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1 ANTELOPE-PARDEE 500-KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT
2 DRAFT EIR/EIS PUBLIC MEETING
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6 PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW
7 DRAFT EIR/EIS FOR
8 ANTELOPE-PARDEE TRANSMISSION
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12 PUBLIC HEARING,
13 Taken at Agua Dulce Women's Club, Clubhouse
14 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, CA 91390
15 Agua Dulce, California, at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday,
16 August 30,2006, before, Michele Rock.

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2 AGUA DULCE, CALIFORNIA; WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2006
3 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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6 MR. BRITT: You will have no problem keeping your comments to relatively
7 three minutes. If, as I mentioned earlier, you have a lot to say and you want to
8 go past the three minutes, you have the ability to write your comment out at your
9 hearts content, you can take the comment with you to write It out at a later and
10 send it in, or sit here and fill it out while everyone else makes their comments
11 and drop It off. That is up to you. So, with that I would like to get started.
12 When you come up, I would like for you to say your name for the court reporter,
13 in your own words, so that you are saying it.
14 I am going to call your name, but the court reporter needs to record that you
15 said your name so that we have it on the record who you are.
16 All right. So, with I'm going to call first Norman Hickling. He is with Michael
17 Antonovitch, Supervisor Assistant for the County of Los Angeles. I'm going to

18 call Drew Mercy, Representative for State Senator, George Runner and
19 Linda --I think it is, Kotch or Koch -- Linda, as well.
20 Okay, so the first one is Norman Hickling.

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23 NORMAN HICKLING: Okay, my name is Norm Hickling, I'm the Deputy —
24 Antelope Valley Field Deputy Supervisor for Mike Antonovitch.

25 I want to tell you that I appreciate you guys doing this tonight and sharing
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1 information.

2 I do want to publicly thank Southern California Edison, because I have been
3 personally, and I know that the Supervisor's office has been working with them
4 for probably 18 months now on this proposed project, and they did an extraordinary
5 job coming out to the Antelope, Leona Valley, and many other town councils to talk
6 about their proposal.

7 And they really try to listen to everybody talk and hear what they have to say and
8 that is where that red line was generated in the community with their technical
9 expertise, excreta.

10 So, I have to tell you that the Supervisor is going to be opposed to Alternative #5.
11 The reason why he is going to be opposed is for several reasons, #1, It is Right of
12 Eminent Domain,

13 by coming through peoples communities such as the Leona Valley,
14 and Agua Dulce, and taking away their private property and not for the betterment
15 of the community, for a proposal such as the one that is outlined up here.

16 We also have to have respect for the fact that we need clean energy.

17 The Supervisor is a big fan of that.

18 In fact, He is working with the forestry Service, as you are aware; in Acton they
19 are going to have a new forestry office there.

20 We have been working with them closely and the Ranger and fire division, so
21 there really is a common bond.

22 But in this case the proposal that is outlined in Alternative #5 just has too
23 many things going wrong with it. It does not support the community of

24 Leona Valley and it does not support the community of Agua Dulce,

25 and it causes too many problems. So, with that, on behalf of Supervisor Antonovitch,
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1 thank you,

2 very much for your time.

3 MR. BRITT: Drew Mercy.

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5 DREW MERCY: Drew Mercy, with Senator George Runner's office.

6 I echo Norm Hickling's comments and I'd like to read a letter from Senator

7 Runner that was sent to the EIR manager's approval, the National Forest Service,
8 and the CPUC.

9 Dear MR. Valentino and Espinosa: I'm strongly opposed to the California

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10 public utilities Commissions proposal for Alternative #5 routes to the southern
11 California Edison proposal Antelope Transmission project of Segment One.
12 Southern California Edison's proposal makes proper use of existing driveways
13 and it is reassembly shorter than the CPUC proposal Alternative #5.

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14 Making it much less likely to cause negative environmental impact.
15 Eminent Domain is a governmental power that should be used only as a
16 last resort, especially when we are dealing with personal property and
17 homes.

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18 There is absolutely no defecation to take away thirty plus homes, when existing
19 drive ways are sufficient.

20 My office and I will continually monitor the approval process and look
21 forward to working with you and ensure Eminent Domain is not used in the
22 completion of this project.

23 Please, do not hesitate to contact me regarding this, or, any other project
24 Effecting my district or constitutes, sincerely,
25 George Runner, Senator for the 17th district.

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1 And again, here are two letters one for Senator Runner,
2 one for Assemblywoman, Runner echoing the same strong opposition to Alternative #5.
3 Thank you.

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5 MR. BRITT: Okay, following Linda will be Dennis Bushore, Art Reitano, and Terry.

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7 LINDA KOCH: I am Linda Koch; I'm a resident
8 of Leona Valley. I would like consideration
9 to be given to the loss of property and tax revenue.
10 I would like Los Angeles County to be a state
11 holder in this and they were not considered
12 in this study.

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13 I do not feel a Rock Cory has more consideration
14 then property.

15 Additionally, I feel proper consideration was
16 not given to what would happen with proposal five,
17 where people with children will not want to
18 live next to the power lines.

19 Leona Valley elementary school is a central
20 part of the community. It allows children to
21 walk from their homes in a safe environment to
22 the local school and the employees and local
23 people.

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24 This is a risk and we are already impacted and
25 we have to provide classrooms.

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1 If this school closes the children will have to be

2 bused way to the west side incurring bus traffic, pollution, risks
3 to their safety and loss of local jobs.
4 I feel that there was not a sufficient study
5 done to look at the overall impact with local
6 jobs, air pollution, traffic, and the safety
7 to children, and family values.
8 Thank you.

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10 MR. BRITT: Okay, Dennis.

