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For the Record,

I am a retired Federal Employee (40 years) and reside with my wife in Lake Morena. I have serious concerns with locating another East-West powerlink in such close proximity to an already existing HV link for the following reasons:

1. The existing link that parallels the border has been shut down numerous times of late due to wildfires. A second HV link in this area could potentially suffer a similar concurrent shutdown leaving the southern California area with a serious power shortfall.
2. Border security in the Campo area is seriously deficient. Dozens of illegal immigrants cross the border and transit this area nightly. Terrorists could easily use this corridor, and HV power towers could certainly present a "High value" target. With very little effort and skill, terrorists could easily destroy towers in both links simultaneously. Having two East-West HV power links in such close proximity would present serious security issues. Prudent planning and consideration for the security of HV power delivery to the region should certainly be cause for seeking a solution other than Alternative D.

A natural disaster (wildfire) or terrorist action seemingly pose significant threats to HV transmission facilities. Close proximate location of such facilities, for all the wrong reasons, seems foolhardy at best.

Very Respectfully,

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