

Comment Set E1 – Joe E. Rose

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Rose, Joe <JRose@semprautilities.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:39 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Cc: j Rose (jdkrose@gmail.com); 'brendajoy4u@gmail.com'; 'bmtcouncilmembermikelara@yahoo.com'; 'jfox550@gmail.com'; 'mark@markorozco.com'; 'OurFocusOurKids@gmail.com'
Subject: West of Devers Section 4 Edison Upgrade Concerns

Aspen Environmental Group, (BLM/CA/PL-2015/012+1793, DOI-BLM-CA-060-0015-0021)

I currently reside at 34660 Boros Blvd, Beaumont, California 92223. I have some concerns regarding the Draft EIR/EIS alternatives. First and foremost, any further encroachment of power transmission towers to the south is unacceptable. I am vehemently opposed to the towers or power lines becoming any closer to my residence than are currently in place. My backyard is an active place with children swimming and playing in the yard. I am extremely concerned with the long-term effects of EMF exposure to children. There is plenty of room on the north side of the Edison right-of-way to place the proposed towers. The enormity of the size of the proposed towers will have less effect on the environmental aesthetics if placed on the north side of the existing right-of-way. There are currently no existing homes effected by an encroachment to the north. If Edison wants to avoid a lawsuit and financial hardship similar to the fiasco in Corona Hills, they may want to reconsider the environmental impact to existing homes.

I recently moved from my home at 35484 Snead Street in Beaumont to get away from the Edison power lines. There is a strong EMF presence at that location. My current location does not have EMF issues as the power lines are far enough away. Please keep it that way.

I am cc:ing the Beaumont Mayor and City Council for their awareness and attaching the link to the CPUC informational website.

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/westofdevers/toc-deir.htm>

Joe M. Rose
Mobile 951-922-6350
jdkrose@gmail.com

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Responses to Comment Set E1 – Joe M. Rose

E1-1 The commenter is opposed to transmission towers and line coming closer to his residence and suggests moving the line to the north side of the ROW. He is also concerned about EMF effects.

The commenter's opposition to placement of new towers to the south of the existing towers and closer to his residence is noted, as is his support for the Tower Relocation Alternative. This residential property is on Boros Boulevard between Venturi Avenue and Armour Avenue in the City of Beaumont, approximately 500 feet south of the existing transmission line. The ultimate location of towers would be determined by final engineering; however, the current planned location of the nearest new tower is in the same location as the existing tower. This is no closer than the existing line. See EIR Appendix 2 (Detailed Maps) Figure Ap.2-14. The new tower is M88-T1, the existing tower is 4S56.

Please refer to General Response GR-6 for a discussion of Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF).

Comment Set E2 – Dennis Rice

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: dennisrice@reagan.com
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 2:58 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Relocation of Towers

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4 ,
Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the
Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences
such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing
towers.

E2-1

Dennis Rice
951-769-9170
dennisrice@reagan.com

Responses to Comment Set E2 – Dennis Rice

- E2-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E3 – Regina Tierney

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Reggie Tierney <greyhownd@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2015 8:48 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: West of Devers Upgrade Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a homeowner in Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I urge that the Tower Relocation Alternative be approved. The original plan for relocation would move the new towers closer to the residential areas than the current towers. Every effort should be made to place the proposed towers as far from the homes as possible.

E3-1

Respectfully,

Regina Tierney
1572 Autumn Court
Beaumont, CA 92223
951-267-3622

<http://pete-vs-sarcoma.blogspot.com/>

Responses to Comment Set E3 – Regina Tierney

- E3-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and placing the proposed towers as far from homes as possible is noted.

Comment Set E4 – Carol Doyle

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: mdoyle89037@roadrunner.com
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2015 1:25 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: West of Devers Upgrade Project

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residents such that the new towers will not be closer to residential area than existing towers.

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Carol Doyle

Responses to Comment Set E4 – Carol Doyle

- E4-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E5 – Gary M. Stoh

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Garymstoh@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 2:34 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: COMMENT RE WEST OF DEVERS UPGRADE PROJECT

I attended the Workshop held at the Holiday Inn Express on August 26, 2015 in Beaumont, CA. Following are my comments with regards to the project:

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"As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers."