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12 DENNIS BUSHORE: My name is Dennis Bushore;
13 I'm with Coussoulis, B&C Land and Water, LLC.
14 We are the owners of property the Alternative #5
15 would run right thru. Just a quick background
16 from when it was approved back in 1992,
17 for 2000 to 3000 lots of 2 acres or larger.
18 We have been developing these plans to construct
19 this housing development for eight years.
20 We have recorded track maps for the first
21 phase of this project and hope to start digging
22 in the near future.
23 We are working on the balance of the design of
24 this project for some 250 plus, other lots,
25 again, all two—acres or larger in keeping with
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1 spirit the rural image that the town council
2 has certainly made very clear, and that they
3 agree completely.
4 This line runs into our project as well as into the Agua Dulce
5 community at large.
6 This would destroy Agua Dulce's standards and
7 the whole reason that it was created.
8 Certainly we and our backers, believe that
9 certainly the development needs and energy,
10 like any other user, but we think that It is
11 Inappropriate and by virtue of the homes that
12 are part of existing corridor that were built
13 long after that route was established and
14 that these popular homes cried that those power
15 lines were bigger and they were aware of It and
16 certainly this was the change be less impacted
17 then the community of Agua Dulce, that doesn't
18 have any power lines at this magnitude.
19 With that, we respectfully request that the

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20 support of the proposed project that Edison
21 has proposed, because of that it doesn't have
22 an alternative number, but we think that it
23 is the most appropriate one.

24 Thank you.

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1 TERRY DUPIOUS: Good Evening. My name is Terry Dupious.

2 I'm a Leona Valley resident of 23 years and I'm

3 here in opposition of what they are proposing.

4 First of all, I want to thank Senator Runner and

5 Assembly Woman Runner. I'd like to thank

6 Supervisor Antonovitch's representative for being here.

7 We appreciate that and I'm sure we will all

8 remember him in a very positive way come

9 election time. Thank you all for being here

10 tonight. Chester, can we return to that map.

11 I'd like a show of hands please.

12 How many of you folks are here from

13 Aqua Dulce?

14 Okay, so, not quite half.

15 How many of you folks of Agua Dulce received

16 a letter in the mail -- a show of hands?

17 One out of ten.

18 Pretty good. That's better than Leona Valley.

19 Because in Leona Valley --you want to know how I got

20 the letter?

21 Our town council representative, Mr. Kenny

22 came into the market and he said "I got something

23 I want to show you."

24 He showed me what he had to show me.

25 I went home and talked to Karen Bryan right

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1 here and she got started.

2 We had about 350 people in Leona Valley.

3 Everyone 100% was in opposition to the proposed

4 Alternate #5 Route.

5 Did you bring that up -- yes, please.

6 I'm going to really tick some people off

7 because this is so unbelievable.

8 Can you go to the next slide at the towers?

9 Those beautiful towers.

10 Aren't they lovely? In that shot you can

11 barely see it looks like a shack, but that

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12 is Mr. Kenny's house on the top of the hill
13 looking over Leona Valley. At his ranch there
14 is about 26 acres. Here is my house and you
15 can't really tell because it looks like a
16 little barn. We have six acres in the corner.
17 (INAUDIBLE) They have ten acres right here behind
18 me and he has about half-a-dozen kids.
19 The Cranwells on the corner.
20 Lori and Bernard -- on the corner.
21 They have two children you can see in this
22 picture that somebody is walking down the
23 street.
24 It is a nice clean residential area.
25 It is a rural area and we want to keep
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1 it that way.
2 I don't want any pollution. You know,
3 I've got a Well, and I don't want my water polluted.
4 I drink that water. I don't want what is going
5 to happen to the environment out here and
6 I am fully opposed to this project.
7 As far as the route that they are taking,
8 they have an Edison route which is absolutely
9 perfect as far as I'm concerned.
10 The only opposition it seems like is from
11 somebody at the Forest Service and this
12 story about how it came out from a new study
13 for the people, that is a load of croak.
14 I'm drawing a blank here.
15 Anyway, I'm opposed to the development of
16 this thing and by the way, does any one of you
17 folks from Leona Valley know Dr. Dave our local
18 Veterinarian?
19 This tower -- he has pulled a permit for his home
20 and that tower is exactly where his house is
21 going to be.
22 I just can't imagine the water that is going to
23 run from my property and over to his house,
24 but I don't think he is going to be able to
25 have too much water with all of that
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1 electricity going around.
2 Any way, I'm opposed to it and I want to thank
3 you folks for being here. Just keep an eye on

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4 these people, say your comments, and get up here
5 and speak whatever you can do, because look they
6 have been trying to run us with having the
7 meeting for Leona Valley people, they had it
8 in Quartz Hill.

9 They didn't have it in Leona Valley,
10 they had it some place else.

11 So, we know what they are up too.

12 Let's don't let them get away with It.

13 Thank you very much, I appreciate your time.

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16 MR. BRITT: After Roger we have Peg Spry, Tana Lampton,
17 and Karen Bryan.

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20 ROGER REITANO: Hello, My name is Roger Reitano.

21 Most of you don't even know that my wife and I

22 exist, because I have spent the last 15-years

23 living in Alaska. However, we took the red-eye

24 out of Fairbanks and arrived here this morning.

25 So, I'm a little cranky, just bare with me.

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1 When you live in Alaska bush, nine hours out of
2 Anchorage and four hours out of Fairbanks,
3 and somebody says, "You wouldn't mind if we
4 took some of your land", you get a little cranky
5 and that is why I'm here.

6 Now, my wife and I actually we farm and raise
7 cattle.

8 We have hundreds and hundreds of acres in
9 Leona Valley.

10 A lot, and so rather than argue or discuss the
11 merits of this project, there are some concerns
12 that I have that might concern some of you.

13 One is, when they eventually run the line, and
14 they will which ever way they go, it cuts to
15 bare that the beautiful people that are going
16 to get all of that electricity are not in
17 Agua Dulce, or Leona Valley.

18 So, I am wondering why don't you build a
19 power plant in their backyard and let them
20 use it and put these power lines somewhere else.

