

Comment Set C.115: John and Lana Seymour

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To Whom It May Concern,

The proposed Alternate 5 Re-Route will be a disaster to the Leona Valley area for the following reasons. Leona Valley is in an area of high fire risk and the 200-foot high towers going through the valley would prevent fire-fighting helicopters from protecting the area as they have done in the past. The towers would simply prevent any in close support. The towers would also hinder the larger aircraft used to fight the fires. The last fire in that area saw the helicopters and large aircraft go right down Lost Valley Ranch Road dropping water to stop the fast moving fire before it reached the core of Leona Valley and down to Palmdale.

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Being a retired couple, we have to plan our finances very carefully. The proposed Alternate 5 Re-Route is a longer route to Santa Clarita Power Station and will therefore cost the taxpayers more money to install. With this added length there will also be an estimated 5-percent loss of energy. All this will result in higher electric bills for years to come. This along with everything else is really making it hard for seniors.

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When the first Ritter Ranch Project people originally proposed a school site under the existing lower voltage power lines, going to the Acton Power Station they were informed they could not have a school that close to power lines.

Now the proposed Alternate 5 Re-Route power lines that are 700% more powerful will go over the homes of families on Elizabeth Lake Road, to approximately 100<sup>th</sup> St W. down to 107<sup>th</sup> St. W. over to Lonesome Valley Ranch Road. & Lost Valley Ranch Road crossover Bouquet Canyon Road. This would encompass the majority of the core of this Valley. The representative from the Forest dept. stated several times that one of her main reasons for not wanting the power lines going through the forest was it would hamper firefighting aircraft in fighting fire's along the ridge.

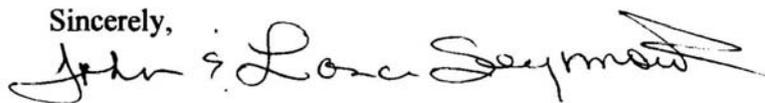
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Alternate 5 Re-Route is not a good idea and should not be considered. The Edison "Proposed" Route along an existing ROW corridor is the only way to go.

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Sincerely,  
  
John & Lana Seymour

## Response to Comment Set C.115: John and Lana Seymour

- C.115-1 We recognize that Alternative 5 would constrain the ability to aggressively fight a wildland fire in the vicinity of the route, and could create additional fire risks to inhabited areas such as Leona Valley and Agua Dulce (see discussion in Section D.5). Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- C.115-2 Although project cost is not discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS, we agree that due to the increased length of Alternative 5, it would cost substantially more than the proposed Project. Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- C.115-3 See above response C.115-1.
- C.115-4 Thank you for your opinion regarding Alternative 5 and it is noted that you support the Edison “Proposed” Route.