



Antelope Transmission Project, Segments 2 and 3

California SCH #2006041160

To: Readers of the Draft Environmental Impact Report
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Subject: **Notice of Availability**, Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Antelope Transmission Project, Segments 2 and 3
Date: August 23, 2006

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for consideration of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE's) application to build and operate Segments 2 and 3 of the Antelope Transmission Project (proposed Project).

The proposed Project consists of two primary elements, the Antelope-Vincent 500-kV Transmission Line, or Segment 2, and the Antelope-Tehachapi 500-kV and 220-kV Transmission Line, or Segment 3. Segment 2 would involve construction of a 21.0-mile 500-kV transmission line and 0.5-mile 220-kV transmission line between SCE's existing Antelope and Vincent Substations. The Antelope Substation is located in the City of Lancaster and the Vincent Substation is located near the community of Acton, both of which are located in northern Los Angeles County. Segment 3 would involve construction of two substations, a 25.6-mile 500-kV transmission line from the existing Antelope Substation to a proposed substation located on Oak Creek Road west of the Mojave area (Substation One), and a 9.6-mile 220-kV transmission line from Substation One to a proposed substation located near Tehachapi Boulevard in the Monolith area (Substation Two). Both proposed substations would be located in Kern County.

The Draft EIR details the proposed Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Project, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC, or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize those impacts. The Draft EIR also evaluates a reasonable range of feasible alternatives to the proposed Project.

The Draft EIR will be available for review at several area libraries, other community locations, and on the Project website (see below). Copies of the Draft EIR on CD or a separately bound Executive Summary may be requested by phone or fax at (661) 449-3069 or by e-mail at atp2-3@aspeneg.com. Only a limited number of copies are available and a fee will be charged for copies of any documents requested.

Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than October 9, 2006. Please be sure to include your name and address. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

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The CPUC will hold public meetings on the Draft EIR on September 26 and 27, 2006. These public meetings are an opportunity for interested parties to provide oral and written comments about the Draft EIR. Details on the dates, times, and locations of the public meetings are as follows:

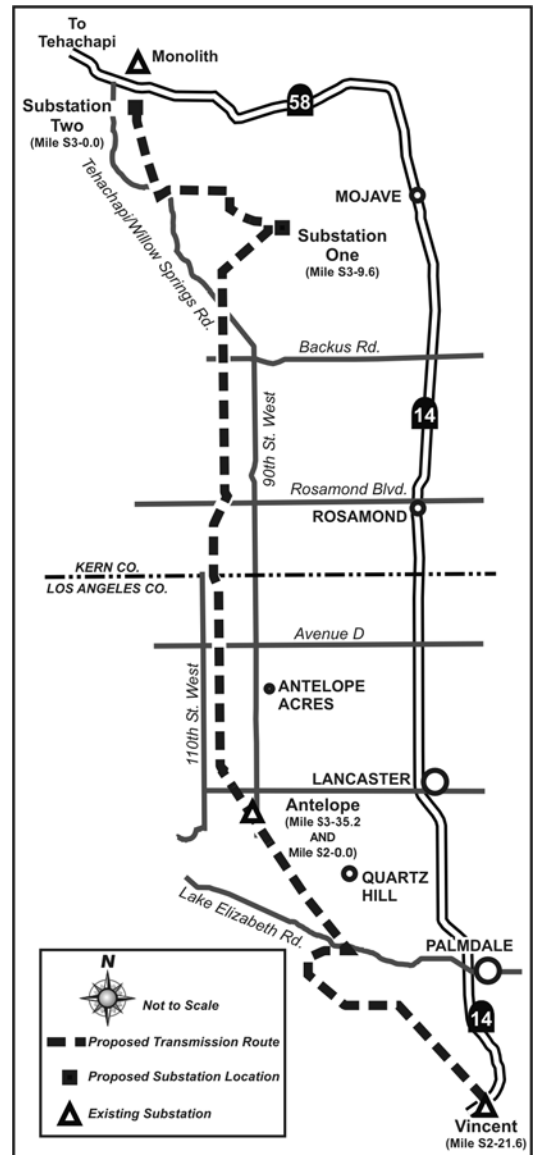
Public Meetings

Palmdale, CA

Date: **Tuesday, September 26, 2006**
 Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Larry Chimbole Cultural Center
 Joshua Room
 38350 Sierra Highway
 Palmdale, CA 93550
 Phone: (661) 267-5656

Rosamond, CA

Date: **Wednesday, September 27, 2006**
 Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Wanda Kirk Branch, Kern County Library
 Community Room
 3611 Rosamond Boulevard
 Rosamond, CA 93560
 Phone: (661) 256-3236



Sources of Project Information

The table below lists the public repository sites at which project documents may be reviewed. For additional information or to read the Draft EIR online, check the Project website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/atp2-3/atp2-3.htm>

| Repository Sites | |
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| Tehachapi Branch, Kern County Library | 1001 W. Tehachapi Boulevard, Suite A-400, Tehachapi, CA 93561.. (661) 822-4938 |
| Wanda Kirk Branch, Kern County Library | 3611 Rosamond Boulevard, Rosamond, CA 93560..... (661) 256-3236 |
| Lancaster Regional Library | 601 W. Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA 93534..... (661) 948-5029 |
| Quartz Hill Library | 42018 N. 50th Street West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536-3509 (661) 943-2454 |
| Palmdale City Library | 700 E. Palmdale Boulevard, Palmdale, CA 93550 (661) 267-5600 |