21 Secondly, I'm concerned that in about 50 years

22 and some laughably-low, screw-you-in-the-hiney rent.
23 We owned this land since the early 30's.
24 The original lease is logged in the late 1929,
25 and I have that original documents.

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1 I don't know what they gave the original guy,
2 probably fifty bucks.
3 But, at this day-in-age, land is not worth fifty
4 bucks in Leona Valley or any place else.
5 The prices start at 30, 40, 50, big-ones an acre.
6 Edison is not going to pay you that kind of
7 money for the land they gobble up.
8 They are going to say that they have appraisers
9 and they won't screw you.
10 I can sell you a bridge too.
11 They are going to screw you anytime they can.
12 So, you are not only going to loose your land,
13 but you are not going to have any benefit from
14 It because you can't use the land that
15 they have taken.
16 You can't build under it and you are paying
17 the taxes. Edison does not pay your taxes
18 and as land evaluates and escalates and your
19 taxes are going to go up.
20 Be assured that Edison will raise the rates
21 that moment that this land is completed and you
22 will really find out what it feels like to
23 get screwed, because our rates changed have
24 changed at the ranch and I'm not happy about it.
25 Anyway, the prices are going to be low.

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1 They want fifty years for a low price.
2 I'd like to lease a building in any place,
3 Lan Caster, Agua Dulce, Leona Valley,
4 for 50 years for one low price.
5 It does not work that way. My theory is if they
6 are going to take your land then you are
7 entitled to at least two or three years of
8 cost of living increase, a tax increase, water.
9 So, I hope to see some of those issues addressed
10 by the Edison people, and I did ask earlier
11 about whether there was a real estate person
12 here and obviously there isn't, but I understand
13 that and I'm keeping an eye on the project,

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14 because I don't want roads built thru our property
15 and I don't want all of the dirt and gravel
16 from the hills, nor the Forestry, or somebody
17 generally plants fiddle neck, because it grows
18 really fast and that is the farmers love.
19 Fiddle Neck.
20 You need to stick a needle in the arm.
21 Fiddle Neck you can't get rid of.
22 So, now you have drainage, erosion, Fiddle Neck,
23 and you aren't able to sell the farm.
24 So, anyway, my concerns are a little bit different.
25 Which ever route they take, you have to live with
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1 it and I don't support it, I'm just saying if you
2 the beautiful people have to have electricity,
3 stick it in their backyard.
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5 PEG SPRY: My name is Peg Spry. I live at 10835
6 Sierra Highway, Agua Dulce, California.
7 I'm not here to represent any town council,
8 but I do hold a seat on the town council and
9 I am very concerned about the environment and
10 our community.
11 First, I read about the proposed line in the
12 Los Angeles Times, only a few weeks ago.
13 Following that, it was advertised in the
14 Local Country Journal, which I want to thank
15 Lillian for.
16 If there are not more people here, it is
17 because we have not had any Input in any of
18 the scoping or any of the documents, when they
19 were released, or anything.
20 Our town council has been totally left out of
21 the loop.

22 We feel very strongly to be here to represent our community and to give
23 Input in a united voice to
24 speak for our community. We have been denied that.
25 Therefore, I'm requesting that the comment
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1 period be extended for at least another 60 days beyond September,
2 the 18th. In all fairness, once I read
3 about it, I went to the web site and I pulled it
4 up the web site and saw nothing of the proposed
5 route five. It wasn't until I came this evening

6 and I knew nothing about you wanting to bring
7 it into Agua Dulce.

8 So, therefore, I am requesting that we have
9 an extension for the comment period and that
10 also, once our town council is back in session
11 after September 13th, that somebody be there
12 to meet with the community regarding this.
13 Thank you.

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15 MR. BRITT: Is Tana here -- perfect. I think that
16 I had you next. Keep in order that would
17 be great, otherwise we get all confused.
18 Thank you.

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20 TANA LAMPTON: Tana Lampton. 31851 Brush Road,
21 Aqua Dulce, California. A 29-year resident.
22 I am Charter of town council and before that,
23 I am very proud of it, I am one of the founders
24 of RCSD.

25 This project, in the last 20 years, and mostly
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1 rural Agua Dulce, but also Leona Valley.
2 This is just unbelievable and ugly.

3 It is not healthy and I am opposed to it.
4 I thank especially, Mr. Antonovitch's
5 office and Mr. Runner and Mrs. Runner's
6 office and all of you kids from Leona Valley,
7 Thank you very much for coming out here.

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8 I ask you to please extend that comment period.
9 We need at least 60 more days on that puppy.
10 The map here shows Alternative #5, going smack
11 into the center of Agua Dulce not even to
12 Sierra Highway. It is going thru the center of
13 Aqua Dulce. No good. I'm opposed.

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15 MR. BRITT: After Karen, we will have Rosie Heffley,
16 Ramona Hall, and Terry Kenney.

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18 KAREN BRYAN: Karen Bryan. I am from Leona Valley.
19 I went to two of these meetings and I reiterate,
20 and I'm strongly opposed to the project.
21 One thing that I don't see in the report is
22 an air park.
23 What I see is the transmission line is within

24 the one mile of that air park. I'd like to know
25 how can a small plane take off and have the
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1 transmission line right in front of them and the
2 risks with that.

3 My other thing is, I am a positive
4 environmentalist. I have turbines in
5 my backyard generating power. When I generate
6 too much, Edison says "thank you very much"
7 and takes it and gives it as they will.

8 I have to pay property taxes on that Turbine
9 because that is an improvement to my property.
10 I think that if they did more to create incentives
11 so that we could generate our own power that would
12 go a long way.

13 Again, I'm opposed to five.
14 Thank you.

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16 MR. BRITT: Next is Rosie.

