

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE DRAFT EIR FOR THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
VALLEY-IVYGLEN SUBTRANSMISSION PROJECT AND
ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT

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4 ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT

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6 KRISTI BLACK: I think we're going to get started.

7 Can everyone hear me?

8 AUDIENCE: Yes.

9 KRISTI BLACK: Welcome to the public meeting for the
10 Draft EIR for SCE's Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission
11 Project and Alberhill System Project. This is the second
12 of two meetings. Last night we held a meeting in Lake
13 Elsinore.

14 So if you could please sign in, if you haven't
15 already. You're welcome to sign in on the way out.

16 If you would like to make a verbal comment
17 today, if you can please fill out a speaker card, you can
18 do so at any time during the meeting. We have such a
19 small group here, during the comment period we might as
20 well go by a raised hand. You can also fill out a
21 comment card there or submit written comments, and we'll
22 also go over how to submit written comments after the
23 meeting today.

24 So if you could turn off your cell phone or
25 turn it to silent, that would be much appreciated. Exit

1 direction.

2 My name is Kristi Black. I'm a senior
3 planner.

4 Rachel James wasn't able to make it tonight,
5 but she will be the project manager going forward. I
6 wanted to introduce her name so that it's familiar to
7 everyone as the project moves forward.

8 Caitlin Barns is also here. She is the deputy
9 project manager and also the biologist on the project.

10 Silvia Yanez is also here. She's a senior
11 environmental specialist.

12 And also Jessica Midbust is also here.

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14 PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

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16 KRISTI BLACK: So the purpose of this meeting is to
17 talk about the Draft EIR for both projects.

18 Southern California Edison submitted two
19 separate applications, one for each project.

20 CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, prepared and
21 released a Draft EIR discussing both projects and is
22 hosting this meeting to share information about the Draft
23 EIR, and to get your input on what to include in the
24 Final EIR.

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HOW TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR

KRISTI BLACK: Here is some information on how to comment on the Draft EIR. And we have handouts of this information, as well, for you to take with you.

We'll accept verbal comments today. The public comment period for the Draft EIR ends on May 31st, which is the day after the holiday. There are a few ways to comment. They're all listed here.

CEQA AND CPUC REVIEW PROCESSES

This graphic explains the CPUC'S review process for projects that are submitted to the CPUC.

You can see on the left is the CEQA process, and we're at the public comment stage on the Draft EIR.

That environmental review process runs concurrently with the CPUC Administrative Law Process, which is shown on the right here.

Ultimately the CEQA process is one part of the decision-making process at the CPUC.

Once the final EIR is prepared and certified, it's part of what the commissioners take into consideration when deciding whether or not to approve SCE's application, deny it or approve an alternative.

1 You can also be involved in the Administrative
2 Law Judge Proceeding process, and there's a couple of
3 links here on how to do that if you would like to get
4 involved. We also have some handouts up front on how to
5 do that, and there's also the Public Advisor. One of
6 their roles is to help the public figure out how to be
7 involved in this other parallel process.

8 So as I mentioned, there are actually two
9 projects that the EIR covers. There are two separate
10 permits that would have to be considered by the
11 commission, but the CPUC decided to put both projects in
12 one EIR for several reasons. They're in close proximity.
13 In some cases transmission lines proposed in the
14 Alberhill Project would actually be on poles proposed for
15 the Valley-Ivyglen Project. There would be overlapping
16 impacts, and also similar construction timing.

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18 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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20 KRISTI BLACK: So this is a brief overview of what
21 the Valley-Ivyglen Project involves. The main element
22 would be a new single-circuit 115-kilovolt
23 subtransmission line. Some of you might remember that
24 this project in another form was approved in 2010.

25 The project that the CPUC is considering today

1 mostly follows the route that was approved in 2010, but
2 this line would be approximately 27 miles long and
3 construction within about 23 miles of the new
4 right-of-way. The project would also involve some new
5 fiber optic lines for telecommunications.

