

Comment Set C.124: Thomas M. Bohl, on behalf of Roger and June Reitano

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Dear Mr. Boccio and Ms. Kadota:

We represent Roger and June Reitano and the Reitano Family Trust relative to the new proposed Edison transmission lines in Leona Valley and present the Reitano's position relative to the various proposals. We thank you for your consideration of the Reitano's position.

When June Reitano's parents purchased the beautiful, pristine 600-acre ranch they own that fronts on Elizabeth Lake Road, few people even knew where Leona Valley was. This was a full 10 years prior to the outbreak of World War II and the Dodgers were still playing baseball in New York. Mrs. Reitano's parents, who lived in Pasadena, sought a place of refuge and comfort where they could go to on weekends and the summer that was "out in the country." It literally took the better part of a day to travel from Pasadena to the Reitano that ranch back then.

Eventually Mrs. Reitano's parents passed away and the beautiful farm passed on to Mrs. Reitano. She raised her children there. Her family has raised beef and farmed on the ranch for over 60 years. In what may be the last of a dying breed, the Reitano's actually live on the property and actively farm it, routinely putting in 12 to 14 hour days.

The natural wildlife and habitat on their land is very important to them. They intend on passing this treasure onto their children so that hopefully generations more of Reitanos can enjoy this incredible and unique piece of property. They do not intend to sell the property for development.

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As you know, 4 out of 5 of the proposed transmission routes go through the Reitano property.

We know that an extensive amount and money has been spent on developing the various alternative routes and comparisons between those routes. We strongly believe that route 5, all things considered, provides the best balance of the obviously competing partisan interests at stake in this matter.

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Option #5 is the only option that will not permanently scar and deface the national forest. The benefits with respect to Option #5 are as follows:

- 1) There will not need to be any bulldozing of access and maintenance roads through the forest.
- 2) This proposal includes 180 foot transmission towers through the forest. When a fire occurs, fire suppression aircraft will have to dodge the very real dangers imposed by these towers.
- 3) Erosion from construction can never be repaired completely.
- 4) Forestry cannot replace 100 year old Scrub Oaks or Manzanita.
- 5) Proposals 1 through 4 pass through extremely rugged territory on both the Reitano land as well as forestry. Consequently, construction crews will have to bulldoze large areas possibly destroying the natural flow of spring water. The Reitano's entire water source is from natural springs.
- 6) Wildlife will be severely impacted .

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS

As an alternative to Option #5, we would support moving the proposed towers and transmission lines to the western portion of our property line as long as the cables are buried underground on the farmland portion of our property.

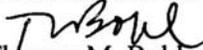
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CONCLUSION

While it is true that we support Option #5 because of our own personal interests, we honestly believe that for all of the reasons outlined above, Option #5 is the best choice for all and we strongly urge that ultimately be the option that is chosen.

Very truly yours,

BOHL & ASSOCIATES


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Response to Comment Set C.124: Thomas M. Bohl, on behalf of Roger and June Reitano

C.124-1 Thank you for submitting your opinion regarding Alternative 5.

C.124-2 A number of alternative routes were identified during the Scoping process to avoid the impacts of SCE's proposed Project. See General Response GR-4 regarding the alternatives identification process for the Project.