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18 ROSIE HEFFLEY: My name is Rosie Heffley, and I live
19 at 3520 Escondido Canyon Road. And actually I was
20 appalled to see Alternative #5, because I didn't see
21 that any where else before and when I saw the map
22 that they are showing us here it does not show,
23 because it is too small to comprehend what is going on.

24 It goes right over the bridges down over there and
25 almost going right next to the Vasquez Rocks

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1 and I don't think that anybody has considered
2 that these rocks are south of my house next to the
3 Vasquez Rocks. Do they go there, no I don't
4 think the forest department has considered
5 anything about the rocks and the environment,
6 but they have considered the Forest Services.

7 But lines are already there.

8 Why not utilize those lines that are there
9 and go all through this even building
10 expensive -- the lines, we go thru this
11 chit chat, and I want to make sure that
12 I'm on the record to oppose route five out
13 of that report.

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14 Thank you.

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16 RAMONA HALL: My name Ramona Hall. I live at
17 33455 Agua Dulce Canyon Road.
18 I am a member of the town council; however
19 I'm speaking for myself here this evening.
20 One of the things that I would like to do
21 first is to thank Bill Davis of the Acton town
22 council. I don't know if any of you know, but
23 our town council has been on hiatus for several
24 weeks and we did not even know about the
25 Alternative Route, until the other town council
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1 alerted us to that fact.
2 We would have more citizens here tonight,
3 I believe had we been able to notice them.
4 I feel that we need to lengthen the comment
5 period.
6 I would like to, but we need to have the town
7 council have the opportunity to speak with my
8 other town council members about this issue and
9 as individual home owner I'm utterly opposed to
10 route five and I just can't understand how anyone
11 can conceive it. Thank you.

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13 MR. BRITT: Following Terry will be Mary Johnson,
14 Bill Elliot and Dee Hall.

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16 Terry Kenny: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.
17 My name is Terry Kenney, and I am here tonight as
18 a member of the Leona Town Council and I just want
19 to thank you, all for being her so thank you very
20 much and also, little and I have talking back and
21 forth. (Background Noise)
22 Before I share with you the Antelope Valley
23 town council I would like to address a few
24 questions.

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25 Earlier on, we had the chart up here from worse
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1 to best on the scenario, and I have a few questions
2 that I would like to be on the record for.
3 Why are environmental resources being considered,
4 why are the source of economics and considerations
5 for human beings considered as well.
6 I didn't see anywhere in the report considered.
7 It also baffles me as to how consideration can

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8 be given to (INAUDIBLE) a when you take that way
9 out of the forest and bring It to the perimeter,
10 how can that be less detrimental to Leona Valley and It is not right.
11 Okay, why?
12 I have a whole thing --if a chicken runs into
13 a bag of flour and you have a big biscuit, then you
14 guys are dead wrong. Anyway, let's get on because
15 I have something to say. This is where our opinions
16 are with the town council, we are on record that we
17 are in opposition To this proposal to specifically Alternative Route #5,
18 if It is going to be a route to choose, we choose the proposed Southern California
19 Edison route.
20 Leona Valley town council, is in the opinion that
21 the US forestry Service and the CPUC, is in violation
22 of the rule for California quality act.
23 Peg said it earlier, and no one received or very few people received
24 proper notification of this.
25 We all filled out the proposal that Southern
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1 California Edison Route did back in December of
2 2004. We had an opportunity but this proposal and
3 routes, we were not noticed and if we were, I will
4 give you and example when we get there. Keep in mind
5 that we have minimal paper required in the rural communities
6 and in Leona Valley as well.
7 The notion that if you live within 300 feet of
8 these lines and that causes you to give notice
9 is ridiculous.
10 (Inaudible)How much is the daily value, I have a
11 drive way that is 700 feet long. Okay anyway, they said earlier.
12 To be the in compliance to the procedure to it,
13 however, this came to us as the town council.
14 We received on July 21st. Ladies and gentlemen;
15 we didn't receive that until the first or second
16 week of August. That is horrific.
17 Just terrible.
18 The citizens of Leona Valley than 2 weeks again
19 to study the material terrible.
20 The community impact of Alternate Route #5 or
21 no notification from the CPUC or the Forestry
22 Service or did they have a premonition of anything
23 that these Alternative Routes were being considered.
24 As the result again, only handful of us were notified.
25 One of the things that my neighbor Karen, gave to

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1 me earlier is we were talking about Alternative
2 route. The route is 20.6 miles long.
3 That is required to have 227.37 Acres of newly
4 required land or easements.
5 By contrast, Alternate Route #5 and the apparent
6 dangers with the longer route, 37.5 miles longer
7 and will require an additional 470.81 More acres,
8 totaling 698.1 acres of destroyed land and
9 disruption to the environment.
10 Roger talked about the value of that land and
11 what the cost of recuperation would be.
12 I certainly think that the CPUC thought that
13 it would be, but unfortunately we are in
14 the wait period since last summer, but you can
15 call and see what consideration will be given.
16 Has anybody from the CPUC considered the impact
17 that is what I alluded to or the cost.
18 Once again, ladies and gentlemen, the
19 Leona Valley council is 100 percent opposed
20 to the Alternative Route #5.
21 We join with the Runners and we join with
22 Supervisor Antonovitch's office, and we want
23 our voice to be loud and clear.
24 Chester and I have had a bit of a shouting match
25 and I apologize, Chester. Verbal comments

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1 are probably going into the record, but I
2 guarantee you that written comments will
3 get into the record. I encourage you each to
4 write your concerns on a piece of paper send
5 it in the mail and get those written comments
6 into the record. They will get there.
7 If this route five goes forward Alternate
8 route #5, the Leona Valley Town Council will be
9 requiring interviews and we have a right to that application
10 process is in place.
11 We will also request compensation for the expenses
12 incurred as we enter vein over the proposed
13 Alternative Routes. We will also require a no
14 cost to the public to participate in this process.
15 And lastly, but not least, we are going to
16 require more time. The time clock needs to
17 be restarted because we were not noticed.

