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CPUC Energy Division staff submit questions for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE), based on their presentations during the July 30th 2025 Transmission Development Forum (TDF):

Questions for PG&E

After PG&E's TDF presentation, PG&E staff gave the following answer to a question about delays to the Wheeler Ridge Junction Substation (T.0000156) project:

"Wheeler Ridge Junction: Team is currently working on Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) associated with a Permit To Construct (PTC). The 2033 In-Service Date (ISD) may be achievable as a best case scenario, however the 2034 ISD builds in some float given lessons learned on the duration of the Estrella permitting process."

1. What were the "lessons learned" from the Estrella permitting process?
2. How will PG&E apply these lessons to the Wheeler Ridge Junction Substation (T.0000156) project?
3. How will PG&E apply these lessons to other transmission projects going forward?

Questions for SCE

During SCE's TDF presentation SCE staff stated that for Lugo-Victorville upgrades "an ISD of 2025 is no longer possible" and that SCE is hoping that the project can come online by 2027. SCE presenters also stated that some of SCE's scope cannot be completed without coordinating outage dates with LADWP, and that this is causing sequencing delays as LADWP work continues to be delayed. SCE staff also stated that some generators are reaching out to LADWP for help, and meetings between SCE and LADWP leadership are ongoing.

1. Can SCE give a breakdown of SCE/LADWP/other TO project scope, work schedule, and dependencies?
2. What are the mitigation plans coming out of meetings between SCE and LADWP?
3. Where does SCE see opportunities for the CPUC or its staff to help speed up this project?