similar hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	Yes	Maybe	No
B. Air. Will the proposal result in:			
1. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. The creation of objectionable odors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. Water. Will the proposal result in:			
1. Changes in the currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters? ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Exposure of people or property to water-related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Significant changes in the temperature, flow or chemical content of surface thermal springs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. Plant Life. Will the proposal result in:			
1. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E. Animal Life. Will the proposal result in:			
1. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, or insects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
F. Noise. Will the proposal result in:			
1. Increase in existing noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G. Light and Glare. Will the proposal result in:			
1. The production of new light or glare?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Land Use. Will the proposal result in:			
1. A substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I. Natural Resources. Will the proposal result in:			
1. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Yes Maybe No

T. Cultural Resources

- 1. Will the proposal result in the alteration of or the destruction of a prehistoric or historic archeological site?
- 2. Will the proposal result in adverse physical or aesthetic effects to a prehistoric or historic building, structure, or object?
- 3. Does the proposal have the potential to cause a physical change which would effect unique ethnic cultural values?
- 4. Will the proposal restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?

U. Mandatory Findings of Significance

- 1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- 2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?
- 3. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
- 4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (See Comments Attached)

See Attached Sheet

IV. PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Date: 07 / 10 / 90

Judy Brown
 For the State Lands Commission
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II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative

W24517

A. Earth

2. Minor impacts to soil will occur during operation of the auger which will drill the holes for the transmission poles at structure locations within the 25-75 foot wide transmission line right of ways for a distance of approximately 30 miles. The size of holes will be approximately 2' wide by 3' deep, and will be spaced every 300-600 feet. After excavation and placement of the pole structure, the soil is backfilled with the excavated material.
3. The existing topography of this transmission corridor consists of volcanic-rock exposures, arid to semi-arid upland and valley lands covered with grasses, sagebrush, and scattered juniper. The topography will change with the placement of a 65' foot pole structure approximately every 300 to 600 feet along this 30-mile route.

D. Plant Life

1. Natural vegetation will be disturbed within the transmission line right of way during excavation of the soil and placement of the structures. Any areas disturbed during construction will be reseeded with natural vegetation at a time of year favorable for establishment of a successful seeding as advised by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agencies as advised.

E. Animal Life

1. Impacts to wildlife will be very minimal. The line will not significantly interfere with any migratory, rearing, or wintering activity of area wildlife. The anticipated construction will occur in the summer months. Some animals resident to the immediate construction sites will be temporarily displaced during the construction process but will most likely return to inhabit the proximity of the facility soon after site vacation. It is probable that a small number of rodents, reptiles, and amphibians might be destroyed by construction vehicles and equipment.

The applicant requested a computer search of the California Department of Fish and Game Natural Diversity Data Base, and the following species are located in the service area, although none are located in the specific construction area:

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