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18 We did not have proper notification and we
19 would strongly encourage you of the other
20 community and town councils to do the same.
21 Request interview status from us the in as a
22 leader you find out how to do It.
23 Thank you for being here.

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25 MARY JOHNSON: My Name is Mary Johnson. I live
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1 in Agua Dulce. I too am on Agua Dulce Town council
2 and I speak as an individual because we haven't
3 gotten together to figure out where we are going
4 with this, but I know pretty well what the town
5 council will determine.

6 No disrespect meant to you folks, but your
7 notice on the project and the Alternates,
8 have been less than forth coming.

9 This community was not included in the scoping
10 process.

11 The press release you sent out failed to
12 indicate that Alternate #5 would have anything
13 to do with Agua Dulce.

14 The description of Alternate #5 only indicates
15 that there would be a limited amount of
16 Forrest Service land affected.

17 In your executive summary you talk about Alternate #5,
18 and I'd like to read the whole thing.

19 If deviates from the proposed projects from mile
20 zero to miles 20.3.

21 It indicates some where you are going, but no where
22 does it say Aqua Dulce.

23 To read thru the executive summary, we wouldn't
24 even know that we were affected.

25 That is why there is nobody here tonight.

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1 I'm questioning how you noticed the people who
2 are directly affected by Alternate #5, or did
3 you send out notices to the people within that
4 mile or I know that there were a few people noticed,

5 but what I really would request is that all
6 properties within a half-mile of Alternate #5,
7 be notified in writing, the comment period be
8 extended to 30-days after this notice.

9 I think that I agree with everybody here who

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10 has spoken tonight, that the lack of notice
11 will be affective to what we can give you as
12 comments.
13 So, I really hope that you can, even before we
14 leave tonight, give us some sort of a guarantee
15 that the period may be extended, because we need
16 to have a little bit more comment period.

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18 BILL ELLIOTT: My name is Bill Elliott. I live at
19 40015, 72nd Street West, in Leona Valley. I am in a
20 little bit different figure I guess.
21 Some of the questions that I raiser earlier were significant to the fact
22 that the united added
23 risks of the power lines were not actively
24 addressed. Specifically, the pollution in dealing
25 with the O-zone, and Manufacturing factor in the performance
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1 or the extra powers, the wires, and
2 generation traffic to the capacity needed to make
3 up for the double lines and leak in lines.
4 That adds up. Also, I wanted to address is the
5 actual noise pollution for people living near
6 these things.

7 Leona Valley has a cloud that goes across those
8 mountains all of the time and it is heavily fogged
9 in most cases you can't see the mountains during
10 the winter months. So, we expect to see a lot of
11 Corona-type noise in that area.

12 Those mountains are also used by a lot of our
13 equestrian friends and stuff like that.
14 Noise associated with those types of things will
15 echo and spook the horses from what I understand
16 with that stuff.

17 Another thing that I'd like too address and make
18 perfectly clear is like everybody else, In the
19 lack of inadequate posting for the Edison effort.
20 Edison is required to put a poster up on every
21 place that the road or power lines crossed the
22 roads.

23 I believe you all saw them; I saw them up and
24 down Elizabeth Lake Road there were big signs
25 there and stuff. Notice of public meetings and all
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1 of that type of stuff.

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2 None of that was done for this particular effort.
3 Not what so ever or we would have seen it a long
4 time ago.
5 So again, the CPUC was worthless or deficient in
6 the proper posting in this type of stuff.
7 I also have to agree with put power where you
8 need it. I am believe if the CPUC was being more
9 involved in the actual home generation and the actual political take
10 on opposed to putting the big power
11 lines up and every thing else.
12 Local business communities definitely have a better
13 use of the power and less impact in the National
14 Forest itself.
15 So, that is all that I have to say.

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17 MR.BRITT: After Dee Holland, we have Tina Rodriguez and
18 Richard Thomas.

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20 DEE HOLLAND: My name is Dee Holland. I reside in Agua Dulce.
21 Terry asked how many people here we're Agua Dulce
22 Residents, and you didn't see many people because
23 we are horse people and we are up at 4:00 o'clock
24 in the morning. If you see people getting up
25 to leave that is because they have left and

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1 that is why they are not here.
2 This Alternative #5 is going to affect our horse
3 trails. Our equestrian people and Town Council
4 people have spent countless hours GPS-ing our
5 trails. Now, you're going to disrupt those.
6 Alternative #5 is not an alternative.
7 It is one of those none-alternatives.
8 Therefore, homes incur costs it invades people's
9 private property and their lives.
10 My husband is with the Los Angeles Water And Power,
11 and his electrical engineer and one of his people
12 were here in Leona Valley and that is the only way
13 how we found out about it going into Agua Dulce
14 was because somebody from Leona who happened to
15 work with my husband let him know that Agua Dulce
16 was going be to be impacted.
17 When he read it he said "Alternative #5, they are
18 crazy to do it" That is not cost-effective.
19 So, on the Edison side, Alternate #5, is

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20 ludicrous. And since the Alternative to this whole
21 process, the alternative we need extended time
22 and added notification of the Agua Dulce people.
23 And since when is privately owned land,
24 open land?

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1 TINA RODRIGUEZ: Hi, I'm Tina Rodriguez. I live in
2 Leona Valley. The power lines would be about
3 300 feet behind my property line. So that would
4 affect me because I do have a six-year-old.
5 Everyone keeps saying that we didn't get notified
6 because we thought that it was Forestry land was
7 affected and Santa Clarita.
8 They sort of act like they didn't know that the
9 law states that if it is in the forest land then
10 they have to then move an Alternative out to the
11 outside.

