

DOCKETED	
Docket Number:	25-OPT-02
Project Title:	Prairie Song Reliability Project
TN #:	272239
Document Title:	Schedule Change for the Prairie Song Reliability Project (25-OPT-02)
Description:	Schedule Change for Prairie Song Reliability Project (25-OPT-02)
Filer:	Ali Jahani
Organization:	California Energy Commission
Submitter Role:	Commission Staff
Submission Date:	8/28/2026 12:34:20 PM
Docketed Date:	8/28/2026



August 28, 2026

Garrett Lehman
Coval Infrastructure
165 Broadway, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10006

**Schedule Change for the Prairie Song Reliability Project (25-
OPT-02)**

Dear Garrett Lehman:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) received the Prairie Song Reliability Project, LLC's (applicant's) request for a 60-day schedule extension. The applicant states that it received a draft updated scope of work from Southern California Edison (SCE) on August 6, 2026, "which affects the route and details of the interconnection facilities for the Project." On this basis, the applicant states that it needs additional time to assess the potential impact of the updated SCE scope of work for the interconnection facilities. This update could affect the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, which is within the CEC's Staff Assessment (SA).

Under Public Resources Code section 25545.4(e)(2), the time to certify the environmental impact report or issue a certificate for the site and related facilities may be extended if certain conditions occur. Specifically, sections 25545.4(e)(2)(D) and (F), provide for an extension of time when:

(D) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence before the commission publishes the notice of availability pursuant to Section 25545.7.6, is submitted that may require additional analysis and consideration.

(F) The applicant files into the docket a written request that demonstrates a reasonable need for extending the time to certify

the environmental impact report or issue a certificate for the site and related facilities pursuant to this chapter.

The CEC concludes that both sections 25545.4(e)(2)(D) and (F) are applicable in this case. The updated SCE scope of work on the project may impact the project and is therefore relevant to the preparation of the SA. The potential impacts to the project warrant additional time, and a delay is justified to enable full evaluation.

Under Public Resources Code section 25545.4(e)(2), no public comment period is provided for requests to extend time, nor did the CEC solicit comments on the applicant's request to extend. However, the CEC received two letters containing public comments objecting to the extension request on the basis that the extension is unnecessary and not warranted. The CEC has considered the comments in these two letters and respectfully disagrees with the objections. The CEC finds that the updated SCE scope of work constitutes new, substantive information that directly affects the environmental analysis and could not have been obtained earlier with reasonable diligence. The applicant has provided a reasonable need to extend time to complete the environmental analysis.

Therefore, the 60-day extension request is granted. The new timeline for the CEC to file the SA is October 26, 2026, and the new timeline for the CEC to vote on whether to certify the environmental impact report or issue a certificate for the Prairie Song project is February 15, 2027. This new timeline will be reflected in the CEC's Opt-In Certification Dashboard, available on the CEC's Opt-In Program Webpage, at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program>. This timeline may be adjusted again if warranted.

If you have any questions about this letter, please email Eric Knight, Siting and Environmental Branch Manager, at eric.knight@energy.ca.gov.

Garrett Lehman
August 28, 2026
Page Three

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Drew Bohan', with a stylized, elongated horizontal stroke at the end.

Drew Bohan
Executive Director

cc: Chair David Hochschild
Commissioner Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo
Regina Galer, Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection
Division Director
Ali Jahani, Project Manager