APPENDIX E-1

Comment Letters from Government Agencies and Special Districts

From: George Alderson [george7096@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2005 1:06 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Mailing list

Dear BLM/CPUC:

Please keep us on the mailing list for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 transmission line project. We received your notice of public scoping meetings and the enclosed Notice of Preparation by California PUC.

We notice there is no mention of the California Desert Conservation Area in these materials, although it appears the route crosses CDCA lands. This should be addressed in future maps and narratives, because there is a specialized mandate from the US Congress for the management of the CDCA.

Sincerely, George & Frances Alderson 112 Hilton Ave. Baltimore, MD 21228-5727 Tel. 410-788-7096

Email: george7096@comcast.net

December 31, 2005

Aspen Environmental Group

Dear Sir or Madam:

Upon reviewing your "Notice of preparation of an Environmental Impact Report" – I would like to submit, for the record, my comments.

I refer to a total failure of your proposed project under CEQA appendix G-VII-Hazards and Hazardous Materials. Your notice of preparation fails to take into consideration the generation of power by the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) — and how the completion of this project increases the importance of, and demand upon, the PVNGS in the electricity needs of California.

We are living in a time when the pursuit of less polluting, alternative forms of electricity generation are not only becoming possible but may well become an environmental imperative.

Your proposed project would only further tie our power needs to nuclear generation – at a time when the USA is at an emergency level of nuclear waste storage; at a time when the Yucca Mountain storage depot project is being reviewed; at a time when the United States has NO nuclear waste reprocessing facilities (for fear of plutonium theft).

Even if the Yucca Mountain storage facility comes on line, is it really in the best interests of the environment to be producing even more nuclear waste that will have to be transported through communities on its way to storage?

It is not stretching the point to say that your project transports a hazardous material — namely-electricity that is generated by nuclear means — and that the implementation of this project demands an increase in the production of nuclear energy and therefore an increase of nuclear waste. These effects are not secondary effects of your project — they are primary, direct effects — and your Notice of Preparation FAILS to even mention them.

Your project elevates the importance of the PVNGS at a time when the world is finally technologically ready to make itself dependant on far safer forms of energy – forms that are abundant in Arizona and California – sun and wind. This project instead, makes us more dependent on a deadly, mutagenic form of energy and is therefore environmentally irresponsible.

A power corridor, as proposed in this project, is a long term piece of national infrastructure that commits the end user to be permanently connected to the source. You are proposing to further commit our energy demand to nuclear generation for many years to come. This is NOT environmentally delicate – it is instead an Environmental Impact of the highest order – it is thoughtless, dangerous, and backwards. We need to look to the future – nuclear generation is old, deadly, outdated technology.

The creation of infrastructure that ties us to such significantly hazardous and foreseeably dangerous methods of power generation is environmentally incompetent.

The creation of infrastructure that will ultimately INCREASE the output of DEADLY, MUTAGENIC waste produced by that reactor is environmentally treacherous.

It is clear to me that Aspen Environmental Group and the State of California is denying consideration of the direct correlation between completion of the Transmission Line Project and the resulting increase in nuclear waste production. This can only be viewed as deceit – better known in this country as business.

You are scared to do a REAL environmental impact statement that takes this issue into consideration because Californians and humanity in general do not want more nuclear waste – in fact they want non polluting and less dangerous forms of power production – and that means building infrastructure that connects us to "clean" power – not deadly power.

NEW GENERATION / NON-TRANSMISSION / NO PROJECT

Rather than considering these alternative options as hypotheticals - why not look at the real issues at stake here - making long term choices for the safety of the environment and humanity. The New Generation option ties us to power sources that are without question cheaper, safer, environmentally conscious and modeled to the type of world that we all want to live in. The project should be massively reconsidered in light of this - you are designing the future - design wisely.

