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3 ANTELOPE-PARDEE 500 KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION PROJECT  
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Monday, August 28, 2006  
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I want to thank everyone for taking the time to come out tonight. First of all, my name is Chester Britt. I'm with Arellano Associates. We are one of the consultants that are part of this project team evaluating this proposal. And we want to -- if we could just sort of keep it down a little bit just so I could hear. I want to make sure I hear what's going on. Again, my name is Chester Britt. I'm with Arellano Associates. We're part of the consultant team. Here tonight, we also have John Davidson. Raise your hand, John, from Aspen Environmental. We have John Boccio from the CPUC, project manager. And we also have a variety of other consultants that are scattered around the room. We also have a few of the forest service people. We have Marian. Raise your hand, Marian. We have Kathy, I believe -- Karen. And then Craig.

So we're going to go ahead and get started. As you can see on the screen, the project that we're here tonight to talk about is the Antelope-Pardee 500 Kilovolt Transmission Project. It is the draft environmental impact report and an environmental impact statement public meeting. So we're here to talk about the draft environmental impact report and environmental impact statement that was produced.

There's a series of four meetings that are going to be held over the next three days, including today. There's one meeting tonight, there's two tomorrow, and

there is the last meeting on August 30th, in two days from now.

**[Portions of this transcript which included presentations made by the CPUC, the USDA Forest Service, and Aspen Environmental Group were extracted. The public comment portion of this transcript is included below.]**

25 MR. BRITT: Okay. We're going to enter the  
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1 public period comment. The way this is going to work is  
2 if you want to speak, if you could please turn in either  
3 one of these speaker cards or just write on the bottom  
4 of the agenda and tear it off. Just bring it up here,  
5 and I'll put it in the order that I receive it. I'm  
6 going to read three names off to expedite this and make  
7 it as fast as possible. When I call the three names, if  
8 you could all come up here, I'll give you a chance to do  
9 it. When we get to the last person, I'll read three  
10 more so we'll always have a line waiting to talk.  
11 Again, this is not question and answer. This is public  
12 comment. You're going to have three minutes to make a  
13 public comment. We have over 20 cards, so you can  
14 multiply that and figure out how long that's going to  
15 last. Do it as quickly as possible. So if you can be  
16 concise and do it quickly. If you have more than you  
17 could say in three minutes, then we would ask you to  
18 write it in a comment form and either mail it in.  
19 Write a letter to us, it in. You have to have it in  
20 before September 18. But as long as you do that, we're  
21 going to get that as part of the public record. You can  
22 also write it tonight and leave it behind, and it will  
23 be the same as if you made that formal comment tonight.  
24 So with that, let me start it off. There's also an  
25 e-mail on the screen that you can also e-mail a comment

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1 in as well, which might be the easiest of all. Okay.  
2 So let's start off by reading the first three names,  
3 Marcy Watson, Gary Williams, and Burt Tory.  
4 My name is Marcy Watson. We are involved in  
5 the meetings which is where public comment is really  
6 considered. We're at the end of this. There are no  
7 other alternatives and what they say, this is it.  
8 They're taking about these alternatives. One of these  
9 alternatives is going to be implemented. From what I  
10 can tell and from what they're saying is alternative  
11 five. The other thing, too, is I don't know if you saw  
12 the DEIR in the back. It's huge. It's over 1,000  
13 pages. I have contacted an attorney. She works at a  
14 law firm that that's all they do. They answer these  
15 things for different agencies and different private  
16 citizens like us. If you want to sign up and be  
17 involved with the attorney and with me, contact me  
18 afterwards. My phone number is (818)300-7333. If you  
19 do not have a specific answer on file by the 18th, and I  
20 mean very specific to every one of their concerns in  
21 that DEIR, you will not have a chance to comment on it  
22 later. You will not have a chance to sue and protect  
23 your property rights. They can take your property and  
24 pretty much give you whatever they want. You need to

25 have an attorney on your side on this case. If they do  
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1 go forward with this project, if you have put in a  
2 comment, a concise comment, it allows you to sue later  
3 to get your just compensation. So if they decide to  
4 take your property, you'll have somebody who will  
5 represent you. Now, if you just write, I hate the  
6 project, that's not going to help you. With that said,  
7 we were not given enough notice on this project at all.  
8 We were not involved in it from the beginning. I got my  
9 notice on July 31st. I've contacted probably over 100  
10 people since then. I would say 75 percent of these  
11 people never received comments. Of those people, most  
12 of them were property owners. In fact when I was down  
13 at Agua Dulce, nobody in Agua Dulce had gotten notice.  
14 So my comment to that is that I think we should restart  
15 the comment period, give us another 30 days to get our  
16 attorneys in on this. Right now the attorneys that I've  
17 talked to said that they would have to have five people  
18 on this solid until September 18. We have to abide by  
19 that deadline. They're prepared to do that if they have  
20 to. And also preliminarily, it will be about \$20,000 to  
21 respond to this. If you think that you can write a  
22 letter on one of these little sheets and adequately be  
23 protected, you are joking. They have a saying in the  
24 law field, the person who represents themselves is has a  
25 fool for a client.