6 This is a map -- and the EIR contains more
7 detailed maps and more segments. This is an overview map
8 of where the Valley-Ivyglen Project is located.

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10 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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12 KRISTI BLACK: There are several objectives of the
13 Valley-Ivyglen Project.

14 First, is to serve the electrical demand in
15 the Electrical Needs Area, which was outlined in blue on
16 the previous graphic; also, increase electrical
17 reliability to the Electrical Needs Area, and also
18 improve operational and maintenance flexibility.

19 The Draft EIR made a few conclusions related
20 to significant and unavoidable environmental impacts, and
21 those were that during construction air quality emissions
22 would be significant and unavoidable as would noise from
23 construction.

24 Several other resource areas would experience
25 significant impacts, but the Draft EIR concluded that

1 with implementation and mitigation measures those impacts
2 could be reduced to less than significant levels, and
3 those resource areas are listed on the slide.

4 In addition to significant project level
5 impacts, in combination with other projects that are
6 taking place at the same time as the Valley-Ivyglen
7 Project, there could be cumulative significant impacts.

8 The Draft EIR concluded that for air quality
9 and for noise the Valley-Ivyglen Project would make a
10 cumulatively considerable contribution to those
11 cumulative impacts.

12 So the EIR also had to consider alternatives
13 to SCE's proposed projects. In the alternative screening
14 report that was prepared we looked at 14 alternatives.
15 Five of those alternatives were carried forward in the
16 EIR in addition to the No Project Alternative.

17 The No Project Alternative is what would
18 happen if the commission denies the project and SCE is
19 not allowed to build the project.

20 The Draft EIR identifies Alternative C as the
21 environmentally superior alternative. Alternative C
22 involves undergrounding Segment VIG6 along Temescal
23 Canyon Road and Horsethief Canyon Road instead of having
24 an overhead segment to the west of I-15.

25 For the Alberhill Project there are a couple

1 other additional components in addition to a 115-kV
2 transmission line. SCE is proposing to construct a
3 500-kilovolt substation, and also to construct two
4 500-kilovolt transmission lines to connect that
5 substation to an existing 500-kilovolt transmission line.
6 There will also be, as I stated, a new 115-kV
7 transmission line, about 20 total miles, and also, just
8 as with Valley-Ivyglen, there will also be some
9 telecommunication lines.

10 This is an overview of the Alberhill Project.
11 It includes the existing substations as well as the
12 existing 500-kV line, which is on the upper portion of
13 this picture.

14 For Alberhill there's three objectives. One
15 is to relieve a projected electrical demand in the area.

16 Second objective is to construct a new
17 500-kilovolt substation in the Electrical Needs Area.

18 The third is to maintain the system ties
19 between the new 115-kilovolt System and another
20 115-kilovolt System, and that gives the SCE maintenance
21 flexibility.

22 For environmental impacts for the Alberhill
23 System Project there are several impacts identified in
24 the Draft EIR that would be significant and unavoidable.
25 One of those is aesthetics during operation and

1 maintenance of the project, also air quality emissions
2 during construction, and also noise during construction.

3 For cumulative impacts, the same three were
4 found to be cumulatively considerable -- aesthetics, air
5 quality, and noise.

6 For the Alberhill Project the alternative
7 screening report that was prepared identified 34
8 alternatives to SCE's proposed project. Two alternatives
9 were carried forward with full analysis in the EIR,
10 including, as with Valley-Ivyglen, a No Project
11 Alternative.

12 The Draft EIR identifies Alternative DD as the
13 environmentally superior alternative. Alternative DD
14 involves an alternate substation site location that is
15 approximately 4 or 5 miles north of SCE's proposed
16 substation site.

17 So both projects have their own website posted
18 by the CPUC.

19 Quick ways to get to those are up on the slide
20 now, but if you Google CPUC Alberhill or CPUC
21 Valley-Ivyglen, it should be the first result that comes
22 up.