Sincerely,

Krishan Knoles

P.S - I would like to be informed of receipt of this letter and of the inclusion of my comments in the scoping report

From: michael colbert [mrcolbert2003@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2006 5:02 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: [DPV2]:

I am strongly opposed to the proposed power line that will run through the Kofa W. R.- leave this place alone- let's all CONSERVE in our daily lives and leave what's left alone. thanks,

Mike R. Colbert 3509 east canter rd tucson. az 85739

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From: Don Steuter [dsteuter@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2006 9:43 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: [DPV2]:

Is this transmission line across the Kofa's really necessay? We need open spaces and wild places left undisturbed as much as possible. I think we should pursue more distributed energy sources like solar and other renewables and also promote energy conservation to a greater degree.

Lets not build the Devers transmission line.

Don Steuter Phoeni x, Az.

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From: mark grenard [haydukeaz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 3:08 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: [DPV2]:

Dear Sir,
I object to the scoping of the 500Kv line through the
Kofa wildness area. It will impact the desert
tortutise and bighorn sheep. It will distrupt views.
California has gotten along just fine without such a
power line for 15 years so it is not a real
neccessity.
Peace,
Mark Hayduke Grenard
haydukeaz@yahoo.com

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From: Mike Mullarkey [mike_mullarkey@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 11:06 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Comments to BLM/CPUC regarding proposed power line in KOFA

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you concerning the Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I oppose the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant, negative impacts on the environmental. I also question whether this line is even needed.

To start with, it is wrong to even consider putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge. This would further fragment habitat and negatively affect wildlife like desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. And, this would open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

The KOFA is a spectacular place where people like me can find peace in the pristine desert. I don't want to go there and find the blight of a new power line in what was once an untrammeled wilderness!

Now there is the matter of whether this line is needed. This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years, and California seems to have plenty of power without the new power line. Also consider that Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fasted growing metropolitan regions in the United States. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why, then, do we need this line to send power to California?

I would like to know if any non-development alternatives have been considered. California is a progressive state, so couldn't they institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy that this line would carry? How about implementing renewable and sustainable energy sources at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy that this line would carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Si ncerel y,

Mi ke Mullarkey 71 East 13th Street #12 Tucson, AZ 85701

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Tim Lengerich [tim@songcatchermusic.com] From: Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 11:33 AM

dpv2@aspeneg.com To: No Kofa powerlines! Subject:

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

Please put me down for a "no" on the powerline across KOFA. Way too much of this crap going on.

Also, please do not send 12 pounds of paperwork with the EIS. Just let me know how and where to say "no" with the least loss of resources. Thanks,

Tim Lengerich

POB 111 Aj o, AZ 85321

From: Audrey Clark [audrey.auds@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 12:02 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com Subject: NO KOFA power line

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard BLM/CPUC c/o Aspen Environmental group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3002 dpv2@aspeneg.com or fax (800) 886-1888

Dear John Kalish and Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

First of all, putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge is totally unacceptable. It will further fragment habitat and negatively impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. Furthermore, it will open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

Second, I strongly question the need for this line. This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years and California seems to be getting along just fine without the new power line. Besides, Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fasted growing areas in the nation. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why then, is this line needed to bring power to California?

Have any non-development alternatives been considered? Can California institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry? Can clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources be implemented at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Si ncerel y,

Audrey Clark 332 N. Pleasant St. Prescott, AZ 86301

P.S. I understand that this is a form letter. However, I'd like to add some personal comments. Last spring I visited KOFA NWR for the first time. It was after the phenomenal winter rains and the desert