**Regards,
Gary M. Stoh
951 Gleneagles Road
Beaumont, CA 92223
951-845-1981**

Responses to Comment Set E5 – Gary M. Stoh

- E5-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E6 – John Christensen

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: John Christensen <john761936@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 3:48 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Cc: Home
Subject: West of Devers Upgrade Project

Billie Blanchard (CPUC PM)/Frank McMenimen (BLM PM)
California Public Utilities Commission and Bureau of Land Management
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4 ,
Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the
Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences
such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing
towers.

E6-1

Respectfully
John Christensen
833 Westchester Rd.
Beaumont CA 92223

Responses to Comment Set E6 – John Christensen

- E6-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E7 – Bernard Dale

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Bernard Dale <lobcbd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 5:46 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: metal towers

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers"

E7-1

Bernard Dale

Solera Resident

Responses to Comment Set E7 – Bernard Dale

- E7-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E8 – Nick Gercis

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Nick Gercis <nick.gercis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 8:29 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: West of Devers Upgrade Project

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

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Responses to Comment Set E8 – Nick Gercis

- E8-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E9 – Steve Mehlman

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Steve Mehlman <smehl1506@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 6:45 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Alternates to the Draft EIR/EIS, West of Devers Upgrade Project

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

E9-1

Thank you,

Steve Mehlman
1736 Desert Almond Way
Beaumont, CA 92223

Responses to Comment Set E9 – Steve Mehlman

- E9-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E10 – Michael Gilbert

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<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm> Thank you for your comments.

Date: 8/26/15

Name*: MICHAEL GILBERT

Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address*: 1592 AUTUMN COURT

City, State, Zip Code*: BEAUMONT CA 92223

Telephone Number*: 951-849-9177

Email*: gmike1592@roadrunner.com

Comment*: I live along the south row line in the Solera
subdivision. There is currently a transmission line within
50 feet of my house. Given a choice, I would prefer
an alternative that moves the proposed transmission lines
further to the north. This would help mitigate the
increase in magnetic and electric fields I will be
subjected to in the original proposal. Thank You.

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Please submit comments no later than September 22, 2015. You may also submit comments by email to
westofdevers@aspenerg.com or by phone (888) 456-0254.

Responses to Comment Set E10 – Michael Gilbert

E10-1 The commenter is a resident along the southern right-of-way line of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4 with a transmission line within 50 feet of his house. The commenter's support for an alternative that would move the lines to the north is noted. The commenter also is concerned about a potential increase in electric and magnetic fields due to the Proposed Project.

The Tower Relocation Alternative, which is described in Section C.4.1 and in Appendix 5, Section 4.2 of the EIR and is fully evaluated for each environmental discipline in the EIR, would use about 50 feet of vacant ROW width identified for future transmission lines to place towers farther away from adjacent residences. This alternative would change structure placement only in portions of Segment 4 and Segment 6 where the EIR team has identified potentially significant visual impacts, including by the Solera residential development. The Tower Relocation Alternative was found to be environmentally superior to the Proposed Project in Section G.4.1 (Tower Relocation Alternative) of the EIR.

Please refer to General Response GR-6 for a discussion of Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF).

Comment Set E11 – Stan Fogg

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: stan fogg <sfogg65@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 4:44 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: WEST OF DEVERS UPGRADE PROJECT

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

E11-1

Stan Fogg

Responses to Comment Set E11 – Stan Fogg

E11-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E12 – Kathy Kelehan

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Kathy Kelehan <kkelehan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 4:46 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: WEST OF DEVERS UPGRADE PROJECT

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

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Kathy Kelehan

Responses to Comment Set E12 – Kathy Kelehan

- E12-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E13 – Susan and Helmuth Fritz

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<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspern/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm> Thank you for your comments.

Date: 9/6/15

Name*: Helmuth and Susan Fritz

Affiliation (if any)*: Solera Oak Valley Greens homeowner

Address*: 1019 Coto de Caza Ct

City, State, Zip Code*: Beaumont, CA 92223

Telephone Number*: 360-623-9817 Cell

Email*: fritzs@j@hotmail.com

Comment*: During the recent Workshop on this project at the Holiday Inn, Susan Lee presented Alternates to the Draft EIR/EIS, one of which affects only 29 pairs of new towers, moving them farther from residences. This way the new towers would not be closer to residential areas than the existing towers. We strongly support this rather than the current proposal that would bring the tower closer to residences in Solera, which would have a very negative effect on property values here. We believe this is a viable alternative to the current proposal and definitely should be given priority.

