

Comment Set C.198: Kenneth A. and Colleen M. Price

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To:
Mr. John Boccio
EIR Project Manager
California Public Utilities Commission

Re: Antelope to Pardee 500 kv Transmission Line Project

We would like to formally oppose Alternate #5 of the proposed Antelope to Pardee transmission project currently being considered by Southern California Edison.

We live in Leona Valley at 9331 Lost Valley Rd. Alternate #5 would go right through the back part of our property. Based on the proposed location of the transmission towers, one of the towers would be 200-300 feet from our house. At this point in the planning stages of Alternative #5, it is not clear if we would have to move because of the transmission line project.

We moved into Leona Valley just under 13 years ago. We chose this area because of the beauty and small town environment to raise our 3 children in. We bought our property when the prices were low and we could afford it. Because of the current housing market, we could not afford to relocate in Leona Valley. If we had to move because of the transmission lines, we would not be able to afford other property in Leona Valley. This would mean relocating into town and having to disrupt our children's lives. We have 2 ½ acres of property. Our family is very active in local 4-H. Our 3 children raise 3 different types of animals (swine, lambs, and steers). Our daughter has 2 horses and competes in local gymkhanas and rodeos. If we had to move it would definitely put an end to our participation in 4-H and our daughters horse activities.

All three of our children have and/or currently attend Leona Valley Elementary School. We are a very active part of this community and have many friends and family that live here. Having to relocate would be a huge burden on us and would totally disrupt our lives.

We understand the need for more electricity and the need for more "green energy". However, we do not feel that there is a need to disrupt peoples lives for Alternative #5. There are already power lines that run to the west of Leona Valley and to the east of Leona Valley. It seems only logical to replace the current towers with larger ones that can handle the increase in cable size needed to carry the power to Pardee sub-station. From the information we have received and read about Alternative #5, it is the most costly and would disrupt the most families in and around Leona Valley.

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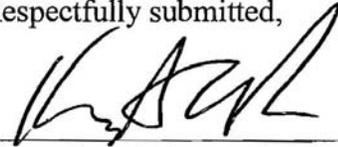
We would like to point out some of the issues that concern us.

- Health and safety concerns from Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF's). The World Health Organization lists EMF's as a Group 2B, possible carcinogen. There are research studies that link EMF's to a rise in general cancer, breast cancer, childhood leukemia, spontaneous abortions and miscarriages, as well as suicide. C.198-2
- Increased traffic traveling through town and school zones.
- Loss of revenue for the local economy and businesses if several families have to be relocated.
- Possible decrease in school population. If several families are relocated or forced to move out of the area, this could have an adverse effect on the local school population. This would cause a reduction in the budget of the local school and possibly force it's closure. Our local school is always on the verge of closing because of the small student population. C.198-3
- Devaluation of property values. Most EIR information that we could find shows a drop in property value in the range of 10-14%. Having to move would mean getting a lower price for the property currently owned and then having to start a new mortgage at a higher rate and with higher property taxes and insurance premiums. C.198-4
- Potential for interruption or damage to water sources during construction/demolition and erosion. (we have our own private well that supplies all of our water) C.198-5
- This area is in a wild land fire zone. Having additional high power lines would greatly affect how the fires are fought. In 2003, we had a fire that burned within 500 feet of our home. If it had not been for the helicopters and airplanes making water drops, we feel our home would have been lost. C.198-6
- HUD will not issue FHA insured mortgages for property near high power transmission lines
- According to the EIR for this project, there would be over 4,500 tons of waste created by this project. C.198-7
- Alternative #5 as compared to the other alternatives, exposes the greatest number of residences to increase in noise and exposure to EMF's.
- Alternative #5 places the greatest demand on public services because of the distance. This plan would cost the most and certainly affect other SCE customers with increased rates.

- Alternative #5 is the longest of the alternatives. The length of the project would impact the most properties and cost the most. In these financial times, it doesn't seem logical to consider Alternative #5. There could be as much as a 5% loss in electricity (line loss) due to the length of Alternative #5. This is just a waste of electricity and would be counterintuitive to what the project is supposed to do.

We thank you for your time and consideration in making decisions as they relate to Leona Valley and Alternative #5.

Respectfully submitted,



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- C.198-1 We agree that due to the increased length of Alternative 5, it would cost substantially more than the proposed Project. 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. Alternative 5 would not result in the displacement of a significant portion of the families in the Leona Valley or Agua Dulce communities. Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- C.198-2 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns.
- C.198-3 As discussed in Section C.9.10, Alternative 5 would not result in the displacement of a significant portion of the families in the Leona Valley or Agua Dulce communities and nor would it necessitate the closure of local schools.
- C.198-4 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values.
- C.198-5 The supply and quality of water resources, including in the Leona Valley, would not be significantly affected by the proposed Project or an alternative. As discussed in Section C.8 (Hydrology and Water Quality) of the EIR/EIS, implementation of the proposed Project or an alternative is not expected to significantly interfere with groundwater supply and recharge (Criterion HYD2), or with existing surface water drainage patterns (Criterion HYD3). If the proposed Project or an alternative is approved, the required implementation of mitigation measures during construction and operation would ensure protection of water resources.
- C.198-6 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.198-7 Thank you for your comments. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.