was once-in-a-lifetime green. I had some of the best 4 days of my life camping and hiking in KOFA due to the intense beauty of the area (I'm sure it's still gorgeous, even without the wild greenery). most significant factor affecting the quality of my experience there was that there are unbroken views of desert wilderness. I saw no other groups of people besides my own, and only the road we came in on. In a state that is increasingly developed, the views of which are increasingly being interrupted by human impacts, it is unbelievably refreshing to hike for days without seeing any signs of humans, aside from an old rusted tin can. Aside from what KOFA did for me, I must stress the importance of continuous habitat for wildlife. I did not see any bighorn sheep when I was in KOFA, but I saw countless trails. Bighorn sheep prefer remote, intact areas. Of course they would avoid a power line and associated roads running through their home. I saw no desert tortoises either, nor have I ever in all the years I've explored the unique Arizona desert. To me, this means they are rare and avoid humans. This means the tortoises in the vicinity of a new power line would suffer. I magine you are sitting in your living room one day, and suddenly a bulldozer comes through and razes a hole through your house. Now the debris prevents you from getting to your refrigerator. You can't eat! Worse, the bulldozer killed your husband or wife, and you don't know anyone else you'd like to marry. It's kind of a funny scenario, but it is what could happen to many desert tortoises if the power line goes through. Also, I don't believe in treating a problem's symptoms instead of its causes. What'I'm referring to is the fact that sure you feel the same way. California utility companies hope to get more power from Arizona to continue feeding a wasteful population. If these power companies invested the same money they would put into a KOFA power line into energy conservation, they would not only avoid having to build the line, but I bet they would also conserve more power. Unfortunately, the utility companies are not just "power" hungry, but they are money hungry. They wouldn't want to institute energy conservation measures because they would lose money. In the long run, however, we will run out of power if we destroy nature—it is our life-blood. As an Arizona citizen, I believe in government for the people. I hope that the Arizona and California governments, as well as the utility companies, see that it is wasteful, wrong, and probably illegal to install a power line through the beautiful KOFA. KOFA is a wildlife refuge, not a utility company refuge. I heartily and earnestly encourage and demand that California and Arizona use nature wisely—harness solar and wind power and save energy so that our children can not only have energy from electricity, but energy from the inspiration and beauty of nature. Thank you for your time.

From: Coper1658@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 12:57 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: [DPV2]:

I am A 65 YEAR OLD CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN FROM ARIZONA writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers—Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the significant negative environmental impacts.

CAL LASH 2904 EAST DESERT LANE PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85042

Frank Mackowski [frankmackowski@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 1:44 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com
Subject: [DPV2]: KOFA Refuge

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Tucson resident writing to oppose the proposal for running a power line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge. This is completely unnecessary and will harm the refuge and it's wildlife irreparably. Our very few and precious wildlife areas are to be protected, not exploited for

corporate profits. Thank you and please deny this corporate land grab that

comes at the expense of the refuge and the American public.

Si ncerel y,

Frank Mackowski

From: Lance & Cat Moody [catmoody@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 2:59 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com
Subject: Devers/Palo Verde No.2

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard

BLM/CPUC

c/o Aspen Environmental group

235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935

San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers?Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

First of all, putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge is totally unacceptable. It will further fragment habitat and negatively impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. Furthermore, it will open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

Second, I strongly question the need for this line. This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years and California seems to be getting along just fine without the new power line. Besides, Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fasted growing areas in the nation. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why then, is this line needed to bring power to California?

Have any non-development alternatives been considered? Can California institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry? Can clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources be implemented at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Si ncerel y,

Lance Moody

From: john donovan [jpmdonovan@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 5:03 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: PC Donovan, John - Don't build Devers Palo Alto No. 2 Transmission Line

Dear John Kalish/Billie Blanchard:

I am writing in regards to the proposed construction of the Devers Palo Alto No. 2 Transmission line. I am against the proposal because it would cause additional environmental fragmentation of the KOFA Wildlife refuge, and would add yet another monstrous eyesore to a desert rapidly becoming overrun by horizon-stealing works of man.

I've worked as a USFS backcountry ranger in the Superstition Wilderness and have seen how the glow of Pheonix's night lights hide the stars, even deep within that wilderness. I have also noticed with dismay the march of development in all directions around the city. I'm afraid we'll lose the open sky and vistas that we all love.

The KOFA is a beautiful place. Please don't let the same thing happen there! Surely this transmission line is unneccessary? California's been getting along fine without it for 15 years, and soon Arizona won't be able to spare the electricity given Pheonix's rapid growth.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

John P. Donovan 115 1/2 South Elden Street Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

From: Rovers [fw@theriver.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 7:34 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: regarding Power lines across the KofA

Hi, every effort to be brief, thankyou ...