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Responses to Comment Set E13 – Susan and Helmuth Fritz

E13-1 The commenters express support for the Tower Relocation Alternative, which would move 29 pairs of new towers farther from residences. They feel closer towers would have a negative effect on property values.

The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative, especially in the area of the Solera subdivision, is noted. The Tower Relocation Alternative is described in Section C.4.1 and in Appendix 5, Section 4.2 of the EIR. The Tower Relocation Alternative would use about 50 feet of vacant ROW width identified for future transmission lines to place towers farther away from adjacent residences than the Proposed Project in portions of Segment 4 and Segment 6, including by the Solera residential development.

No change in the EIR is required in response to this comment. In response to the concern about property value impacts from the Proposed Project, please see General Response GR-5 (Property Values).

Comment Set E14 – Gary and Kathleen Frisbie

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Gary Frisbie <katgoose1@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 9:19 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Re: Solera Community Tower Relocation Alternative

Dear California Public Utilities Commission PM Billie Blanchard and Bureau of Land Management PM Frank McMenimen,

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

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My wife Kathleen and I are homeowners near the Solera Edison Easement known as the Greenbelt. Our concerns are for safety of the residents who live near the easement and for those who enjoy the easement for exercise and appreciation of the environment.

Moving the new towers closer to the southern perimeters of the easement is unnecessary and undesirable to residents. Please reconsider the location of the new southern side towers.

Thank you for acknowledging the wishes of the residents of Solera Community.

Sincerely,

Gary and Kathleen Frisbie

Responses to Comment Set E14 – Gary and Kathleen Frisbie

E14-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association on the southern side of SCE’s right-of-way in Segment 4. The commenter’s support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

The commenter is concerned about the safety of residents who live near the easement, known as the “Greenbelt,” and for those who use the easement for exercise and appreciation of the environment. Impacts to recreation, including within the Greenbelt, are described in Section D.15 (Recreation) of the EIR. Implementation of Mitigation Measures R-1a (Coordinate construction schedule and activities with the authorized officer for the recreation area) and R-1b (Coordinate with local agencies to identify alternative recreation areas) would ensure that recreational users are informed of scheduled construction activities and informed of alternative areas for use.

Section D.21 (Electrical Interference and Safety) of the EIR describes potential electrical hazards and interference impacts from the proposed transmission lines. The Proposed Project’s direct and indirect impacts to electrical interference with radio, television, communications, or electronic equipment during O&M would be minimized or avoided through the implementation of Mitigation Measures EIS-1a (Limit the conductor surface gradient) and EIS-1b (Document and resolve electronic interference complaints). Mitigation Measure EIS-1a ensures reduction of the conductor surface gradient in accordance with the IEEE Radio Noise Design Guide. In addition, Mitigation Measure EIS-1b ensures complaints regarding electronic interference would be logged and resolved to the extent feasible. Mitigation Measure EIS-2a (Implement grounding measures) ensures minimization of induced voltages that could create shocks or currents. Please refer to General Response GR-6 for a discussion of Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF).

With implementation of these mitigation measures, recreational and safety impacts would be less than significant.

Comment Set E15 – Sandi Joel

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Sandi Joel <srjoel@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 9:45 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Concerns

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers **farther** from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Responses to Comment Set E15 – Sandi Joel

E15-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E16 – Lane Joel

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Lane Joel <lsjoel@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 10:41 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Concerns

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As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers **farther** from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Responses to Comment Set E16 – Lane Joel

E16-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E17 – George Newlin

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Date: 9/1/2015 _____

Name*: George J. Newlin _____

Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address:* 1648 Snowberry Rd. _____

City, State, Zip Code:* Beaumont, Ca. 92223 _____

Telephone Number:* 951-797-0122 _____

Email:* geonewlin@yahoo.com _____

Comment:* "As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4 ,
Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower
Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the
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Responses to Comment Set E17 – George Newlin

E17-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E18 – John T. and Carolyn A. Washburn

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Date: 09/04/2015

Name*: JOHN T. AND CAROLYN J WASHBURN

Affiliation (if any)*: SOLERA OAK VALLEY GREEN RESIDENCES

Address*: 1729 DALEA WAY

City, State, Zip Code*: BEAUMONT, CA 92223-8600

Telephone Number*: 951-845-1411

Email*: PSM84THREE@VERIZON.NET

Comment*: WE ARE A RESIDENT OF THE SOLERA OAK VALLEY GREENS ASSOC. LOCATED IN "SECTION 4" OF THE BEAUMONT AND BANNING OF THE "WEST OF DEVERS UPGRADE PROJECT". WE SUPPORT THE TOWER RELOCATION ALTERNATIVE THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED, MOVING THE NEW TOWERS FARTHER FROM OUR RESIDENCES SUCH THAT THE NEW TOWERS WILL NOT NOT BE EVEN CLOSER TO THE RESIDENCES AND THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS THEN THE EXISTING TOWERS ALREADY ARE.