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1 QUESTION AND ANSWER

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3 KRISTI BLACK: So now I'd like to do an informal Q
4 and A. I know that was a lot, covering a lot of ground
5 in a short amount of time. So if anybody has any
6 questions about the project or the contents of the EIR or
7 the process, we can do that. And we do have a court
8 reporter here. She's over here. So if we could speak
9 up, or we have a microphone if you need it, that would be
10 great.

11 SPEAKER 1: I can speak loudly. I think it was
12 slide 14 or around there, you indicated that the Ivyglen
13 Project needed to connect Valley-Ivyglen. Is that what I
14 understood?

15 KRISTI BLACK: Is it Objective 2 on this slide?

16 SPEAKER 1: Yes. Valley-Ivyglen. This project
17 doesn't do that. This project connects -- no line will
18 go from Valley to Ivyglen.

19 KRISTI BLACK: So if you can see on the map here
20 Ivyglen Substation is here. The proposed route goes up
21 here to Valley Substation which is on the right.

22 SPEAKER 1: Well, in your Draft EIR it shows the
23 line goes from Valley to Alberhill.

24 Is Ivyglen going to be a 500-kV Substation as
25 well as Alberhill?

1 KRISTI BLACK: Ivyglen is an existing substation.

2 SPEAKER 1: I understand. It's not 500.

3 KRISTI BLACK: It's not 500.

4 SPEAKER 1: Is it going to be 500?

5 KRISTI BLACK: No.

6 SPEAKER 1: Then Valley is a 500. When you're
7 saying it's connected Valley to Ivyglen --

8 KRISTI BLACK: Sorry. Ivyglen is 500 --

9 Can SCE clarify this? Because Valley steps
10 down the power to 115-kV.

11 SCE SPEAKER: Valley Substation is currently a 500
12 to 115. Ivyglen Substation is a 115 to 33. So the line
13 will connect from Valley to Ivyglen.

14 SPEAKER: So it's a 115 line, not a 500 line.

15 KRISTI BLACK: No. The 500-kV is proposed as the
16 Alberhill Project.

17 SPEAKER 2: The segment of line along Temescal
18 Canyon Road, is that proposed as above ground or
19 underground? I know in the alternative it is
20 underground, Alternative C. Right, I mean you can see
21 like where the lake is; so just northwest of there.

22 KRISTI BLACK: Sure, let me pull up. We have a web
23 viewer and I can use the pointer on that to help.

24 Sir, you're talking about this segment here?

25 SPEAKER 2: No, just north of it.

1 KRISTI BLACK: So the segment that doesn't have the
2 red dots on it is proposed as underground. That's
3 Segment Valley-Ivyglen 8.

4 SPEAKER 2: Okay. Thank you.

5 SPEAKER 3: On the Alberhill side, my brother-in-law
6 lives there right off Concordia Ranch Road, and it looks
7 like those two lines are going right up over the top of
8 his house, and I'm trying to find out if those are still
9 going there or if that's what this DD, Alternative DD
10 would be. I think they're 500.

11 KRISTI BLACK: So under Alternative DD the 500-kV
12 lines would not be constructed where SCE is proposing to
13 construct them.

14 SPEAKER 3: Alberhill Substation.

15 KRISTI BLACK: Correct.

16 SPEAKER 3: Because you can see them on the map
17 right there where they go up from there. He's right
18 under them.

19 KRISTI BLACK: So under alternative DD the 500-kV
20 lines would be located here.

21 Are there other questions?

22 SPEAKER 4: One of the ways that the Draft EIR
23 indicates as a way of mitigating noise from helicopter
24 construction is going to, quote, "SCE will be designating
25 flight paths away from residential areas."

1 How is that going to be achieved, given that
2 most of the landing pad zones are next to homes, and all
3 the lines are along the homes. So how will Edison avoid
4 residential areas when everything is in a residential --
5 virtually residential area.