I am a lifelong resident of Arizona. I have visited everywhere else, but love it most here. No worse transgression of our State's natural recourses has ever occurred, in my humble opinion, than the destruction of our views by the seemingly permanent installation of big power lines: much of the State's beauty has been lost - at least for me, and likely for many other observers, wondering what all the fuss was, about the great West's wonders and all - but then they didn't know the place before all the power lines, as I did ... when it was indeed grand.

So now we want lines across the KofA. Are you kidding? We have no other virgin desolate regions left! Certainly the present power line system there is a serious abuse, but more and bigger? The southern two-thirds of our beloved southwest deserts were stolen from us by the military after The War, and kept, it seems, from me and mine for all our lives, despite our patience. Very sad. Most of these vacant spaces we mere mortals cannot now even visit. Why the hell don't you put big ugly power lines through THAT area instead of stealing from us people the one remaining vast vacant desert view-scape left for us to SEE??

Indeed much of the KofA has been destroyed for us too by efforts to make it roadless - like the pointless closing of paths in use for well more than a century - but such abuses do not justify yours. As much as it seems so, this is not a place to meddle with, but one to leave alone as absolute best we possibly can; one to make darn sure that future generations can see in much the same way as we did, even so little as 30 years ago, when it was still America's last great wide open frontier, before the special interests started closing in on it and competing, the place where there was no sign of civilization for as far as the eye could see ... and in the KofA, that, so recently, was a very long, long way....

Thanks much for listening, Sincerely, Alan Cowan Tucson 520-294-3572

From: William Wesselink [wwesselink@prescott.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 8:10 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com Subject: no new power lines

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers?Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Si ncerel y,

bill wesselink san diego, cal.

p.s. we don't need or want the power, we got plenty

From: Linda Miller [azhums@mindspring.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 5:39 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Please do not invade the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge with a power line

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard BLM/CPUC c/o Aspen Environmental group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Miller 7901 E Glenrosa Ave Scottsdale, AZ 85251

From: David Barnes [weaintu@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 9:05 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: [DPV2]:

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Si ncerel y,

David Barnes 7278 W. Maple Ridge Dr. Tucson, AZ 85743

p.s.- I have spent a considerable amount of time in the Kofas over my years in Arizona and I hope to see it stay as wild and natural as possible.

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From: David Dube [DavidDube@cox.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 11:50 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project Comment

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I object to the proposal by Southern California Edison's to construct the Devers–Palo Verde No. 2 <u>Transmission Line</u>. A transmission line is incompatible within any Wildlife Refuge.

The need for this transmission line has been legitimately questioned. Can Southern California's power needs not be met with existing transmission lines that do not negatively impact an important and fragile area for bighorn sheep, desert tortoises, and migratory birds? Wouldn't power needs for Southern California be better met by constructing power capacity in Southern California? Any additional generating capacity in Arizona will quickly be needed in Arizona. Phoenix is among the fastest growing cities in the United States, and additional generating capacity will be needed in Arizona.

Have any non-development alternatives been considered? Can California institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry? Can clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources be implemented at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

Fragile wetlands and desert riparian regions have been increasingly under attack, and I support efforts to preserve and protect these treasures.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely, David Dubé daviddube@cox.net

January 18, 2006 1505 W. St. Marys Rd. #154 Tucson, AZ 85745

Billie Blanchard BLM/CPUC c/o Aspen Environmental group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3002 fax (800) 886-1888

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

I am writing in regard to Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers/Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts

Putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge will further fragment habitat and negatively impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. It will also open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years and California seems to be getting along just fine without the new power line. Besides, Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fasted growing areas in the nation. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area.

I strongly urge Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Alan Timmerman

From: Tammy Snook [tjsmarie@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 8:00 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Transmission Line Comments

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard BLM/CPUC c/o Aspen Environmental group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you because I will be unable to attend any of the upcoming public comment meetings concerning the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2).

