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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTING STATION 144 PROJECT

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to construct an electrical distributing station at 1140 East Palmetto Street in the eastern part of downtown Los Angeles, CA. As Lead Agency, LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project.

Project Location: Distributing Station 144 (DS-144) would be constructed in downtown Los Angeles on a 0.88-acre parcel located at 1140 East Palmetto Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013, approximately one block east of Alameda Street. The Los Angeles River lies approximately one half mile to the east. Currently, the site consists of a vacant lot that is surrounded by warehouses, a wooden pallet manufacturing facility, an office building, and an LADWP training and service center.

Project Description: DS-144 would contain transformers, 34.5-kV circuit breakers and switches, 4.8-kV switchgear, and controls that route power to the local area. The unmanned station would be surrounded by a 16 foot high masonry wall with a small control house.

Public Review Period: The IS/MND is being made available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning September 4, 2008 and concluding on October 6, 2008. The electronic version of the IS/MND may be viewed at the following website address: <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>

Printed copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following Los Angeles Libraries:

Central Library
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Chinatown Branch Library
639 N. Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Little Tokyo Branch Library
203 S. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Comments on the IS/MND must be received in writing no later than 5:00pm, October 6, 2008 and sent to: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Environmental Services, Attn: Erica Blyther, 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Blyther at (213) 367-4710.

All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that would be forwarded to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration. If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Blyther at (213) 367-2325.

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