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SCE'S PROPOSED  
WEST OF DEVERS UPGRADE PROJECT  
  
CPUC/BLM SCOPING MEETING  
FOR PREPARATION OF A DRAFT EIR/EIS

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13 MR. BRITT: So with that I think we're going to begin to take  
14 comments. Again, I will call people up that have filled  
15 one of these out. I have one as of now. So right now we  
16 have one speaker. If you'd like to fill one of these out  
17 or speak, if you can just fill that out, come up and drop  
18 it off or hand it to someone in the back and they'll drop  
19 it off for you.

20 And David Duarte, if you would come up. And if  
21 you can state your name just for the record so the court  
22 reporter can put that in.

23 DAVID DOHERTY: I'm David Doherty. I live in  
24 Whitewater right off the exit. And I notice from the plan  
25 that you want to move the towers 35 feet south. That's

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1 going to go right across my backyard and the yards of the  
2 five houses next to me. Because Amethyst, the street I  
3 live on, curves and the towers are coming through, it's  
4 catching the back ends of our yards. And on top of that,  
5 I see the footings is already been -- they've marked it on  
6 the ground. They want to put a tower right next to my  
7 house. And it would kind of look like this. I mean, it's  
8 not -- you can have these if you want to give you an idea.

9 I don't understand. There's so much wide open  
10 property behind me. I mean, there's a big squash of land,  
11 and they want to move it closer to the houses. And I  
12 don't understand it. I mean, if you could see to moving  
13 it further into the grass area, great. But, I mean, house  
14 values are bad enough. I can't imagine having that next  
15 door to me if I could help it.

16 But I'm also, to help out, there's my neighbor  
17 who owns the five pieces of property next to me, and I  
18 just -- I hoped she was going to be here tonight, but she  
19 couldn't make it. But I want to state my piece. The  
20 tower in question is DEC106, and that will just be -- I  
21 mean, I don't know. I don't understand why they would  
22 have to move the towers off the pad they're on now because  
23 you already have -- the footings are already there for the  
24 other towers. But if they have to be improved, great.  
25 But moving them closer to the houses, I think, would not

1 be -- wouldn't be good. So I speak my piece on it.

2 MR. BRITT: Well, thank you very much for coming,  
3 and that's exactly the kind of comment we're looking for.

4 Looks like I have a few more speaker cards, at  
5 least one.

6 All right. Edward Miller. There's no R on here.  
7 Let me add an R. You want to come up and speak?

8 EDWARD MILLER: I just have a simple question.  
9 Banning has its own electric utility, and I was wondering  
10 whether or not there was any change in the connection of  
11 these power lines to our utility.

12 MS. LEE: I can answer that. I'm fairly certain  
13 the answer is no because this segment of the group doesn't  
14 connect to any local substations. It goes from the Dever  
15 substation to the new El Paso substation, which is the  
16 other side of I-10. So it doesn't drop off at any of  
17 these. And as the people can correct me if that's not  
18 correct, we've got a couple people here from Southern Cal  
19 Edison.

20 EDWARD MILLER: Thank you.

21 MR. BRITT: All right. Any more, Raul? One  
22 more, okay.

23 Again, after the meeting we will be here so you  
24 can stand by the boards and look at them and ask some more  
25 question if you'd like. Again, if you want to think about

1 it or you are a little shy, you can just fill it out  
2 tonight and just leave it behind or you can take it home  
3 and send it to us as well.

4 Also while we're waiting, the meeting tomorrow is  
5 actually in Loma Linda 6:00 to 8:00 at the Loma Linda  
6 Civic Center. And then the meeting on Wednesday is in  
7 Beaumont, and that's 7:00 to 9:00. We'll be doing a  
8 recitation of the meeting at 3:00 to 5:00 as well.

9 So the next speaker is Susan Savolainen. I'm  
10 really bad at pronouncing names.

11 SUSAN SAVOLAINEN: Okay. So I just had a couple  
12 questions. Maybe it's too early in the process for you to  
13 answer them. I don't know.

14 Do you know the projected length of time it's  
15 going to take to go from one segment to the other other  
16 until you're done? I mean, is it years, weeks, months?

17 MS. LEE: For construction?

18 SUSAN SAVOLAINEN: Yes.

19 MS. LEE: Yeah. Actually, that was on slide, but  
20 I went over it a little too quickly, I think. The  
21 construction period is three to four years.

22 SUSAN SAVOLAINEN: Okay.

23 MS. LEE: And partly that's because there are  
24 existing lines there, and the project has to be  
25 constructed around the lines without taking too many out

1 of service. So we don't have a very detailed construction  
2 schedule yet, but we're working on one. But it is going  
3 to take, for all of it, the whole 45 miles to be  
4 completed, up to four years.

5 SUSAN SAVOLAINEN: The other question I had  
6 was -- well, there's two more. I didn't see mentioned the  
7 Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

8 MS. LEE: That is definitely on the list with our  
9 wildlands is to evaluate compliance with the Migratory  
10 Bird Treaty Act. And we coordinate with additional  
11 rescues to make sure that we, if mitigation measures are  
12 required, that we have the right kind of mitigation. The  
13 nesting bird issues with migratory birds have been big  
14 issues of concern with previous transmission lines even in  
15 this area, so we have a lot of people with experience  
16 taking a look at that issue.

17 SUSAN SAVOLAINEN: And I guess my last question  
18 is public routes of transit, are they going to be  
19 identified specifically? Like for example, Highway 62,  
20 you know, if the lines are going to cross Highway 62 and  
21 that kind of thing.

22 MS. LEE: Absolutely. Part of the transportation  
23 analysis looks at any effect on roadways in terms of --  
24 especially if those crossings -- or crossing roads would  
25 require, that might require road closure. There are

1 portions of I-10, as you know, out west of Beaumont. So  
2 the transportation analysis will identify where those  
3 crossings are and what the effects might be. There are  
4 standard requirements with Caltrans to cross roads with  
5 power lines. They usually do it at something like 3:00 or  
6 4:00 in the morning to try and avoid traffic effects, but  
7 it is definitely something that will be described in the  
8 transportation analysis.

9 SUSAN SAVOLAINEN: Okay. Thank you very much.

10 MR. BRITT: Thank you. Anyone else?

11 All right. Well with that, I want to just thank  
12 everyone again for your time coming out today, and we'll  
13 be hanging around for a little while. And if you'd like  
14 to ask any more questions, please feel free to do that.

15 Thank you so much.

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