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Beaumont, California

May 21, 2014

3:00 p.m.

MEETING SPEAKERS:

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BRIAN PAUL

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The following Attached Presentation was presented in public forum at Beaumont City Hall, including Presentation of Story Boards and Maps, PowerPoint Presentation at 3:00 p.m.

A handout of the presentation was offered to all public attendees along with a Speaker Presentation card for comments. The public was also offered to speak their comments at the meeting or speak directly to the Court Reporter and were transcribed and are attached hereto as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PATRICK RAFTER OF BEAUMONT:

MR. RAFTER: My name is Patrick Rafter. I live here in Beaumont in the Sierra Del Web Community.

And the question I have is: Can this power line be put underground? And has it been considered?

MS. LEE: The underground power transmission lines definitely can be put underground, and have been in locations throughout the State. It

1 has not yet been suggested for this project. If that
2 is a specific scoping comment that you would like to
3 make, we'll absolutely consider the option.

4 What we would like to hear from you is
5 locations. If there is a specific area where you
6 would prefer it underground and what reason; that
7 would be most useful to us. Or are you just asking
8 in general?

9 MR. RAFTER: I'm asking in general. And it
10 is definitely safer, not only for the public, but
11 also for the electric company. Then you do not have
12 to worry about winds, lightening or any other thing.
13 Once they are underground, it's almost maintenance
14 free.

15 I was just wondering why it was not
16 considered.

17 MS. LEE: The main reason it was not
18 initially considered, is it is quite a bit more
19 expensive.

20 MR. RAFTER: I know that.

21 MS. BLANCHARD: I will like to say again,
22 we are at the beginning of this proposed project.
23 Edison suggests what they want for the proposed
24 project. And then the PUC will conclude the
25 enviromental analysis and the general proceeding.

1 So there is time for everyone to comment
2 on the project, what you think should happen or not,
3 options. So they have just brought to us an
4 application. So we are at the beginning of the
5 process. So if anyone has any suggestions on what
6 they would like to see done, we need to hear from you
7 in these comments.

8 MR. RAFTER: That was my suggestion.

9 MS. LEE: Thank you.

10 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: Anyone else?

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12 ERIC JOHNSTON OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA:

13 MR. JOHNSON: Good afternoon. I am Eric
14 Johnston. I'm here representing Wagner Wind Project
15 in Palm Springs and Baywa Energy Group.

16 I applaud you for the efforts so far for
17 this necessary project.

18 Just a couple comments on the mitigation
19 measures noted in the scoping documents so far.

20 Under socioeconomic impacts and under
21 impacts to utilities, I do not see anything in
22 mitigation for existing energy producers that are
23 going to suffer serious curtailments over the next
24 three or four years and possibly be in breach of
25 their purchasing agreements contracts for energy

1 delivery to wholesalers and the public utilities.

2 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: Thank you. Any other?

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4 LANNY SWERDLOW OF WHITE WATER:

5 MR. SWERDLOW: Some of these transmission
6 lines are on my property. And what kind of effect
7 will it cause for me using the property after it's
8 done? As matter of fact, what can I do with that
9 property now?

10 MS. LEE: It's kind of a legal easement
11 question for Southern California Edison.

12 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: That is right. We are
13 taking note of it, we will consider your comment and
14 I guess we will think through that.

15 MR. SWERDLOW: You're not answering
16 questions today?

17 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: If he could, we would.
18 What we need to do is go back and take it into
19 consideration. That is not something we answer right
20 away.

21 MS. BLANCHARD: Some of it involves looking
22 at the landfill use impact issues that each person
23 identifies or group identifies, then we look at what
24 can be done about that issue in terms of mitigation
25 measures, in terms of alternatives, reroutes, that

1 type of thing. So it's good for us to hear these
2 issues, and the more you can tell us in a letter
3 about the property, the address, what is going on,
4 what --

5 MR. SWERDLOW: What you're saying is I need
6 to do some more asking. So who should I ask?

7 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: Well, at this point,
8 you need to write it down, what your issues are.

9 MR. SWERDLOW: You want me to list where
10 the property is?

11 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: I think that would
12 help. If you took at this form, fill it out, give us
13 specifics about where your property is at and what
14 your issues are of concern, then we will definitely
15 consider it. Because it is like Billie said, we do
16 look at those issues from a land use prospective.

17 MR. SWERDLOW: You will consider it and get
18 back with an answer?

19 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: If we can right away,
20 we will give a preliminary answer. We might not give
21 you the answer that you're looking for.

22 MR. SWERDLOW: Can I expect some kind of
23 response? If I do not hear something back, do I
24 contact you? How long should I wait?

25 MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: You could --

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MR. SWERDLOW: How long should I wait before I realize I'm not getting a response?

MS. ALARCON-LOPEZ: We'll get back right away. If you have a specific question you want to ask, if you could put it in writing, we will get back to you, even if it is just to say we need to look at it further.

Anyone else?

We are going to be here this evening from 7:00 to 9:00.