

Comment Set C.33: Steve Blanchard and Rae Tinagon

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To: California Public Utilities Commission

Subject: Proposed Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project

Dear Commissioners,

My wife and I are recent owners of property in Leona Valley. We bought this property because of its beauty, a clean skyline free from unsightly electric lines, quietness, the wildlife and the small town feel. We also bought this site because we want to build our retirement home here from environmental friendly products and build it with a solar roof. We have always enjoyed nature and are fans of the environment.

We have an understanding that one of the proposals you are considering is option no. 5, that will install transmission towers on or in proximity to our property. We strongly oppose the installation of any power lines in this pristine area that will destroy the value of these beautiful properties. We have already had our property surveyed and have contacted a builder to build a home of Autoclaved Aerated Concrete and install a Uni-Solar roof.

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I would suggest that any new power lines that have to be installed do so in an uninhabited area and be run underground to preserve the beauty of this area. I have a friend at SCE that said the city of Valencia insisted that all power lines be run underground to maintain the skyline. The city I currently reside in, Oxnard, is removing existing power poles and placing the wires underground.

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Even New York city requires that wires be run underground!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Blanchard and Rae Tinagon

Response to Comment Set C.33: Steve Blanchard and Rae Tinagon

- C.33-1 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on local property values.
- C.33-2 Section B.3 of the Draft EIR/EIS describes the facilities, construction and limitations associated with an underground 500 kV transmission line. Installation of an underground transmission line along the Alternative 5 route is technically infeasible considering the mountainous terrain and the technical limitations to installing 500-kV conductor underground on steep slopes. To utilize underground transmission on shorter segments of Alternative 5 would require construction of transition stations at each end of the underground segment resulting in additional facilities on 2 -3 acres with associated ground disturbance and the visual impact depicted in Fig B.4-8 of the DEIR. In addition the cost of undergrounding the transmission line, at a rate approximately 10 times greater than overhead construction, could be cost prohibitive (economically not feasible). See also General Response GR-6 regarding underground construction.