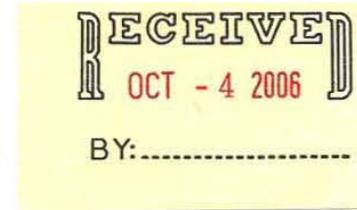


## Comment Set C.205: Peter Kaye

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CPUC Scoping Comments Proposed Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project. Alternative 5

I am opposed to Alternative 5 for the following reasons:

*Peter Kaye*

**Fire Protection and Emergency Services:** Our neighborhood on Lost Valley Ranch Rd. has one dirt road that is only accessible from 87th Street West. In September 2002, a brush fire came through our valley from the Angeles National Forest that nearly destroyed every home on our road. Despite our brush being cleared well away from our house, and the best efforts of the Forestry Service, it took 3 water drops to save our home.



*One of 3 water drops that helped save our home in Sept. 2002*

With the alternative 5 power line route coming down our road, *all 14 homes on our road will be within approximately 1000 feet of the 500kv high tension power lines, making air access impossible.* Without water drops, our neighborhood will go unprotected when the next fire comes through. If a fire or other emergency happens near the entrance to our road, then all homes further up will be totally cut off.

### Devaluation of My Property Value:

Like many others in our neighborhood nearly all of my retirement savings is tied up in the value of my home and property. This is what I have to live on when I am no longer able to find work. By the proponents of this project putting their power lines right next down our road, my property value will most likely be cut in half or more. How will I live when I am older? From my point of view, the proponents of this project are no better than Enron or WorldCom or any other company that swindled people out of their retirement savings.

C.205-1

C.205-2

**Denial of Due Process:**

The proponents have stated that they have notified every property owner within the legal limit (which I believe is 300ft.) of the project. According to the only map furnished to the public by the proponents the Alternative 5 route passes within 200ft. of 8 properties on Lost Valley Ranch Rd. alone, yet only 1 property owner received notification. *When the proponents were questioned about this at the August public hearing, their response was that the exact route had not yet been finalized - therefore the route may or may not pass within 300 ft. of certain existing properties.* Since when is indecision an excuse to deny the public notification and due process?

C.205-3

**Existing homes on 107th St. West**

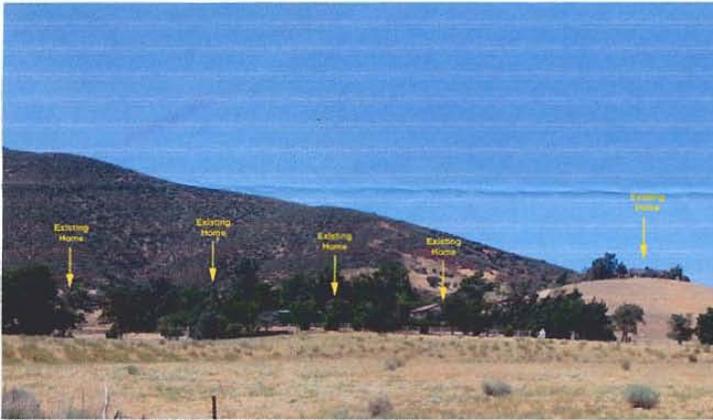
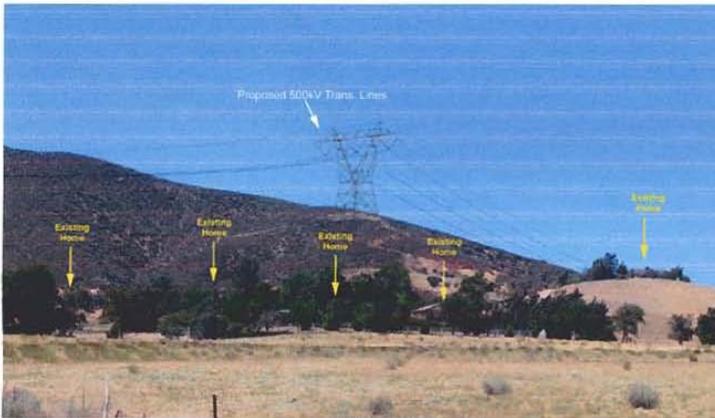


Photo taken facing northwest on Leona Ave. between mile marker 5 & 6 about 500ft. west of the location of Image B

