

Comment Set C.105: Craig McConnachie

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Subject

Alternate 5, Leona Valley

To: Honorable Julie Halligan

Re: Leona Valley Alternate 5

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. Like many of the residents in Leona Valley I to am very much opposed to the alterante 5 Route through Leona Valley. The other routes make so much more sense. The residents of Leona Valley moved to this great community to avoid the issues were dealing with today regarding the lines. I'm not sure why the main route is even an issue. It appears to me that its the shortest route and doesn't impact negatively to anyone. Why add the extra cost due to the longer distance and disrupt an entire community for no reason. There are many more issues, increased fire danger, Devaluation of property values etc. I realize the need for the lines but not at the expense of an entire community. I hope and pray you will run the lines anyway except route 5.

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Sincerely

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Response to Comment Set C.105: Craig McConnachie

C.105-1 Thank you for submitting your opinion regarding Alternative 5. We recognize that Alternative 5 would constrain the ability to aggressively fight a wildland fire in the vicinity of the route, and could create additional fire risks to inhabited areas such as Leona Valley and Agua Dulce (see discussion in Section D.5). Although cost is not discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS, we agree that due to the increased length of Alternative 5, it would cost substantially more than the proposed Project. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.