As a resident of Yuma, Arizona, I frequently have the opportunity to go hiking in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. I was greatly upset to learn that this transmission line project would affect the refuge. As a frequent refuge hiker, I can personally attest to the diverse plant and animal life of the refuge. The construction of the transmission line would have irreparable damage on this plant and animal life in so many ways. This is unacceptable and unnecessary.

Not only would the transition line severely impact the plant and animal life of the refuge, it would also create an unsightly mar on the landscape for those of us that enjoy this pristine desert habitat. During construction, the creation of roads (whether meaningful or not) would ultimately encourage illegal ATV use, further impacting the local plants, animals, geology, and cultural integrity of the site.

Construction of this tranmission line is completely unnecessary. Southern California is blessed with sunny weather. It is time to turn to such renewable energy sources as solar power.

Please truly take into consideration what I have written. Please also keep me informed on the decisions concerning this transmission line and any further public comment meetings you will be hosting.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, Tammy Snook 1905 W. 5th St. Yuma, AZ 85364



Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 1/18/5
Name*: MATHEW MARTIN
Affiliation (if any):*
Address:*
City, State, Zip Code:*
Telephone Number:*
Email:*
Comment: I AM AGAINST ANY POWER LINES ADDED TO COURTHOUSE ROAD OR ANYWHERE, NO POWER TO CALIFORNIA: THEY SHOULD GO SOLAR & WIND. WE GIVE THEM ENERGY & THEY GIVE US BY THEIR HUMAN WAISTE,
*Please print. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested



Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 1-18-00
Name*: Jim VagLer
Affiliation (if any):*
Address: 4038 E. Tunney, Phrenis AZ
City, State, Zip Code:* Philuix A7 85018
Telephone Number:* <u>607 - 553-8205</u>
Email:* Jim Vay Lor () WSu. Cou
Email:
Comment: California needs to generate There why
Diver thru wind, solar, orby Dracticing and
Conservation measures. We need not have any
more power Lines in Arizona.
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From: John Alcock [j.alcock@asu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 8:19 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: [DPV2]:

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Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you about Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. To build this line across the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge is a very unfortunate idea, damaging the value of the refuge in several ways. Power lines are an aesthetic disaster. The construction will introduce nonnative plants and the resulting powerline service track will surely be used illegally by off road vehicles. Big horn sheep are likely to be negatively affected as well and the fragmentation effect will doubtless harm other wildlife as well. And excess capacity from Palo Verde is likely to be small in any event given the growth in greater Phx. So I write to vigrously oppose this project with its negative effects on an important wildlife refuge.

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John Alcock 705 E Loyola Drive Tempe AZ 85282

From: Clete Bjornstad [bjornsta@mich.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 9:35 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: KOFA
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Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because this line runs through the KOFA Wilderness Area. It is my understanding that wilderness areas are set aside to preserve and protect wild lands from development and abuse. This project would require access roads, which in turn would open the area to jeeps and ATV's

I hiked in the KOFA looking for pictographs and big horn sheep. I saw both and I even had the opportunity to hike an old Indian trail to an ancient spring. To ruin this area with a 2nd power line is just tragic.

This same disturbing scenario can be seen all over the country. If the expressways are crowded just build more lanes. If we are short of oil just drill more oil wells. The question of what to do when these short-term solutions don't solve long-term problems is never discussed. What is need is conservation, renewable energy sources and low impact development.

Sincerely, Paul Bjornstad 2010 Frieze Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

January 17, 2006 13211 N. Kingair Dr. Tucson, AZ 85737

John Kalish c/o Aspen Environmental group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3002 fax (800) 886-1888

Dear Mr. Kalish:

I am writing in regard to Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers/Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts

Putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge will further fragment habitat and negatively impact desert tortolses and desert big horn sheep. It will also open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years and California seems to be getting along just fine without the new power line. Besides, Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fasted growing areas in the nation. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area.

