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Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability  
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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Potential Energy Corridors on Federal Lands

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is providing comments for the preliminary energy corridor map for the draft West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). As established in the enclosed comment letters dated March 9, 2006, February 16, 2006, November 28, 2005, LADWP has important corridors in two Southern Californian areas for consideration in the PEIS: the Inyo-Rinaldi Line and the Los Angeles Green Path line alternatives. LADWP is providing additional information and a map for these potential energy corridors for consideration in the PEIS.

#### Inyo-Rinaldi Line

To provide access to wind energy resources in the Tehachapi Wind Resources Area and other potential clean energy resources in the Owens Valley, LADWP is evaluating options to increase the electrical transmission capacity in the BLM- and USFS-managed lands. LADWP believes it is appropriate and necessary to formally designate a utility corridor over public lands where these existing electrical transmission facilities are located. The established corridor should be capable of containing future compatible rights-of-way.

The preliminary map for potential energy corridors in California does not currently depict the Inyo-Rinaldi line and the existing electrical transmission facilities. LADWP is submitting a map for the Inyo-Rinaldi line as it travels parallel to the existing lines south through Kern County and into Los Angeles County.

#### Los Angeles Green Path

The proposed Los Angeles Green Path line, which would augment LADWP's clean energy sources such as geothermal and solar, is in the preliminary planning stages. While routing alternatives per the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act

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and the California Environmental Quality Act are currently being identified and analyzed, LADWP is proposing two alternative transmission line routes for consideration on the corridor map. Additional Los Angeles Green Path line routes had previously been discussed in comment letters, however LADWP is submitting only the two alternatives suggested on the enclosed map and described here briefly:

Alternative 1 would originate at a new substation northeast of the city of Palm Springs; travel north to cross BLM land to Yucca Valley. From Yucca Valley, the line would travel westward, primarily through BLM lands to a new LADWP substation in the city of Hesperia.

Alternative 2 would originate at a new substation northeast of the city of Palm Springs; travel north to cross BLM land to Yucca Valley. From Yucca Valley, the line would travel westward, primarily through BLM lands to an existing LADWP substation in the City of Victorville.

If you have any questions or would like additional clarification concerning the location of the LADWP proposed alignments, please contact Mr. Randy S. Howard of my staff at (213) 367-0381.

Sincerely,

          /s/            
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LADWP energy corridors for inclusion in preliminary draft map of Potential Energy Corridors on Federal Lands: Inyo-Rinaldi line and the LA Green Path Alternatives 1 & 2.