

A T/L project's potential to induce or accommodate growth does not mean that it will actually result in growth. Local governments in California can significantly increase and decrease growth potential through the creation and implementation of political policies that are specifically designed to promote or minimize growth. The creation of jobs, land development, and the necessary supporting infrastructure are all needed to aid in the increase of a population.

While development of a new T/L is often in response to the increase in demand, the electric utilities infrastructure does not induce growth, but rather follows it and is necessary to accommodate existing demand.

In the case of SCE's proposed Antelope Transmission Project, the purpose of the proposed project is to interconnect and integrate potential alternative energy projects (owned by other entities) and SCE's electrical system, as discussed in Section 2.0 of this PEA. The Antelope Transmission Project is not intended to supply power related to potential growth for any particular development.

The proposed upgrade of SCE's transmission system is not anticipated to induce population growth. SCE will draw the labor required for construction from its current workforce or contractors. The limited, temporary nature of this employment will not result in long-term growth in the area. In addition, no long-term employment will occur associated with the operational phase of this project.

The project is needed in order to accommodate the anticipated future alternative energy development in the area. Upgrades in SCE's transmission system will ensure that the system will be able to meet current and future electrical transmission requirements in the area without encouraging additional growth. No significant effects related to growth inducement are expected to occur associated with Segments 2 and 3 of the proposed Antelope Transmission Project.