I strongly urge Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Please make my comments part of the official record.

Thank you,

Lori Adkison

From: JMyers1050@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 7:08 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Devers-Palo Verde No.2 Transmission Line Project

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Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers–Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

First of all, putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge is totally unacceptable. It will further fragment habitat and negatively impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. Furthermore, it will open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

Second, I strongly question the need for this line. This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years and California seems to be getting along just fine without the new power line. Besides, Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why then, is this line needed to bring power to California?

Have any non-development alternatives been considered? Can California institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry? Can clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources be implemented at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely, Jean Myers 3048 S. Torrey Pines Circle Yuma, AZ 85365

From: Patricia Kenyon [pak803@yahoo.com]
Sent: Patricia Kenyon [pak803@yahoo.com]
Friday, January 20, 2006 12:53 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Scoping for Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

John Kalish, Southern California Edison Billie Blanchard, California Public Utilities Commission c/o Aspen Environmental Group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear Mr. Kalish and Ms. Blanchard:

I object to Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project because of the proposed routes' potential for environmental damage and because it is not one of the better ways available to meet the purported need for power in California.

The KOFA National Wildlife Refuge was created in 1939. The KOFA Wilderness area was created in 1990--after the first transmission line was installed. There was a clause in the Desert Wilderness Act that excluded a right-of-way for the second line to cross the KOFA Wilderness, yet this is the primary route proposed for the No. 2 line. Putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge would further fragment habitat, adversely impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep, and open the area to invasion by non-endemic plant species as well as illegal ORV use. Past experience has shown that mitigation of these impacts would not be successful. I believe the alternative routes are also not environmentally friendly--or even neutral.

I question the need for this line. This project has waxed and waned in the planning for more than 15 years. Aside from the one episode of power shortages now revealed to be the result of human intrigue and manipulation for financial gain, I am aware of no power supply crisis in California. Arizona currently shows very robust growth and soon the Phoenix metropolitan area will most likely be consuming the power generated at the Palo Verde Station. There will be little or no surplus electrical energy to sell to other entities. Why then, is this proposal even being reactivated? Who stands to gain?

Have any alternatives which do not involve additional

development been considered? Can California--already successful with some energy-conservation measures--create additional energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line would carry? What about implementing alternative sources using solar or wind-based technologies? I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine these options sincerely and in good faith rather than proceeding with the current proposal.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

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Please either deposit this sheet at the sign-in table before you leave today, or fold, stamp, and mail. Insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be received by January 20, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (800) 886-1888 or emailed to dpv2@aspeneg.com.

I support the "No Project Alternative" as the best option for the Devers-Palo Verde No 2 proposed transmission line.

The D-PV No 1 line was completed 25 years ago when Phoenix was still a small metropolis. Arizona Public Service (APS) and some shareholders had the foresight to build the largest nuclear reactor in the country. 25 years ago there was plenty of extra power and it was shipped to California.

Today, Phoenix is the 5th largest city in the country and one of the fastest growing in the nation. The power generated by the APS power plants and others in the area will soon (one knowledgeable estimate at less than 5 years) be completely consumed by the Phoenix metropolitan area. What good would a power line going out of the state serve?

The "new" line has been a dream of someone's since the initial line was installed. As some of the original poles have already been constructed to accept a second circuit. California has managed without this line for 25 years and has managed 15 years since the 2nd line was initially permitted. Now that Arizona is needing this power in the near future, it makes sense not to build a line and send the power out of state.

Based on proposed transmission lines in the Southwest and California law, it is foreseeable that SCE would try to swap power or classify "clean" or renewable power with "dirty" or coal generated power coming into California. This is an underhanded way to claim that they are using clean power when actually they are not. Not to mention that this clean power has had to be transported so far across the region that it has lost its benefit of being clean. Why doesn't SCE generate their needed power using these "clean" methods in California?

The power lines lose a great deal of energy to heat loss in the lines. If SCE was to build local clean power plants, i.e., wind, solar, geothermal, etc., they could build smaller plants than are in Arizona or wherever and still be able to have the same amount of power available to its customers.

