Comment Set C.207: Caroline and Scott Christlieb

September 27, 2006



To: California Public Utilities Commission

From: Scott and Caroline Christlieb

Subject: Proposed Antelope-Pardee Transmission Project

We are opposed to any of the proposed new power line routes through Leona Valley. The CPUC already has an existing route available to them. There are also other options that do not involve Leona Valley. They can contract with other companies who have transmission lines already in place with the capacity to transmit the power you say you need. It is our understanding that the Forest Service does not want these power lines through the public forest. They would rather have you use private lands to do this. The last time we checked, the forest was public land, it belongs to us not the Forest Service. While we believe in conservation the destruction of private land and the lives of over eight hundred families is not acceptable. The radiation these power lines emit will pose such a threat to the health of those living near the power lines; it won't be safe to stay here. Additionally, our property values will drop, people will lose their investments, livelihoods and be in a situation where they either lose their homes, or stay and risk their health. We have many children in this valley that will be affected.

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We constantly live with the treat of wildfires. If these new power lines go through our valley, They will hamper the fire fighting capabilities of our brave firefighters. Helicopters will be very limited in their water dropping capabilities due to the power lines. In a wind driven fire it is impossible to stop the fires progress no matter water drops are made. The fire will come to our valley and there will be now way for the firefighters to protect our homes because of the power lines. We have lived in this valley for nearly 12 years and we have seen this happen. The water dropping helicopters will not be able to give air support to those fighting the fire on the ground because of the danger of flying near the huge power lines. It is not acceptable that You would destroy a thriving community to develop another one.

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We respectfully request that you look at your other options. We will do everything on our power to fight the power lines going through our valley Including litigation.

Sincerely, Caroline and Scott Christlieb 40101 98th St. West Leona Valley, Ca 93551 (661) 270-0736 CC: CPUC

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- C.207-1 SCE's proposed Project and several of the alternatives analyzed in the EIR/EIS include the use of existing transmission rights-of-way. However, the proposed Project and each of the alternatives would require the acquisition of land for right-of-way purposes, either for new transmission corridors or for widening of existing transmission corridors. Please see General Response GR-4 regarding the development of alternative routes outside of NFS lands. Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns and General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values.
- C.207-2 We recognize that Alternative 5 would constrain the ability to aggressively fight a wildland fire in the vicinity of the route, and would create additional fire risks to inhabited areas such as Leona Valley and Agua Dulce (see discussion in Section D.5). Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.