

Comment Set C.204: Karl Percy

October, 02 2006

Dear Mr. John Boccio:

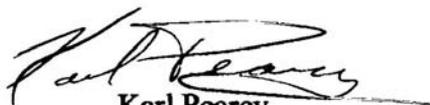
With regard to the Utility installation proposed for Leona Valley known as Alternate 5, or the Pardee / Antelope substation proposal please accept this response.

I have lived in this town since 1989. My home affords a wonderful view of the south side of the valley. Over the years, there have been several fires that threaten our homes. Just a rough guess, but I'm quite sure a dozen homes have been lost in our area since the mid '80's. Again I have a wonderful view and having no real fire fighting experience, I have been in awe of the help the helicopters provide in fighting that major threat. I therefore chose to use that vital support as my topic of this letter.

The fires are usually a problem in hot dry weather. It goes without saying that we have wind in this area. The meter on my roof has clocked the low 80's as a high. 70 MPH has been recorded often, and 40 is my weekly norm. (I record the weather for our local paper, so I can justify these numbers if requested). Since I have no hands on experience with the helicopters, I can only guess that wind, steep hills, and smoke are hazards they must contend with, along with the other fixed wing and fellow helicopters as they maneuver and 'dump' that weight from their vehicle. I firmly believe adding the proposed power lines, directly in the area of many of our homes is a threat to our safety! I would greatly appreciate a reply regarding the plans to offset this loss of firefighting capability. Please keep in mind that 107th, Lost Valley, and Lonesome Valley Rd. are dirt roads, and the water pressure is diminishing as the altitude goes up.

In my search for impact I have talked with several fire fighters, as well as one of the helicopter pilots assigned to the area. The Pilot, in true county employee fashion, only suggested that it would represent an appropriate concern, and that a statement would need to come form his captain in Los Angeles. The reality of this threat must not go ignored due to bureaucratic convenience. Real homes, and people will be at risk..

Again, a response would be appreciated.


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- C.204-1 We recognize that Alternative 5 would constrain the ability to aggressively fight a wildland fire in the vicinity of the route, and would 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 and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.