Energy Storage Systems are available for commercial projects that could reduce the peak load demand for the size of power plants needed. Arizona uses a huge block of ice to cool office buildings in the downtown area by using off peak power to create the ice. Commercial electrical storage devices are also available for shaving peak power consumption. These alternative methods need to be explored.

Then there is the wildlife issue. This line goes right through the KOFA Wildlife Refuge. A wildlife refuge is for animals, not powerlines. This is prime desert bighorn sheep and desert tortoise habitat.

This is supposed to be closed to off road vehicle use, but people will still get around any obstacles and go along the right of ways for the transmission lines and pipelines. Another line just makes it that much easier for people to access the area. Construction will also take a heavy toll on ground disturbance. This is a very harsh environment but also a very

delicate ecosystem that when disturbed takes many years, if ever, to return to its original condition. More ground disturbance means more invasive plant species establishing in the area.

On the issue of views. This is very rugged land that has its own beauty, I want to see the mountains and landscape, not a string of powerlines. One power line is bad, two is terrible.

I support the "no project approach". I believe SCE can achieve the goal of providing as much power to its customers by using the ideas presented here and informing its customers of energy conservation measures than it would spend on the construction of a power transmission line. SCE's public image would be improved with its "green" approach to power and would consequently benefit much more than building an old technology powerline.

JOHN KALISH, BLM C/O ASPEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104

January 20, 2006

Dear Sir:

We attended the Scoping presentation yesterday at the Quartzsite area.

We have had almost a 100% response from home owners in the La Paz Valley (Alternate 1) against the power lines through our valley.

Enclosed is a petition with signatures of concerned property owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Al Johnson

President, La Paz Valley Concerned Citizens

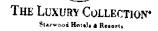
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Date: January 18, 2006
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Comment: Since our group was not knowledgable about the project and the scoping meeting, and could not comment by the informed deadline of January 20, 2006, please, consider the below attributable only to me.
1. The project is not necessary since the Applicant, Southern California Edison, has not shown their unproductive in their own service area
2. Arizona is growing at a very fast rate, and what electrical power

Any special need that California would require a temporary power supplement (if at all possible in the future) is transmittable on existing transmission lines of the "western grid".

produced in Az. must remain in the state for Arizonans' needs, both

- Presentors informed of a planned power line from an Idaho coal-fired power plant south/crossing Utah/extending south in Az. to meet the Devers-Palo Verde Line. Arizona has not requested this Idaho based power. The presentor stated that this particular line's disclosure was very curious in connection with Devers-Palo Verde No. 2. Thus, Arizonans must be concerned in numerous other ways about the No. 2 Project.
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Please either deposit this sheet at the sign-in table before you leave today, or fold, stamp, and mail. Insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be received by January 20, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (800) 886-1888 or emailed to dpv2@aspeneg.com.

Donald G. Begalke, January 18, 2006

From: Jacoba van Sitteren [keyupy@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 4:07 PM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

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Dear John Kalish and Billie Blanchard,

This is to let you know that I oppose the Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers—Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I do not like the negative effect this would have on this beautiful piece of desert and its animal life, especially the tortoises and bighorn sheep. These animals need a continuous stretch of desert to move around in and the protection the vegetation gives them from predators.

It is not only the detrimental destruction that will occur during the construction of the line and the upkeep of same, it will also encourage people with off road vehicles to travel along these path ways. , even though it is against the law.

Also, once the delicate desert vegetation has been disturbed, more invasive, non native plants will move into the area. We have very few pristine desert areas left. We can not afford to loose this one.

As a last point I do not think California needs the power. This has been proposed for about 15 years and has not been needed. Besides Arizona and the Phoenix area are growing in population at a high rate and are going to be using the energy themselves.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Jacoba van Sitteren

1474 University Ave #137, Berkeley, CA 94702



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Iwould like to be informed
of where the Lines are going and why.
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