

NCPA comments dated October 6, 2017  
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**NCPA COMMENTS ON THE LOCKEFORD-LODI AREA 230KV DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT COMPONENT OF THE  
2017-18 TRANSMISSION PLANNING PROCESS  
RELIABILITY RESULTS & PTO PROPOSED SOLUTIONS  
STAKEHOLDER MEETING SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2017**

The Northern California Power Agency appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the CAISO during the development of the 2017-18 Transmission Planning Process (TPP) and provides these comments in support of the comments provided by the City of Lodi on the subject project discussed in more detail below.

**Lockeford-Lodi Area 230 kV Development Project**

The Lockeford-Lodi Area 230 kV Development Project approved by the CAISO Board in the 2012-13 Transmission Plan was put on hold earlier this year for reassessment. At the September 21-22, 2017 Stakeholder Meeting for the 2017-18 TPP, this project was discussed with a preliminary conclusion that further analysis is required. The City of Lodi is providing additional information as described below for inclusion in the analysis.

Although the Lodi CT is listed as a Generating Plant in the TPP Study Plan, this plant was commissioned in 1986 and will be 40 years old during this TPP planning period. This plant is located on the load side of the Industrial bus and should not be considered as load support for the City of Lodi or the surrounding area.

In support of its members, NCPA prepares and submits individualized 1in2, 1in5 and 1in10 year load forecasts for use in the CAISO Transmission Planning Process on behalf of each of the 10 interconnected members in the NCPA power pool, including the city of Lodi. Forecasts are based on an econometric model that takes into account a variety of factors, including weather, real GDP growth, unemployment rates for the relevant employment area, and energy efficiency savings. The load forecast for Lodi has been flat for the last several years, and no exogenous adjustments have been made to the current load forecast to account for the expected development outlined by Lodi in its comments on this same project. NCPA is working with Lodi to update the load forecast to include the new loads represented in Lodi's comments. NCPA will remain ready and willing to assist both Lodi and the CAISO in support of CAISO's further analysis of the Lockeford-Lodi Area 230KV Development.