6 KRISTI BLACK: That would be a good comment on the
7 Draft EIR.

8 SPEAKER 4: Okay.

9 KRISTI BLACK: Part of the CEQA process is that any
10 comments on the Draft EIR, we have to respond to them in
11 writing in the Final EIR. So if you want clarification
12 on how mitigation measures are going to be implemented or
13 if you don't think it's sufficient to mitigate the
14 impact, that would be a great comment.

15 SPEAKER 4: I just don't see how you address it.

16 KRISTI BLACK: That would be a perfect comment as
17 well.

18 SPEAKER 4: Okay.

19 KRISTI BLACK: Sure.

20 SPEAKER 5: Edison is claiming this is needed for
21 reliability. Have they given -- what powerful studies
22 have they done, and what overloads have they shown, and
23 do they include the fact that over the next 10 years
24 distributive generation will be substantially expanded in
25 this area because of what was just signed?

1 Six or eight months ago we wrote a 50 percent
2 growth.

3 KRISTI BLACK: Chapter 1 -- we're in Chapter 1 of
4 the Draft EIR -- shows the date that Edison has provided
5 that shows that additional capacity is needed to meet the
6 directed growth in the area.

7 SPEAKER 5: That's all. There's no other data other
8 than that? Because I looked at that data. So that was
9 it?

10 KRISTI BLACK: That's what we have to work with,
11 yes.

12 SPEAKER 6: For the Ivyglen Project I noticed one of
13 the mitigation measures was to underground Segment No. 2.
14 What was the reasoning behind that?

15 Was it the proximity to the residential
16 development?

17 Why was that the only segment that's
18 undergrounded?

19 KRISTI BLACK: For aesthetic impacts.

20 I'm remembering this off the top of my head,
21 but briefly, in a bigger picture, State Route 74 is
22 designated as an eligible scenic highway, and we
23 concluded that what is proposed along SR 74, given the
24 sensitivity of the viewers, as an eligible scenic
25 highway, given the existing visual character and quality,

1 what is proposed did not fit in with that and would
2 substantially degrade that.

3 SPEAKER 6: I'm more concerned with Segment 6. And
4 I actually didn't realize it was one of the alternatives
5 to underground that. So all of Segment 6 is right now
6 proposed to be above ground?

7 KRISTI BLACK: Yes.

8 SPEAKER 6: Can you clarify what that, being an
9 alternative, really means in the grand scheme of things;
10 so that CEQA can choose that alternative to accept that
11 instead of --

12 KRISTI BLACK: Yeah. The commission, when it's
13 making its decision whether or not to issue Edison a
14 permit, can decide to approve one of the alternatives.

15 SPEAKER 6: Okay. Thank you.

16 SPEAKER 7: On the Alberhill Project on the
17 substation, my understanding is that Edison doesn't
18 currently control the land that they're proposing for the
19 substation, and that the owners of the land are not that
20 cooperative; so there's the Alternative DD for an
21 alternate location.

22 What's the likelihood that Alternate DD would
23 end up being implemented?

24 KRISTI BLACK: Yeah, I don't have an answer for
25 that. I guess I would clarify, Edison does own the

1 proposed substation property.

2 SPEAKER 7: Okay.

3 SPEAKER 8: I have a -- I guess it's a philosophical
4 question. This project is intended to provide single
5 point of connection for this 115-kV service area and the
6 new Alberhill Substation, and disconnect the 115 from the
7 Valley. So it will serve all of these venues. Those
8 will be served by a single point of connection. This is
9 about a half a billion dollar project.

10 At the same time, the commission is being
11 asked to approve an SDG&E project that's a half billion
12 dollars. It's being proposed to provide two connections
13 to catalyze a grid because SDG&E claims that a single
14 source of connection to catalyze it is not reliable. So
15 these two objectives of these two projects are
16 diametrically opposed, and the commission is being asked
17 to approve both of them.