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1 Now, my next comment is the DEIR does not  
2 adequately study adjacent property evaluation. Also not  
3 adequately studied is the loss of favorable property  
4 taxes. If we were forced to relocate, your property  
5 taxes will go up in whatever you have to buy the next  
6 time. If you have a \$2,000 property tax now, when you  
7 go by a \$700,000 homes, what do you think your taxes are  
8 going to be?

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9 Also, the loss in enrollment in Leona Valley  
10 Elementary school would be an issue. It's been an issue  
11 in the past. If we lose 30 families in Leona Valley,  
12 that school will be closed. I don't think that the  
13 school district has been properly notified. I would say  
14 that they need to be properly notified.

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15 The other thing is the loss of the Leona Valley  
16 viewscape, one of the things that makes our area the  
17 Bel Air of the Antelope Valley. If we have transmission  
18 power lines, we'll lose that. There's no addressing in  
19 the DEIR the viewscape. We'll lose that.

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20 Also the traffic impact. That would involve  
21 everybody on the south side of Leona Valley. Anybody  
22 along, especially 87th and Leona Avenue, would have to  
23 deal with construction and destruction for two years.  
24 They're going to have to tear down my house and probably  
25 30 others to get this thing through. So you would have

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1 to deal with my house coming down in little bits for two  
2 years.

3 No, I'm not done. Does anyone want to donate

4 to the three minutes?  
5 The other thing is that there have been studies  
6 in the last couple years showing that it's a long  
7 corridor, especially high voltage corridor. The electro  
8 magnetic field can cause cancer clusters especially in  
9 children. So you'll see a lot of sort of talking out of  
10 the mouth. There are some studies that couldn't prove  
11 it, but there have been some studies that do produce it.  
12 And in pregnant women. Anybody, especially children.  
13 The other thing that I would like to add to the  
14 comment is that with the photographs, I think they were  
15 deceitful. I think that your whole study should be  
16 started over from day one because I haven't had a chance  
17 to look at the DEIR. I'm hiring somebody to do that.  
18 But just from looking at the photos, I notice that you  
19 Photoshop out three houses on my road so it looked like  
20 empty property. This happened on Leona Avenue, too, and  
21 also in Bouquet Canyon. They framed the photos so it  
22 looked like there were no houses when, in fact, there  
23 were at least six houses that the lines went over.  
24 Also, the maps were not provided to scale. So  
25 we couldn't tell what was what. Also the towers in your  
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1 photo shot photos were a lot more smaller. One of my  
2 friends is a graphic artist and did them according to  
3 scale. With the 220 foot tower, that's the same as an  
4 18- to 20-story building above your house, if you look  
5 at one of these things.  
6 Also, have I a Thomas Guide showing the route.  
7 I spent two hours looking at my Thomas Guide and taking  
8 a highlighter and it goes down 107th, takes out half  
9 the houses there or half the properties. And then down  
10 on Leona Avenue, it takes half of it along there. It  
11 goes over the hill, takes out -- goes over properties on  
12 Bouquet Canyon. It goes up the hill and it goes across  
13 (inaudible). I'd Like to show on the record that  
14 (inaudible) mountains conservancy was not notified. It  
15 crosses a mile and a half of their property and then it  
16 goes down Anthony Road, and there are 50 house along  
17 there and none of them got noticed. And there would be  
18 property taken all along. I believe it's the east side  
19 of Anthony Road.  
20 Also, too, there's also the issues that  
21 Southern California Edison will be profiting from these  
22 power lines. They may pay us some sort of -- if you  
23 don't do anything and you don't get an attorney, you may  
24 get a little bit of money to get this easement. But  
25 there's -- what about just compensation for them making  
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1 a profit off of your property. Other places in the  
2 United States, property owners have successfully fought  
3 these proposals by demanding that they get a yearly  
4 payment for all the profits that are made on the  
5 transmission lines. I would say on the record that  
6 that, too, should be considered.  
7 Just from what I've heard tonight, if the fire  
8 fighting is (inaudible) in the national forest, I would

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9 think that it be would hindered in our properties as  
10 well. We would have thousands of people impacted in  
11 Leona Valley. There's probably many more in Agua Dulce.  
12 Also you're worried about OHP use in the forest service.  
13 We have problems already in our neighborhood. I can't  
14 imagine having an access road through my property. What  
15 that would do? Thank you for the applause.

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16 Hey neighbors. My name is Gary Williams, and I  
17 manage Peterson Ranch. I want to tell you something.  
18 We have consultants instead of anybody from Edison here.  
19 They're afraid of us and we need to stick together on  
20 this thing. We already have a DWB (phonetic) line  
21 through the ranch. We also have an Edison line through  
22 the ranch. At 5:00 o'clock at night, Mr. Peterson said  
23 we don't need any more towers. We can't stand them.  
24 They take away from our property value. We have a huge  
25 amount of gatemen on the ranch that won't cross under

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1 the thing. We just don't want them. They don't care  
2 about anybody in our town. I got to tell you something.  
3 I talked to my boy, and he said, dad, when they come to  
4 Leona Valley, we're going to be sitting in front of  
5 them, and if they come to the Peterson Ranch, I hope the  
6 people from Leona Valley are sitting with us.

