

Comment Set C.196: Walter and Rose Ann Gates

LETTER TO CA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Re: PROPOSED ANTELOPE-PARDEE 500-KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT

October 2, 2006

To Mr. John Boccio:

My wife and I were shocked to hear that there is a plan being considered to run high power transmission lines through Leona Valley. We have enjoyed living here for twelve years, raising our kids, and enjoying the natural beauty of this wonderful valley.

The proposed route would place this line a half mile from our house and would destroy the view to the west that we have enjoyed all these years. We moved to Leona Valley to escape the overcrowding, overdevelopment, and industrialization that seem to come to so many urban and suburban areas.

Our major concern of having these 500 KV lines so close to our house is the health risks that have been associated with living near high power transmission lines. The increased risk of developing cancer has been well documented in many medical studies.

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Putting our personal concerns aside, please consider that this beautiful valley is not just a local treasure, but is enjoyed by so many people from the greater Los Angeles area, who often come up on the weekends to enjoy a scenic drive.

Must we put our health at risk and destroy another beautiful place for the sake of satisfying someone else's political agenda? Surely, there must be an alternative route or plan that would not only spare this valley, but would, in a more elegant way, offer a much smaller impact on all concerned.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Set C.196: Walter and Rose Ann Gates

C.196-1 Thank you for your opinion regarding Alternative 5. Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC. Also, please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns.