NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SKEDADDLE INTERCONNECTION PROJECT LASSEN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

The Lassen Municipal Utility District (LMUD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Skedaddle Interconnection Project. The Draft IS/MND details the Skedaddle Interconnection Project and evaluates and describes its potential environmental impacts.

Description of the Proposed Project

LMUD is proposing the development of the Skedaddle Interconnection Project in the unincorporated area of Wendel, Lassen County, California. The project would include the following components:

- Skedaddle Substation a 345/60-kV electrical Substation.
- Shaffer Substation a 345-kV electrical Switching Station.
- Overhead 60kV electrical transmission line to interconnect the Skedaddle Substation into LMUD's existing 60-kV transmission system via a new 60-kV Antola Road Switching Station.
- Access roads to provide access to and between the Skedaddle and Shaffer Stations.
- Overhead 345-kV transmission line to interconnect the Skedaddle and Shaffer Stations.
- Overhead 345-kV transmission line to interconnection of the Shaffer Switching Station to the existing NV Energy 345-kV Reno-Alturas line.
- Temporary construction staging areas including one located south of proposed Stations (approximately 1000 by 300 feet) and another area to the east of Shaffer Switching Station (approximately 400 by 300 feet).

The Skedaddle Interconnection Project is expected to result in 14 acres of permanent disturbance and 10 acres of temporary disturbance for construction and staging activities. The Skedaddle Interconnection Project area is not present on any of the lists complied by the Department of Toxic Substances Control under Government Code Section §65962.5.

Public Review Period

LMUD will receive comments on the IS/MND for a 30-day period commencing from June 19, 2019 to July 22, 2019. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked or received by hardcopy or email **no later than close of business July 22, 2019**. Following the end of the public comment period, LMUD will prepare a Final IS/MND that will respond to comments received on the Draft IS/MND. LMUD will then consider adopting the Final IS/MND at a future Board meeting. Comments on the Skedaddle Interconnection Project Draft IS/MND should be sent to:

Navigant Attn: Ms. Amy Cuellar, Project Manager 35 Iron Point Circle, Suite 225 Folsom, CA 95630 Email: <u>acuellar@navigant.com</u>

Availability of Draft IS/MND

Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for review during normal business hours at:

- LMUD's offices located at 65 S. Roop Street, Susanville, CA 96130.
- Susanville Library Literacy located at 1618 Main Street, Susanville, CA 96130

The Draft IS/MND is also available for review on the internet at: <u>www.lmud.org</u>. The website will be used to post public documents during the environmental review process as well as any updates or changes to any public hearings that are scheduled to consider approval of the IS/MND.