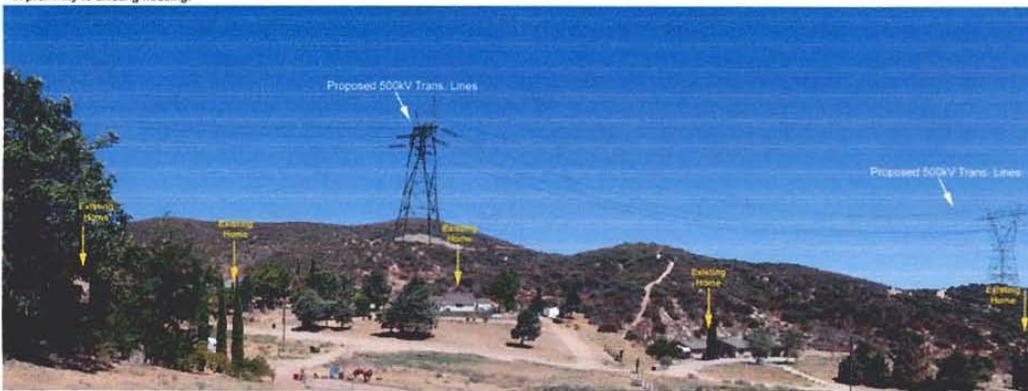


Lost Valley Ranch Rd. looking southeast where lines will turn south to Bouquet Canyon



Simulated view showing approximate size and position of high tension lines and towers in proximity to existing housing.

Artist renderings of proposed Alternative 5 power line route showing approximate size and proximity to some existing homes and property in Leona Valley. The location of the lines in the rendering was done following the map provided by Aspen Environmental Group.



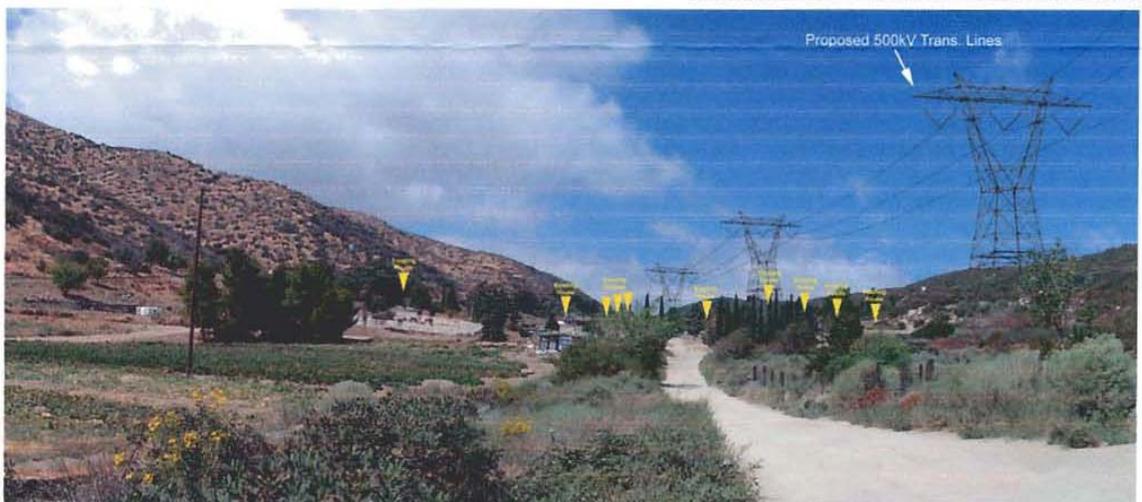
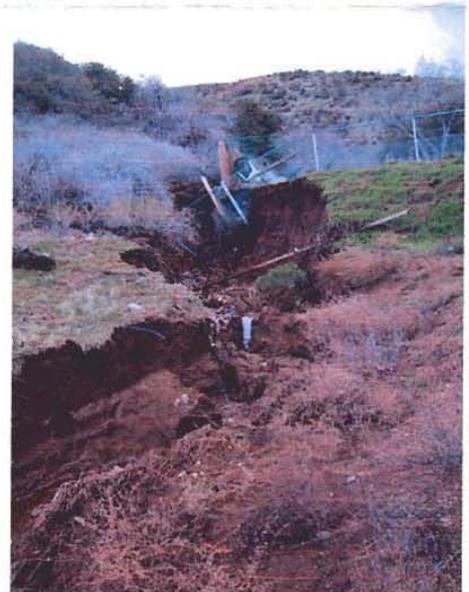
Looking north across the road from 0250 Lost Valley Ranch Rd

**Soil Erosion and Flood Damage:**

Every time natural vegetation is uprooted in our neighborhood we can usually look forward to flooding like this in the winter. With the proponents power lines, towers and freshly cut access roads placed virtually on top of dozens of existing homes we can look forward to many more winters of flooding and our only access road being washed out. This will again leave us without medical or any other emergency services.



*Flood damage on  
Lost Valley Ranch  
Rd. from winter  
2004-05 rain  
storms.*



*Artist rendering of proposed power lines route through Lost Valley Ranch Rd. in Leona Valley showing approximate size and location of power lines and towers according to the proponents map.*

## Response to Comment Set C.205: Peter Kaye

- C.205-1 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.
- C.205-2 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values.
- C.205-3 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures for the Draft EIR/EIS.