Comment Set C.2: Karl Pearcy



August 24, 2006

Dear Sirs:

With regard to the recently proposed Electrical Improvement to run thru the Leona Valley area:

At our Town Council meeting of August 14, 2006 the 'Antelope Pardee' project was presented, the first many of us had heard of it. Although Alis Clauson presented the material in a straight forward, business like manner, I was shocked. The prospect of installing high tension power lines thru our community seemed more like a practical joke. We are known outwardly for our cherries. Inwardly, we are walking a tightrope between very serious problems. Our beauty was caused by the San Andres fault line, and erosion. We get a generous amount of wind (I've clocked 84 mph), rain (washed our roads are common, especially Lonesome Canyon Rd. as well as 107^{th St}), and snow which has made us as remote from Palmdale as Montana. I won't say much about the fires, or the lack of services to deal with these issues, as most of us live by helping one another in emergencies. My only concern regarding fires, and it is a major problem, is that our area demands and benefits greatly from helicopter support. There must be a sensible person at the PUC who can look past the installation issues with other options, and see our future emergencies / problems / dangers in the currently proposed line thru Leona Valley.

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C.2-1 We recognize that Alternative 5 would constrain the ability to aggressively fight a wildland fire in the vicinity of the route, and could 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.