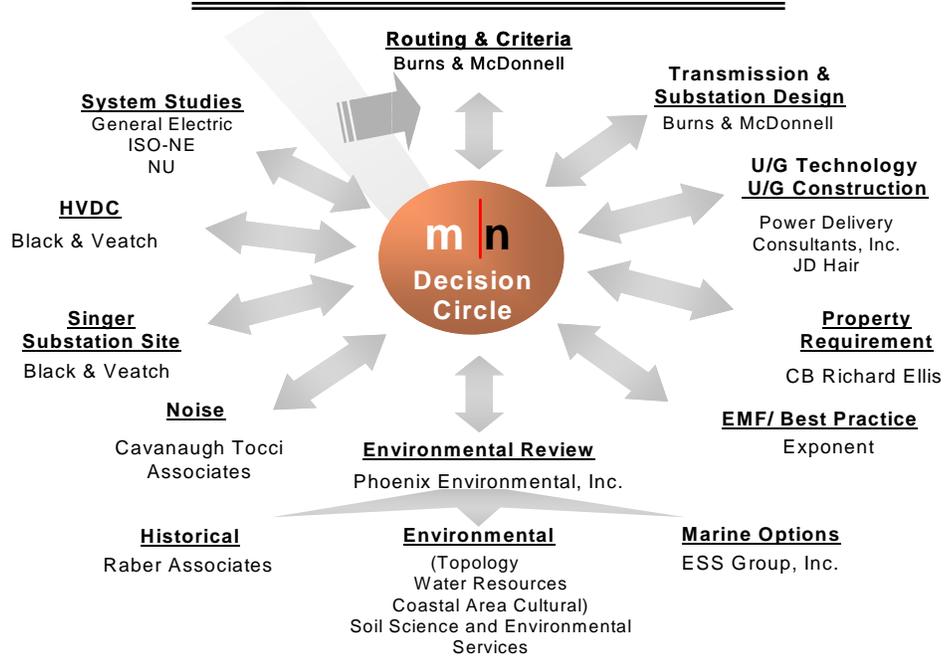


163 various specialized engineering and environmental consultants hired by the Companies to
 164 assist the Companies in determining the optimal route for the Project.
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Proposal Development was an Iterative



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 168 With respect to Segments 1 and 2, the availability of established transmission line
 169 ROWs, with sufficient existing easements to allow the construction and operation of the
 170 Project facilities, was a critical consideration. Other factors considered, as described in
 171 Section H.1.2 of the Application, included avoidance of conflicts with developed areas,