THANK YOU, SINCERELY APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION.

John T. Washburn and Carolyn J Washburn

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Your comments will help determine the scope and content of the environmental document and identify alternatives and measures to reduce impacts. Submit comments by mail using this comment sheet (fold, stamp, and mail); attach additional sheets if needed. Please submit comments by June 12, 2014. You may also submit comments by email to westofdevers@aspeng.com or by phone (888) 456-0254.

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Responses to Comment Set E18 – John T. & Carolyn A. Washburn

E18-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E19 – Carla Bracken

Carla Bracken

September 4, 2015

Billie Blanchard (CPUC PM)
Frank McMenimen (BLM PM)
California Public Utilities Commission
and Bureau of Land Management
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Mr. McMenimen,

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther away from residences such as that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than the existing towers.

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Respectfully,

Carla Bracken

*1690 Landmark Way
Beaumont, CA 92223*

Responses to Comment Set E19 – Carla Bracken

E19-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Responses to Comment Set E20 – Anthony & Frances Germana

E20-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E21 – Ron Roy

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Ron Roy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 12:54 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Segment 4: Please put power lines/towers underground: Fairway Canyon

September 10, 2015

To whom it may concern:

From:

Ron Roy
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Privacy: Please withhold my home address/email/phone from the record:

Regarding: West of Devers Project as it traverses through Segment 4 in West
Beaumont/Eastern Calimesa Boundaries at Fairway Canyon Housing
Development.

Please replace the following power lines and supporting towers with
underground power distribution lines. Tower Numbers:

- o 4N48 thru 4N63
- o 4S48 thru 4S60
- o 4N45 thru 4N63

The above power lines and their towers run adjacent to the northern boundary of the Fairway Canyon Development (formerly known as part of the Oak Valley Specific Plan) in western Beaumont, from San Timoteo Canyon Road to near Interstate 10 by Plantation-on-the-Lakes mobile home park in the City of Calimesa (Beaumont/Calimesa city boundaries are demarked in-part by Tukwet Canyon Parkway).

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Comment Set E21 – Ron Roy (cont.)

These power lines and supporting towers should be removed for the following reasons:

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- They are near permanent open space with native vegetation that can provide fire fuel in the event of a downed power line.
- The area is a perpetually windy area with wind speeds quite often exceeding 20-30mph and sometimes up to 50-70mph. This increases the likelihood of downed power lines
- Most of these power lines/towers actually abut property lines of high quality residences in Fairway Canyon. As a result they are a blight to Fairway Canyon residents because:

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- o They are unsightly
- o They provide an attractive nuisance to young children and teenagers who can be seriously injured while climbing the towers, or riding/walking underneath the towers
- o They generate noise pollution- a droning sound that keeps local residents up at all hours of the day and night.
- o Their appearance and concerns over safety/health negatively affect local property values.

Thank you and I look forward to your earliest reply (email).

Sincerely

Ron Roy:

Responses to Comment Set E21 – Ron Roy

E21-1 The commenter has requested that lines on three specific towers along the proposed 220 kV transmission lines be placed underground in the area of the Fairway Canyon Development in western Beaumont from San Timoteo Canyon Road to near Interstate 10 by Plantation-on-the-Lakes mobile home park in the City of Calimesa.

An underground alternative called the “Segment 4 Underground Alternatives in Calimesa, Beaumont, and Banning” was considered in this area in Section C.5.2 (Alternatives, Alternatives Eliminated from Full EIR Evaluation) and in Appendix 5, Section 5.3 (Alternatives Screening Report) of the EIR. Underground alternative routes were considered in both the transmission corridor and within roadways in the area, as shown in EIR Appendix 5, Figure Ap.5-7.

