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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared a Supplemental Initial Study (IS) No. 7635 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

**INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7635 and UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3650** filed by **WESTLANDS TRANSMISSION, LLC**, proposing to allow a 6.3-mile-long, double-circuit, 230-kV generation tie-line (gen-tie line) running along Jayne Avenue from the Gates Substation (approximately one mile west of the intersection of Lassen Avenue and Jayne Avenue) to the boundary between Kings County and Fresno County. This project is part of the Westlands Solar Park Master Plan, located in 100- to 350-foot-wide private easements and includes a temporary staging area and 44 transmission towers between 110 and 175 feet in height. Three additional towers may be constructed within the Gates Substation. Each monopole will require the clearing of approximately one acre of land for construction purposes, and approximately 700 sf around each pole will remain permanently cleared for safety purposes during operation. Including the staging site, it is anticipated that 74.5 acres of land will be impacted by construction on 18 parcels in Exclusive Agricultural Zone Districts (20- and 40-acre minimum parcel size). (SUP. DIST. 4) Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Supplemental Initial Study Application No. 7635 and take action on Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3650 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to prepare a supplemental Initial Study and adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS Application No. 7635 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

**Public Comment Period**

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from October 14, 2019 through November 13, 2019.

Email written comments to [cmonfette@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:cmonfette@fresnocountyca.gov), or mail comments to:

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Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning  
Development Services and Capital Projects Division  
Attn: Chrissy Monfette  
2220 Tulare Street, Suite A  
Fresno, CA 93721

IS Application No. 7635 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at [www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies](http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies). An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Chrissy Monfette at the addresses above.

### **Public Hearing**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on November 14, 2019, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions please call Chrissy Monfette (559) 600-4245.

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