Comment Set C.125: John Hargraves

TO: the California Public Utilities Commission

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FROM: John Hargraves
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REGARDING: PROPOSED ROUTING OF NEW POWER LINES THROUGH LEONA VALLEY

Dear Commission Members;

I am writing this letter in protest of proposed pathways through Leona Valley and West Palmdale for upcoming Southern California Edison power lines. The routes proposed by the Angeles National Forest, skirting around their land and impacting my neighborhood are unacceptable.

First, proposal # 5 would have a negative fiscal impact on several hundred million dollars worth of private land and would negatively impact thousands of residents of Leona Valley, Acton and Aqua Dulce. All of the other proposed routes by the Forest Service would have negative impacts on local communities as well, and all would cost Southern California Edison additional construction funds to re-route the lines. This is in contrast to the route along side existing lines already in place in the forest, which would have no additional negative impact on the communities. C.125-1

Second, Southern California Edison has already proposed placing the new power lines next to already existing routes. This would have less impact than that proposed by the Forest Service, and would be easier for Edison to accomplish, thereby aiding the Santa Clarita communities the power is intended for. C.125-2

Third, the proposed routes would have a negative impact on fire fighting efforts in the community, as they would cross routes used by fire fighting airships and also routes used by ground based equipment to access homes in the area. C.125-3

I would also recommend exploring an underground route adjacent to or underneath the Antelope Valley Freeway (Highway 14). This would minimize the environmental impact (both visual and to groundwater) and would ease maintenance issues, as the entire route is easily accessible. C.125-4

Sincerely,

John Hargraves

Response to Comment Set C.125: John Hargraves

C.125-1 Thank you for your opinion regarding Alternative 5. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the effect of the Project on property values.

C.125-2 Thank you for your comment. The proposed Project and each of the alternative routes would result in impacts to a number of issue areas. A number of alternative routes were identified during the Scoping process to avoid the impacts of SCE's proposed Project. See General Response GR-4 regarding the alternatives identification process for the Project. Please note that the project's intended purpose is to deliver power from current and future renewable power sources in the Antelope Valley and Tehachapi areas to SCE's high electrical demand areas. Based on the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), power will initially go to the Antelope Valley from Santa Clarita.

C.125-3 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 at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

C.125-4 Please see General Response GR-4 regarding the alternatives identification process for the Project. Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.