

Comment Set C.224: Jan and Jay Thomas

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Honorable Judge Julie Halligan
EIR Project Manager
Administrative Law Judge
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Antelope-Pardee 500K Transmission Project

Your Honor:

We are writing to vehemently oppose Alternative Route 5. We are property owners at 10308 Leona Ave, Leona Valley. We demand a personal response to this letter.

We are opposed to Alternative Route 5 for the following reasons.

Electromagnetic fields (EMF's) - Please note three California Department of Health Services scientist assisted by DHS toxicologist, physicians and epidemiologist believe that EMFs can cause some degree of increased risk of childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease and miscarriage. These scientists are Vincent Delpizzo, Raymond Richard Neutra and Geraldine Lee. **(We have young children and feel their health would be threatened by these power lines).**

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Property values will drop dramatically **(we would be financially devastated - we bought in the summer of 2005 and our entire net worth is in our home - we would be forced to take legal action for loss of equity)**

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Noise - due to the much higher voltage they will be considerably louder, especially on rainy or foggy days. **(We have horses and they are "spooked" by the noise from the existing poles - creating a dangerous situation for our young riders.)**

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Habitat - the exact same habitat the ANF is trying to protect in the forest will disappear on our private properties. **(We designed our property to promote the health and well being of wildlife)**

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The proposed route along an existing row corridor will only consume 227 new acres of land. The Alternative Five will consume/destroy more than 698 acres of pristine land some of which our community uses for trail rides and hiking - including the Pacific Crest Trail. Alternative Route Five will lose 5% of the total energy produced over the longer distance it must be transmitted.

Our family also questions the ethics of The Aspen Environmental Group - we live on Leona Ave and will reiterate the pictures used to show the community how the towers will look are gross misrepresentations. The proper notification procedures could not have possibly been followed as 99% were unaware of this possibility until the very last minute.

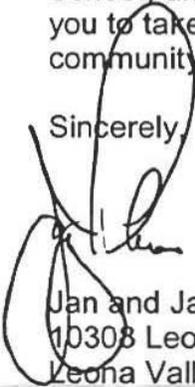
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We ask you, your Honor, to also consider the devastating emotional impact this has already had on the families of Leona Valley. I work at our local school (Leona Valley School) and it has a possibility of closing if families start to leave the Valley. We beg of you to take all of us (population approximately 3,000) into consideration. Our very community and well-being are in your hands.

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Sincerely,



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Response to Comment Set C.224: Jan and Jay Thomas

- C.224-1 Please see General Response GR-3 for information regarding EMF impacts.
- C.224-2 Please see General Response GR-1 for information regarding property value impacts.
- C.224-3 As discussed in Draft EIR Section C.10.10.2, corona noise associated with the Alternative 5 would have the potential to affect a greater number of residences along the ROW compared to the proposed Project or other alternatives due to the fact that Alternative 5 would not traverse the ANF, except for a 0.5-mile segment, where there are few residences, and would instead cross through rural development in both Leona Valley and Agua Dulce, as well as urban development in Santa Clarita (common to the proposed Project and other alternatives).
- Please see response to Comment B.15-5 regarding effect of corona noise on horses.
- C.224-4 As discussed in Draft EIR Section C.3.10.2, biological resource impacts related to Alternative 5 would be similar to those of the proposed Project, and were found to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated.
- C.224-5 Because of the stringent methods used to take photographs of existing conditions, the “life-size” characteristics of simulations, accuracy provided by placing three-dimensional models of transmission towers into the photographs using AutoCAD and 3DStudio software, and careful study of topographic maps and aerial photographs, the simulations in the Draft EIR/EIS are accurate and represent reasonable portrayals of expected future conditions upon completion of Project construction.
- C.224-6 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures.
- C.224-7 As discussed in Section C.9.10.2, the majority of land uses that would be restricted as a result of Alternative 5 would be from the erection of new structures within the alternative ROW. However, given that SCE has not conducted construction or final alignment and design studies for Alternative 5, the EIR/EIS has assumed that the removal of one or more homes may occur. It is not anticipated that Alternative 5 would result in the displacement of a significant portion of the families in Leona Valley or Agua Dulce communities, nor would it necessitate the closure of local schools.

Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.