

Comment Set C.16: Kathy and Steve Owen

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Opposition to Antelope-Pardee Pelona Re-Route- Alternative 5

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my opposition and concern for the proposed new high tension transmission lines along 107th St and Lost Valley Ranch Road in Leona Valley, California. My concerns are many, but here are just a few; potential interference or damage of well water to to construction/demolition, devaluation of property due to viewscape interference, loss of property and homeowners due to possible imminent domain and potential school closure due to same.

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Please take into consideration we in Leona Valley were not included in the initial CEQA scoping meetings and did not have the benefit of time or input. I would like to request an extension of the comment period at least 45 days past the Sept. 18, 2006 deadline and that the 2 year timeframe be restarted effectively allowing us the time we were not given since we were not included in the initial CEQA scoping meetings.

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Thank you for your time.

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- C.16-1 It is understood that residents in Leona Valley rely on groundwater resources for residential purposes and that the viability of groundwater is of concern in this area. As discussed in Section C.8 (Hydrology and Water Quality) of the Draft EIR/EIS, neither the proposed Project nor an alternative to the Project would interfere with the overall supply and recharge of groundwater resources in the Project area (Criterion HYD2). There is a potential for the accidental release of potentially harmful materials during construction or operation to cause degradation of groundwater quality (Impacts H-2 and H-3). However, the required implementation of multiple mitigation measures and construction best management practices would minimize the potential for an accidental release of harmful materials to occur. In addition, the required mitigation measures would also ensure that in the case of an accidental release, appropriate remediation actions would be taken in a timely manner in order to avoid potential degradation of groundwater quality. These mitigation measures, which are discussed in Section C.6 (Public Health and Safety), include: Mitigation Measures PH-1a (Environmental Training and Monitoring Program), PH-1b (Hazardous Substance Control and Emergency Response Plan), PH-1c (Proper Disposal of Construction Waste), and PH-1d (Emergency Spill Supplies and Equipment). Neither the proposed Project nor an alternative would significantly interfere with or damage well water in the Project area, including in Leona Valley.
- C.16-2 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values.
- C.16-3 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. It is not anticipated that Alternative 5 would result in the displacement of a significant portion of the families in the Leona Valley or Agua Dulce communities, nor would it necessitate the closure of local schools. Please see General Response GR-2 regarding eminent domain.
- C.16-4 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures conducted for this EIR/EIS.