

Comment Set B.20: Julianne Feuerhelm, ADAPT (Agua Dulce Against Power Towers)

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RE: Petition in opposition to Alternative 5 as proposed in EIR for Edison's Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Line Project

This package contains petition signatures in opposition to Alternative 5 of the Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Line Project.

This effort was initiated by two community members who began this endeavor on Sunday evening and by 8:00 Monday evening had realized over four hundred signatures. The vast majority of these signatures are residents of Agua Dulce. The signatures from Acton addresses were included only if their property directly bordered Agua Dulce. Considering the time constraints, these numbers are witness to the determination of the community of Agua Dulce not to accept these power towers within the confines of our boundaries.

I request these signatures be made part of your public comment report. Thank you in advance for your time and efforts in accommodating this request

Sincerely,



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Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, SCE Application No. A.04-12-007

We, the undersigned, oppose Alternate 5: Antelope-Pardee Sierra Pelona Re-Route. The proposed route by SCE is far superior for the following reasons:

- Alternate 5 would traverse 103 privately owned parcels and may result in the removal of existing homes, structures, or businesses by eminent domain. | B.20-1
- Alternate 5 has a higher risk of bodily injury and property damage creating long-term liability risk in light of the high wind corridor and increased risk of downed power lines and structural fires. | B.20-2
- Alternate 5 will impact our schools resulting in possible relocation of a school, decline in enrollment, displacement of employees and students, loss of impact fees, and endangering our children. | B.20-3
- Alternate 5 has a higher potential for bodily injury due to use of the area for equestrian activities | B.20-4
- Alternate 5 is 45% longer in length, will take at least 23% longer to construct, and cost substantially more than the proposed route | B.20-5
- Alternate 5 will result in loss of property values based on fear of cancer and loss of viewshed | B.20-6
- Alternate 5 introduces a new 18.8 mile utility corridor on private lands and is visible to a greater number of residents and travelers than the proposed route. | B.20-7
- Alternate 5 has more adjacent land uses that will be exposed to corona noise for the first time than the proposed route. | B.20-7
- Alternate 5 has 9 more road crossings than the proposed project resulting in increased duration and severity of traffic impacts. | B.20-7
- Alternate 5 is within a mile of Vasquez Rocks Natural Area resulting in adverse impacts on the panoramic scenic vista | B.20-7
- Alternate 5 is located within a mile of Agua Dulce Airport. 220 foot towers may be a hazard to navigation. | B.20-8
- Agua Dulce is a popular film location due to the topography, rural setting and proximity to the major studios. Implementing Alternate 5 would have adverse impacts to the filming industry. | B.20-9

*This comment letter was accompanied by 23 pages containing 421 signatures of residents of Agua Dulce and Acton.

Response to Comment Set B.20: Julianne Feuerhelm, ADAPT (Agua Dulce Against Power Towers)

- B.20-1 Thank you for providing your opinion on Alternative 5.
- B.20-2 Your findings are consistent with the EIR/EIS as discussed in Section C.9, Land Use and Public Recreation.
- B.20-3 SCE is fully aware of the wind conditions in the vicinity of Alternative 5 and would design the power lines to withstand these conditions, thereby avoiding downed power lines and structural fires.
- B.20-4 As discussed in Section C.9.10.2, the majority of land uses that would be restricted as a result of Alternative 5 would be from the erection of new structures within the alternative ROW. However, given that SCE has not conducted construction or final alignment and design studies for Alternative 5, the EIR/EIS has assumed that the removal of one or more homes may occur. It is not anticipated that Alternative 5 would result in the displacement of a significant portion of the families in the Leona Valley or Agua Dulce communities, nor would it necessitate the closure of local schools.
- B.20-5 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding equestrian activities along Alternative 5. Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- B.20-6 Your findings are consistent with the EIR/EIS.
- B.20-7 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding effects on property values. Effects related to visual resources, noise, traffic, and recreation are discussed in Sections C.15, C.10, C.13, and C.9, respectively.
- B.20-8 Thank you for your comments regarding the airport located in Agua Dulce. The Traffic and Transportation Section C.13 will be updated to analyze the impacts of Alternative 5 on the airport (Impact T-8). As discussed in Section C.13.10.2 for Alternative 5, under “Adverse Effects to Aviation Activities (Criterion TRA11),” SCE would be required to submit FAA Form 7460-1, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, to the Manager of the FAA Air Traffic Division for review and approval of this alternative route. Adherence to FAA guidelines would ensure that operation of the alternative would not cause a significant impact to aviation activities.
- B.20-9 Please see the response to Comment B.13-4 regarding filming impacts to Agua Dulce as a result of Alternative 5.