18 Has that been factored in here whether or not
19 it really is more reliable that we have all of these
20 residential areas served by a single catalyzed or
21 connection point? Looking at the reliability, is it
22 really more reliable?

23 MR. UCHIDA: Maybe Edison could help us with that
24 answer.

25 SCE SPEAKER: We have a card that we can give you

1 and have that conversation outside this meeting.

2 SPEAKER 8: Okay.

3 KRISTI BLACK: Because this meeting is really to
4 talk about the CEQA process.

5 SPEAKER: But you justified all this based on a
6 purpose that the commission has to agree to before it's
7 approved; so the purpose is completely opposite from
8 another purpose from another utility. You know what I
9 mean?

10 KRISTI BLACK: In the document we're looking at the
11 objectives of this project and whether -- the objectives
12 are what we used to define the alternatives. So we're
13 looking at this project and using objectives to define
14 alternatives. The alternatives also have to
15 substantially reduce or avoid an environmental impact.

16 So as far as how this fits into the entire
17 grid, I think that might be beyond the scope of our
18 document for this project. That's not to say that the
19 commission can't consider that in the broader
20 decision-making process, but I can't answer questions
21 about the Draft EIR in that process.

22 Are there any other questions?

23 SPEAKER 9: I have one. Alternative DD, under that
24 alternative, would there be any adjustment to the
25 Valley-Ivyglen lines should that alternative be adopted?

1 KRISTI BLACK: Alternative DD is an alternative to
2 the proposed Alberhill Project. It looks at just the
3 modifications to the Alberhill Project.

4 SPEAKER 9: I was wondering how that would affect
5 the transmission lines if there would be any impact where
6 the Valley Ivyglen portion would have to be modified with
7 that new station.

8 KRISTI BLACK: Modifications to the Valley-Ivyglen
9 Project are included as part of an Alternative Alberhill
10 DD.

11 SPEAKER 10: Can you show Valley-Ivyglen Alternative
12 C on your maps, or is your connection out?

13 KRISTI BLACK: I have a handout here that shows it.
14 I don't have it on the computer.

15 SPEAKER 10: Okay.

16 SPEAKER: Just going back and looking at that
17 explanation for that Alternative C, so that's not
18 undergrounding the entire Segment 6. It's just doing it
19 on Horsethief and Temescal Canyon; so everything on
20 De Palma would still be above ground?

21 KRISTI BLACK: Yes. It's just the portion that's
22 moved.

23 SPEAKER: When I first saw it I thought it was the
24 entire segment.

25 KRISTI BLACK: If there are other alternatives that

1 you would like to see considered in the EIR, that would
2 be a great comment.

3 SPEAKER: I'll look at it.

4 KRISTI BLACK: Do you have any other questions?

5 SPEAKER: The existing line that now goes from
6 Valley to Fogarty and Elsinore, according to EIR, that's
7 the Draft EIR, it's going to be switched off or
8 disconnected but remain, I think they call it power --
9 energized but not carrying power. What does that mean?

10 KRISTI BLACK: I think it means it's still there,
11 but it's not actually serving the load. What you're
12 looking at are schematics of the power flow, not
13 necessarily all of the lines.

14 SPEAKER: These aren't all the 115 lines? Because
15 it runs parallel to the new lines that are being built.
16 Why build new lines if you already have a 115 line that
17 you're just going to not use?

18 KRISTI BLACK: That would be a good comment on the
19 Draft EIR. I'm doing my best.

20 SPEAKER: I know. If there's a reason, I won't make
21 the comment. It isn't obvious to me why that would be.

22 KRISTI BLACK: That would be a great comment because
23 we have to respond to it in writing.

24 Are there any other questions, or should we
25 move on to the comment period? Okay.

1 VERBAL COMMENTS

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3 KRISTI BLACK: We have one commenter, Jacqueline
4 Ayer.