12 LA County borders both sides of that forest.
13 We should have been notified because a few of us
14 back right onto the forest land. It shouldn't have
15 been a stretch of the imagination to say "oh maybe
16 these people will be Affected and maybe they should
17 have been included in the scope meetings as
18 Santa Clarita was". Because the Forest is going to
19 require an alternative method of getting the
20 electricity. I'm also a firm believer in let's
21 let Santa Clarita create its own electricity.
22 Just like Karen has, creating her own electricity
23 from her property. We should all be encouraged
24 to do that. We take water from the north and we
25 have a problem with that but that is another

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1 thing and another issue and we shouldn't
2 continue doing that. We need to support our
3 selves to be self-sufficient and this isn't
4 helping. And they take it from Tehachapi take
5 it to Santa Clarita and divert the electricity
6 going to anybody else.
7 It seems to me that it is a waste of money to
8 even put us through all of this hell.
9 Please excuse the expression, but it doesn't
10 seem very feasible to use Alternative #5.
11 It almost seems like it is the procedure they

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12 have to the follow which I'm going to speak
13 with Antonovitch's office tonight about that.
14 You really bother people for no reason and
15 I think that is something that maybe policy
16 should be changed in that if it is going to
17 go to the forest or government land anyone
18 next to that land with no limit of 300 feet,
19 should be notified because their property is
20 going to be impacted and effected by it and we
21 should have been involved in the scoping and
22 that way you would not have so many people
23 complaining about that.

24 That is about it. Our tax revenue is another
25 issue. On our street alone, we could be

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1 looking at Twenty million dollars in properties that
2 will be evaluated and if this goes through then
3 that is the first thing I'm going to do, is
4 talk to LA county to evaluate my land, so that
5 I am not paying as much tax.

6 It is absurd to me that this could even be
7 considered.

8 So, my suggestion would be review the guidelines
9 required for the scope meeting so that more
10 people who are affected or will be affected
11 will be notified after this meeting.

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13 RICHARD THOMAS: Hello, my name is Richard Thomas.

14 I'm with the Leona Valley town council. I live at
15 9250 Elizabeth Lake Road, in Leona Valley.

16 I'm interested in some procedure of things.

17 My responsibility --one of my responsibilities
18 with the town council is anything that has
19 to do with the Public Utilities Commission.

20 And I have been working on the water rate
21 increase which the CPCU is (Inaudible) and in
22 working on that I realized how unbelievably
23 complex the procedure is in the policy that
24 you have to work with In the timing and much
25 time you have to comment and what period

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1 it has to stop, and what format it has
2 to go in.

3 If you don't do It right, It doesn't happen.

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4 Now, what we have is the other boards of the
5 Forestry Service, and whether they have
6 procedures and comment periods and timelines
7 and all that kind of stuff.
8 I'd sure like to see how it is written down
9 how we proceed.
10 Maybe it will take somebody from CPUC to
11 come out to the town council and give us a
12 hand to present it on how we do this
13 and how to proceed.
14 What are the timelines and what
15 are the significant points,
16 what are the correct procedures on writing,
17 or we don't know.
18 It could be time for the Agua Dulce town
19 council is in the same situation as us.
20 We got an eight inch or four inch book to
21 go thru.
22 14 pounds to go through and each one of those
23 stages we are suppose to decide whether or not
24 we want to make a comment on. I don't want to
25 beat the horse to death on how much time we
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1 don't have to do that and how much we need to.
2 We don't really know what the procedure is on
3 how to go to the CPUC and get an extension.
4 I'm sure there is a form or a procedure
5 of something on how to get an extension.
6 It is not going to happen by the court reporter
7 typing it out over there.
8 There are procedures you have to know what
9 the procedures are. Bureaucracy is bureaucracy.
10 You have to play the game or you get left out.
11 So, I would hope that the request for CPUC,
12 or somebody to come out to our town council
13 or the association of real time council
14 representative, and let us know how to do
15 it specifically.
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17 MALE SPEAKER: In terms of requesting an extension
18 of time in order to petition Administrative
19 Law Judge, (Inaudible) do you do it by email,
20 or regular written letter to his commission.
21 MR. BRITT: Volumes of people, or?

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22 MALE SPEAKER: NO.

23 Can you give us her email please. (SPEAKING OFF MIC)

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25 MR. BRITT: I think that is JMH@.CPC.CA.GOV

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2 FEMALE SPEAKER: OFF MIC.

3 MR. BRITT: I would have to talk to them right now.

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5 FEMALE SPEAKER: OFF MIC.

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7 MR. BRITT: I am an environmental group worker; I'm

8 not a decision maker for the CPUC.

9 The Administrative Law Judge has the power to do that.

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11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Can't you, the CPUC, extend it?

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13 MR. BRITT: Well, the agency can. I am not the agency,

14 I am staff. The Administrator Law Judge Is

15 the decision maker.

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17 FEMALE SPEAKER: But, you have ability to.

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19 MR. BRITT: NO, the Administrator Law Judge.

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21 FEMALE SPEAKER: Is that right?

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23 MR. BRITT: [PC1]The Administrative Law Judge does with the

24 CPUC. My Supervisors can not make that decision

25 without the Administrative Law Judge.

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1 FEMALE SPEAKER: You have to go to the judge to make

2 a decision on whether or not?

3 MR. BRITT: It is the Public Utilities Commission, Administrative

4 Law Judge.

5 MALE SPEAKER: Your Supervisor, Bob, requested it?

6 MR. BRITT: I have no problem reporting to my

7 superiors what we have discussed.

8 FEMALE SPEAKER: Do you know when the decision will

9 be made?

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11 MR. BRITT: I don't know when the Administrative Law

12 Judge will be making the decision.

13 Hopefully it will be very soon.

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15 FEMALE SPEAKER: When will we know if the Forestry
16 Service have made a decision on the selective
17 alternatives-- will we never know?

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19 SPEAKER: OFF MIC.

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21 MARIE: When I gave the presentation
22 I said normally, when the final environmental impact statement
23 gets published, that's when the decision
24 is made, but you know, I think people are really
25 confused about this being a joint document because

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1 the CPUC has an extension period and we do too,
2 because that is two document.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: So, we can have you extend it also?

