

Mary Dyas - Comments on Insignificant Change - Additional information needed.

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Jenna,

I've had two responses from staff for additional information.

The first should be easy enough. For socioeconomics, the following question is being asked: Would the proposed changes in the Blythe T-Line Amendment require any changes to the project's (construction and operation) workforce i.e., in size, time to construct, or location of its source of labor (Riverside County or other source)?

As an example, we recently had a similar amendment for the Los Medanos project and their socioeconomic section said:

The modification of the project location and construction parking area will have no significant effects in terms of socioeconomics. The project will result in the addition of one operation job at the Dow Pittsburg switchyard. An indirect result of the project, however, will be that the Calpine Pittsburg Power Plant will be shut down, resulting in the loss of employment or reassignment of employees currently operating and maintaining the Dow Pittsburg facility. Construction of the project will create 30 (average 15) temporary, construction jobs.

Something like that is what staff is looking for.

The second area is Biology. This one may be a little more tricky. I've attached their responses. Please let me know if you need clarification, or more input.

Thanks!

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After reviewing the July 2008 document on the *Blythe Energy Project Transmission Line Minor Route Realignment and Change in Laydown Yards*, **additional data are needed and other conditions are affected**. The additional data needed are as follows:

- The proposed locations of the pole structures in the original T-line alignments. The numbered locations along the original T-line alignment should be added to the aerial photograph figures shown in the July 2008 document. These points are needed to compare habitat being affected by the proposed T-line re-alignment at the structure locations; and
- A recalculation of disturbance acreages (i.e., Table 3 on page 4.3-25 of the Revised Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Assessment) for additional structures and length in the proposed T-line re-alignment. Though additional disturbance acreages were calculated for the changes in the laydown areas and the access/spur roads, the additional structures and any length changes resulting from the re-alignment were not included. Any differences from original impact acreages may affect the required payments for habitat compensation, which are included in conditions of certification.

The potentially affected conditions are as follows:

- BIO-13—Harwood's Milk-Vetch Compensation; and
- BIO-18—Blythe Energy Project Transmission Line Habitat Compensation

Both conditions of certification could be affected by the recalculation of disturbance acreages if differences result.