5 JACQUELINE AYER: I'm the only one? Okay.

6 This project includes extensive helicopter
7 construction and impacts will be mitigated, as I said, by
8 avoiding residential, although the project is in a
9 residential area.

10 Edison has, on other projects, has a habit of
11 putting helicopter staging, fueling and assembly areas
12 anywhere it wants after the EIR is approved, certified,
13 and the project's approved.

14 For example, on the Tehachapi Renewable
15 Transmission Project Segment 6, the EIR specifically
16 prohibited helicopter operations outside the Angeles
17 National Forest to ensure minimal impacts on residents.
18 But as soon as the project was approved, Edison
19 constructed many helicopter fueling station staging areas
20 and landing pads miles outside of the forest, even
21 residential areas.

22 For two years the residents of Acton had to
23 endure over 200 flights a day, every day, 50 feet off the
24 deck over their homes, back and forth, for this
25 construction project because they put all these landing

1 pads and helicopter fueling areas and everything in
2 residential areas where they were not supposed to --
3 where the EIR specifically prohibited them. It got so
4 bad that the Acton Town Council filed a complaint with
5 the CPUC. The proceeding was open. And Edison argued
6 that "Well, the EIR simply represents initial
7 engineering," and since there was a line in the EIR that
8 said, "Well, final engineering may change the location of
9 these sites slightly," that's why they were allowed to
10 put them miles and miles outside.

11 In the decision, the commission agreed saying
12 that the EIR resolved preliminary and final engineering
13 to cause extensive changes to where these pads need to
14 go.

15 How are the residents of this area going to be
16 protected from helicopters being placed -- we had
17 helicopter pads right next to homes, literally. So how
18 is that not going to happen on this project?

19 We need to make sure that the conditions you
20 put in protect the people of these areas. Because it was
21 so bad, we had a Vietnam vet who for two years endured
22 post traumatic stress. He was curled up in a little
23 ball, literally, in his home, because there were so many
24 helicopters outside flying over his house. So I'm
25 concerned about that. And I guess I'll make all the

1 other comments on the single point.

2 Was that taken down or should I repeat that?

3 KRISTI BLACK: She is transcribing the entire
4 meeting. We'll go through the Q and A and make sure that
5 we address those.

6 JACQUELINE AYER: Thanks.

7 KRISTI BLACK: Would you like a microphone, or do
8 you feel okay without one?

9 JERRY SINCICH: I'm okay without one. My voice will
10 pick up. Just two comments.

11 The first one is, with the Alternative DD
12 replacing the Alberhill, currently that area that's been
13 identified is an approved Serrano specific plan approved
14 by the county. It is a development that has not broken
15 ground yet but is approved by the county. That site also
16 is surrounded by a number of residential areas up in
17 those hills, Dawson Canyon as well as Spanish Hills.
18 Residents would be affected by that, and obviously it
19 would also have a visual impact. I'm not sure that you
20 can hide all of that. But with any station, there's
21 probably landscaping that could be put around to block
22 some of the effect.

23 But the impact of putting that station there
24 further limits the land use of the surrounding project.
25 So whatever land is not used for that substation will be

1 impacted. And I think its use, land use, will be limited
2 as well. So what kind of businesses, what kind of
3 industry can go in there will be very limited. So my
4 comment would be either the original site on the land
5 that is now owned by Southern California Edison or maybe
6 some other place.

7 The second is, as you -- by Horsethief Canyon
8 you have the Valley Ivyglen lines jumping over the
9 freeway, running along either De Palma Road or Temescal
10 Canyon Road and then jumping back over the freeway.