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5 MARIE: Yeah, I don't have the authority, but I will definitely make
6 it a point to ask.

7 When we talked about it on Monday, people
8 were very verbal and we need as an agency
9 to decide what we are going to do.

10 MALE SPEAKER: There was a concern that, I think
11 that the gentlemen from the environmental group
12 brought it up, that down the road as it creates and expands,
13 so if you have 180 feet and five years
14 from now they want another 180 feet, mean while,
15 your house has been reduced to a dog house and you
16 are paying the taxes. I want to know what safe
17 guard does the public have that if we give up our
18 land and I use that term explicitly, "give up", how
19 are we assured that Edison is not going to come back
20 in five years and swallow up another 20, 30 acres of
21 land? So, I don't expect you to answer it, but
22 I'd love for someone to provide and answer not
23 only to me, but to the rest of these fine people
24 in the room.

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1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Could we get an assurance now that I
2 understand, from both the forest Service and the CPCU; to you
3 your selves request an extension and can I get that assurance tonight?

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5 SPEAKER: I will tell them tomorrow to give the extension.

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7 FEMALE SPEAKER: I think that it would hold more weight if
8 you request it.

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10 RICHARD THOMAS: I forgot to make a close, because I'm a
11 bad car salesman. Who is at the Forestry Service that will
12 contact our Antelope Town Council, or the
13 Association of Real-time Council, with how
14 to proceed with the Forestry Service.

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16 MARIE: I think that my contact is -- you can contact me,
17 Marie.

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19 RICHARD THOMAS: (OFF MIC)

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21 MARIE: You have to give me your information; you can give me
22 your phone number. And if you know anyone that wants to contact
23 me can give me your phone number or business card.

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1 BACKGROUND NOISE.

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3 MALE SPEAKER: I have a question, is the Administrative
4 Law Judge over the Forest Service?

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6 SPEAKER: No.

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9 MALE SPEAKER: So she can't rule on the extension and
10 is she over the CPUC?

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12 MARIE: Yes.

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14 MALE SPEAKER: (INAUDIBLE) Okay. Just covering
15 our bases, so they have their own judges who
16 are assigned to them. They are responsible for
17 the fact finding and they then prepare the draft decisions,
18 so the Judge is really the primary CPUC staff member
19 with the responsibility of making decisions.

20 One last question, how was it anyway that you

21 and I are going to toss and

22 turn all night about this -- how was it that the

23 meeting for Leona Valley ended up in Quartz

24 Hills?

25 It is something that I would like to know the
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1 answer.

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3 SPEAKER: We picked the location based on
4 that was in the middle of Alternate #5.

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6 MALE SPEAKER: When I heard that we were going
7 to have a meeting for Agua Dulce and I
8 figured it was going to be in Van Nuys.
9 I'd like to make one final comment; we
10 thank you for patience and thank you for
11 your integrity. You were honest with all of us.
12 Thank you very much.

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14 SPEAKER: Thank you all very much for coming
15 here tonight. We will be around for a few
16 minutes afterwards. It is getting late, but
17 thank you for your patience and we thank you
18 again for coming out tonight.
19 Thank you very much.

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1 REPORTER CERTIFICATE

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3 I, the undersigned, a Shorthand Reporter within and for the State of California, do
4 hereby certify:

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11 transcription thereof.

12 I further certify that I am neither financially
13 interested in the action nor a relative or employee of
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19 Michele Rock
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23 Dated: 09/05/06
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Response to Comment Set DD-3: Agua Dulce Public Meeting (August 30th, 7:00PM)

- DD.3-1 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 5. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's potential effect on local property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- DD.3-2 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 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.
- DD.3-3 The removal of 30 homes would not occur under Alternative 5. As discussed in Section C.9.10.2, the alternative alignment would be constructed across approximately 103 privately owned parcels. The majority of land uses that would be restricted as a result of Alternative 5 would be due to the erection of new structures within the alternative ROW. However, given that SCE has not conducted any engineering design or routing studies for Alternative 5, the EIR/EIS has assumed that the removal of one or more homes could occur. As such, Section C.9.10.2 (Impact L-3) concluded that potential impacts to residential land uses as a result of Alternative 5 would be significant. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's potential effect on local property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition.
- DD.3-4 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 5. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's potential effect on local property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- DD.3-5 As discussed in Section C.9.10.2, the majority of land uses that would be restricted as a result of Alternative 5 would be the erection of new structures within the alternative ROW. However, given that SCE has not conducted construction or final alignment and design studies for Alternative 5, the EIR/EIS has assumed that the removal of one or more homes may occur. It is not anticipated that Alternative 5 would result in the displacement of a significant portion of the families in the Leona Valley or Agua Dulce communities, nor would it necessitate the closure of local schools.
- DD.3-6 Discussion of potential impacts associated with air quality, traffic and transportation, and public health and safety due to Alternative 5 can be found respectively in Sections C.2.10.2, C.13.10.2, and C.6.10.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS. In addition, discussion of potential impacts associated with employment and local jobs due to Alternative 5 can be found in Section C.12.10.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS. Family values are not discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS. Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 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.
- DD.3-7 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 5. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's potential effect on local property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