The EIR alternatives screening process concluded that this alternative would meet all three Basic Project Objectives and would be feasible considering technical, legal, and regulatory factors. Undergrounding the proposed 220 kV lines would also reduce or avoid visual impacts. However, it would result in much more severe construction impacts related to dust, ground disturbance, and traffic. Maintenance and repair times would also be increased. Furthermore, this segment of the right-of-way (ROW) for the Proposed Project is 400 feet wide. Therefore, there is room within the ROW to modify structure locations to reduce impacts to residences, as has been considered under the Tower Relocation Alternative (see EIR Appendix 5, Section 4.2). Due to a greater level of environmental impacts associated with undergrounding at this this location, and because another alternative, the Tower Relocation Alternative, has been identified to reduce significant visual impacts in affected areas, the Segment 4 Underground Alternative was eliminated from consideration in the EIR and has not been considered further.

E21-2 The commenter requests that the line be undergrounded due to concerns about open space and native vegetation, wildland fire, and regular high winds that can cause downed power lines. See Response to Comment E21-1 regarding an underground alternative in this area.

Impacts to native vegetation are considered in Section D.4 (Biological Resources - Vegetation). Impacts from wildland fire are discussed in Section D.20 (Wildland Fire). The transmission structures and conductor would be engineered following safety criteria based on wind loading in the area. SCE conducted meteorological studies for the specific area recognizing this may be a “special wind area.” Therefore, the structures are designed to withstand “extreme” wind conditions.

In addition, Section B.4 (Operations and Maintenance) of the EIR describes that regular tree pruning would be performed to be in compliance with existing state and Federal laws, rules, and regulations and is crucial for maintaining reliable service, especially during severe weather or disasters. In addition to maintaining vegetation-free access roads, helipads and clearances around electrical lines, clearance of brush and weeds around poles and transmission tower pads, and as required by local jurisdictions on fee owned ROWs, is necessary for fire protection. A 10-foot radial clearance around non-exempt poles (as defined by California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 4) and a 25- to 50-foot radial clearance around non-exempt structures (as defined by California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 4) are maintained in accordance with Public Resource Code 4292.

E21-3 The commenter states that the transmission lines are a blight to the Fairway Canyon residences because they are unsightly, constitute an “attractive nuisance”, generate noise pollution (corona noise), and negatively affect property values.

The Proposed Project would be constructed primarily in an existing transmission corridor with structures already located therein. Matters pertaining to the Safety of the construction and operation of the WOD Upgrade Project are discussed in Section D.21 (Electrical Interference and Safety) and recreation impacts are discussed in Section D.15 (Recreation). In certain instances, for reasons of safety, access to some areas or facilities might be temporarily prohibited during construction. However, it is noted that, whether or not a project poses a legally actionable attractive nuisance is not a consideration of NEPA or CEQA.

Audible noise from transmission lines is addressed in Section D.13 (Noise) of the EIR. Section D.13.3.3 (Impacts and Mitigation Measures) of the EIR concludes that Impact N-3 (Operational noise levels would increase due to corona noise from operation of the transmission lines and other project components) would be less than significant and permanent day-night or 24-hour noise levels (Ldn or CNEL) would not substantially increase due to corona noise for any segment of the Proposed Project.

Aesthetic impacts are discussed in Section D.18 (Visual Resources). This project is proposed within an existing SCE transmission corridor occupied by existing lines. The EIR concludes that beneficial operational visual impacts would occur for the Proposed Project, as a whole, including in the area of Fairway Canyon, as a result of the consolidation of structure types within the ROW, more synchronized conductor spans, and overall reduction of structural complexity and visual contrast within the ROW when viewed from most locations. However, several mitigation measures have been recommended to reduce long term visual impacts along the route. For instance, Mitigation Measures VR-8a (Minimize visual contrast in project design) and VR-9a (Treat structure surfaces) would further ensure that the resulting impacts are an improvement and are, in fact, beneficial.

In response to the commenter’s concern about property value impacts from the Proposed Project, please see General Response GR-5 (Property Values).

Comment Set E22 – Linda Hall

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As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens, our home borders the easement located in Segment 4 , Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project. The existing towers and power lines are currently within 50 feet of our residence. My neighbors and I certainly hope that the towers would not be moved closer to residences in our senior community. I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers. I am concerned of the health problems with living so close to the power lines.

E22-1

E22-2

Thank you for your help.

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Responses to Comment Set E22 – Linda Hall

- E22-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4 and has towers within 50 feet of her residence. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.
- E22-2 The commenter is concerned about health problems with living so close to power lines. See Response to Comment E14-1.