11 My concern is we already have 500-kV lines in
12 place that go over the freeway. Adding additional lines
13 that go over the freeway do represent a huge safety issue
14 because if somehow, either by nature or by earthquake,
15 those lines come down -- because of the fact that there's
16 only two major corridors in that area, travel corridors,
17 and one would be the I-15 the other would be Temescal
18 Canyon Road -- if any of those are blocked, residents
19 trying to escape would have a heck of a time, couldn't
20 leave until you had crews come out to move those lines.
21 And couldn't be a case where first responders could
22 handle those lines, and who knows how long it would take
23 to get the appropriate personnel on site to be able to
24 move anything. It could be weeks. And you would have a
25 large number of citizens, probably around 23,000,

1 affected by it. That was my second comment.

2 My point being, I would like to see them not
3 jumping over the freeway, you know, and ideally buried
4 underground and running along and into the appropriate
5 roads.

6 KRISTI BLACK: Thank you.

7 Would anyone else like to make a comment?

8 So I think we'll end the official comment
9 period, but we're ending early; so we'll be around for
10 questions if you want to talk with any of us individually
11 or together. We'll still be here.

12 Thank you very much for coming, and again
13 please submit your written comments by May 31st, e-mail,
14 mail, fax.

15 SPEAKER: Just real quick, what kind of time frame
16 are we looking at to where a decision will be made?

17 KRISTI BLACK: So if I can look into my crystal
18 ball -- so we're looking at responding to comments and
19 preparing a Final EIR. It depends on the type of number
20 of comments, but that's maybe a 3- to 5-month period. So
21 then after that, once it goes to the commission, the
22 Administrative Law Judge has to draft a proposed
23 decision, then the commission has to hear it.

24 So I don't know, Jensen, if you have an
25 estimate, but up to a year from now?

1 MR. UCHIDA: Yeah.

2 KRISTI BLACK: It's not a fast process.

3 SPEAKER: I know it's been going on for a long time.
4 My only comment is we've got property there that is
5 trying to be sold. My brother-in-law is really stuck
6 because they don't know if that Alberhill Station is
7 going to be below him and the lines are going over the
8 existing residence or if it's going to be moved. So I
9 just, yeah --

10 KRISTI BLACK: It might be a little bit of time
11 before that decision is made.

12 SPEAKER: They have hearings.

13 KRISTI BLACK: No. The decision hasn't been made.

14 SPEAKER: I have a follow-up question about the
15 timing. At last night's meeting I heard you say, and I
16 may have heard incorrectly, that once -- the PUC will
17 certify the Final EIR as adequate, then ALJ will prepare
18 a draft decision. So that suggests that the normal
19 course in public agency action is that they, as an
20 agency, will concurrently adopt, approve a final EIR and
21 adopt findings, and whatnot, and approve the project, but
22 what you suggested last night was something a little
23 different. So I was hoping you could clarify.

24 KRISTI BLACK: Jensen, can you speak to that, when
25 the EIR is certified in relation to when the CPUC makes

1 its decision?

2 MR. UCHIDA: It's at the final decision meeting.

3 SPEAKER: I'm sorry. I didn't hear that.

4 KRISTI BLACK: It's at the final decision meeting.

5 I apologize for the confusion.

6 Was there another hand that I saw?

7 SPEAKER: Yes. If Edison has to go over private
8 property, don't they need an easement?

9 KRISTI BLACK: They would have to get the
10 appropriate documents.

11 SPEAKER: What if his property were not giving an
12 easement.

13 KRISTI BLACK: If the commission approves the
14 project, there would be a controlling eminent domain on
15 it.

16 MR. UCHIDA: Ideally SCE would negotiate with the
17 land owners to purchase the property through the normal
18 process.

19 SPEAKER: I didn't hear him.

20 KRISTI BLACK: He said ideally SCE would work with
21 the land owners.

22 SPEAKER: We have been in contact with SCE and it is
23 a possibility, but right now it stopped because of the
24 DD, you know, possibly it goes a different way.

25 KRISTI BLACK: Any other questions?

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Okay. Thank you all for coming.

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