- DD.3-8 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS.
- DD.3-9 Thank you for expressing your concern and opposition to the proposed Alternative 5 route. The supply and quality of water resources, including groundwater, would not be significantly affected by the proposed Project or an alternative. As discussed in Section C.8 (Hydrology and Water Quality) of the Draft EIR/EIS, implementation of the proposed Project or an alternative is not expected to significantly interfere with groundwater supply and recharge (Criterion HYD2). In addition, best management practices used during construction and operation would protect the quality of groundwater resources. If the proposed Project or an alternative is approved, the required implementation of mitigation measures during construction and operation would ensure protection of surface water and groundwater quality and supply.
- DD.3-10 Thank you for submitting your concerns and opposition to Alternative 5. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's potential effect on local property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- DD.3-11 Thank you for submitting your concerns and opposition to the proposed Alternative 5. As discussed in Section C.5 (Geology, Soils, and Paleontology), minor changes in topography associated with the Project (Impact G-3) are not expected to be significant. Implementation of the required Mitigation Measures G-2 (Minimization of Soil Erosion) and B-1a (Provide Restoration/Compensation for Impacts to Native Vegetation Communities) would avoid potential impacts to surface water runoff resulting from topographic changes. However, there is a potential for construction of the proposed Project or an alternative to affect local runoff patterns through the introduction of new infrastructure and impervious areas. Any impacts to surface water runoff from the construction of new impervious areas (such as access roads and transmission towers) would be less than significant for Alternative 5.
- The revegetation that would occur with the implementation of Mitigation Measure B-1a would involve the use of a CPUC/Forest Service-approved seed mix consisting of native, locally-occurring species. Revegetation shall include ground cover, grass, shrub, and tree species in order to match disturbed areas to surrounding conditions.
- With respect to property acquisition concerns, please see General Response GR-2.
- DD.3-12 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS. On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, now ending on October 3, 2006.
- DD.3-13 Thank you for submitting your opinion regarding Alternative 5. Discussion of potential impacts associated with visual resources and public health and safety due to Alternative 5 are respectively found in Sections C.15.10.2 and C.6.10.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS.
- DD.3-14 On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, now ending on October 3, 2006.

- DD.3-15 Thank you for expressing your opposition to Alternative 5. Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- DD.3-16 Thank you for your opinion on Alternative 5. Regarding the airpark located in Agua Dulce, the Traffic and Transportation Section C.13 will be updated to analyze the impacts of Alternative 5 on the airpark (Impact T-8). As discussed in Section C.13.10.2 for Alternative 5, under “Adverse Effects to Aviation Activities (Criterion TRA11),” SCE would be required to submit FAA Form 7460-1, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, to the Manager of the FAA Air Traffic Division for review and approval of this alternative route. Adherence to FAA guidelines would ensure that operation of the alternative would not cause a significant impact to aviation activities.
- DD.3-17 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 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.
- DD.3-18 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 5. Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park would be located approximately 0.8 miles west of the Alternative 5 route, and recreational use of the area would not be affected by the Alternative 5 alignment (see Section C.9.10.1). However, as discussed in Section C.15.10.2 (Impact V-25), impacts to the visual quality of landscape views from Vasquez Rocks as a result of Alternative 5 would be significant and unavoidable.
- DD.3-19 Thank you for submitting your opposition to the proposed Alternative 5. As part of the CEQA/NEPA process, a number of alternative routes were identified during the Scoping process to avoid or lessen the impacts associated with SCE’s proposed Project. See General Response GR-4 regarding the alternatives identification process.
- DD.3-20 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS. On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, now ending on October 3, 2006.
- DD.3-21 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 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.
- DD.3-22 Discussion of socioeconomics, including existing conditions in the Project area and potential impacts of the proposed Project and alternatives, is provided in Section C.12 of the Draft EIR/EIS. This section presents comprehensive baseline population, housing, and employment data applicable to the proposed Project and alternatives.
- DD.3-23 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 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.
- DD.3-24 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS.
- DD.3-25 As described in Section B of the EIR/EIS, the proposed Project is 25.6 miles long and would permanently disturb an area of approximately 58.5 acres. Alternative 5, in contrast, is

- approximately 11.6 miles longer (45 percent) than the proposed Project, and would permanently disturb an area of approximately 59.0 acres.
- DD.3-26 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding effect on property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition.
- DD.3-27 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS. On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, now ending on October 3, 2006.
- DD.3-28 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS.
- DD.3-29 As described in General Response GR-5, prior to the release of the Draft EIR/EIS, the mailing list was updated to include property owners along the Alternative 5 route. Furthermore, the CPUC and Forest Service not only provided direct mailings to owners/occupants of contiguous parcels, but also posted notices in local and regional newspapers, meeting both the requirements of CEQA and NEPA.
- DD.3-30 Please refer to Section C.2, Air Quality, of the EIR/EIS for a discussion of the pollution associated with both the construction and operation of the proposed Project and alternatives. As noted in the EIR/EIS, the Project would result in significant air quality impacts during construction.
- DD.3-31 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 5. Discussion of potential noise impacts, including corona noise, associated with Alternative 5 can be found in Section C.10.10.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- DD.3-32 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures.
- DD.3-33 Your comments are consistent with the Findings of the Draft EIR/EIS. As discussed in Section C.9.10.2 (Criterion REC2), operation of Alternative 5 would contribute to the long-term loss or degradation of recreational trails (Impact R-2). Impacts to recreational users would be significant and unavoidable (Class I).
- DD.3-34 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding effects on property values.
- DD.3-35 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and Draft EIR/EIS review period. Also, on September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, now ending on October 3, 2006.
- DD.3-36 Private land is considered “open land” with respect to the lands being undeveloped. This nomenclature is not referencing specific land use types, as denoted by the County.
- DD.3-37 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS.
- DD.3-38 Thank you for submitting your opinion and concerns regarding energy production and transmission.

DD.3-39 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding Alternative 5. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's potential effect on local property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition. Also please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

DD.3-40 Marian Kadota and Karen Lessard of the USDA Forest Service, as well as Jon Davidson of Aspen Environmental Group on behalf of the CPUC, attended the Leona Valley Town Council meeting on September 11, 2006. Members of the Agua Dulce Town Council also attended this meeting. Ms. Kadota and Mr. Davidson made presentations on the Project and answered questions. In addition, a SCE representative also made a presentation.

The public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS was extended to October 3, 2006.

DD.3-41 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's potential effect on local property values and General Response GR-2 for a discussion of property acquisition. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.