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7 MR. BRITT: Okay. The next three speakers are  
8 Terry (inaudible), Alexis (inaudible), and Toby  
9 Generals.

10 My name is Burt Tory. I've been in the area  
11 since 1968. My home is in Leona Valley. It was built  
12 in '72. So I've been here for a little while. One of  
13 things that I would like to point out to you, which I  
14 don't believe you've noticed, is if you look at your  
15 map, you'll see that our little community is surrounded  
16 from the east to the south to the west and partially on  
17 the north with these lines. Regardless of what you have  
18 heard, the most devastating fires that we have had in  
19 South California have been caused by a power line. Now,  
20 I don't care how many promises you get about the  
21 strength of the lines that they're putting in. What has  
22 happened, can happen, and will happen. Now, a few years  
23 ago there was a fire that started at the west end of  
24 Leona Avenue. Despite the heroics of our fire fighters,  
25 and I commend them for it, the fire crossed Leona

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1 Avenue. It crossed the main highway of Elizabeth Lake  
2 Road, and it destroyed seven houses before they could  
3 get it under control. About four years ago when the  
4 fire started approximately at the end of 87th Street  
5 where the dirt begins, before is it was over, there were  
6 several homes that were threatened. No homes were lost,  
7 but mine, mine was lost. I know that there were some  
8 buildings lost. My losses were in about \$35,000. My  
9 insurance company canceled my policy. No other  
10 insurance would touch me. AAA will not insure anybody  
11 in Leona Valley. We do have a representative here  
12 tonight from another insurance company, and I'm sure  
13 he'll back me up on this. If the potential, which we

14 see here, of possible fires started by darn power lines  
15 surrounding our community, you can guess what your  
16 policies will cost you if you get one. I'm strictly  
17 against the alternative five. Good evening. Thank you  
18 very, very much.

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19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you for calling me  
20 today in the office. I can't say the number of  
21 responses I've had at my office concerning this matter.  
22 Just for a point of information, I am a little bit  
23 concerned about our adjoining communities. They're not  
24 going to have this support. So please attend those  
25 meetings as well and help them along. Our

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1 representatives from Mr. Runners' office came here  
2 tonight, and I thank them for their participation. Buck  
3 will be at the meetings so that you know, and I'm sure  
4 that the representative would like to hear some of your  
5 comments. I'm here tonight as the Leona council and as  
6 a member of the community. But before I proceed, just  
7 by a show of hands, I was going to do something else.  
8 How many are here from Leona Valley? And if you're  
9 brave, leave your hand up if you're in favor of this  
10 proposal. Okay. I think that pretty much says it all.

11 This is an accurate representation from the  
12 town council's perspective, and before we go any  
13 further, there's been so many of you working in the  
14 back. Marcy, thank you for the input. To my neighbor  
15 who is going behind the scenes, Alice in the back. You  
16 guys have been tremendous, and without you, we wouldn't  
17 have any of this. I appreciate all that support. The  
18 Leona Valley town council wants to (inaudible) that we  
19 are in opposition to proposed alternate routes,  
20 especially alternate route five. The Leona Valley Town  
21 Council is also of the opinion that the CPUC is in  
22 violation for the California Environmental Quality Act.  
23 This act says you must file to be in compliance with  
24 spoken agreements and notification procedures. The  
25 entire SE process began in December 2004, yet just last

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1 week maybe two weeks ago, we heard about these alternate  
2 routes. The community is negatively being impacted.  
3 (Inaudible). It was mentioned before earlier this  
4 evening this was to be a formal meeting and that we  
5 would have procedures to follow. Unfortunately, we  
6 weren't formally given an opportunity to participate in  
7 the formality of the process. The proposed route is  
8 25.6 miles long. Thanks to my neighbor Karen for this  
9 information. It will require approximately 227.37 acres  
10 of newly acquired land or easements. By contrast, by  
11 contrast, the proposed alternative five will require an  
12 additional, which is, by the way it's 27.5 miles, 690  
13 acres of land, of destroyed land, and disruption to the  
14 environment. Has anyone with a CPUC considered what the  
15 economy impact would be? What's it going to cost us?

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16 What is it going to cost the neighborhood if you put the  
17 values to it? Also, these costs will be distributed to

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18 you. The customers of Southern California Edison  
19 (inaudible).

20 I looked through that book, and I was unable to  
21 locate a lot of details of any of the economic or  
22 potential health and hazards. Was such a study  
23 performed? Don't answer. Once again, we stand opposed  
24 to proposed alternative five. We require and request  
25 compensation for the expenses to gather the (inaudible).

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1 We will also require that we be provided, at no cost,  
2 all materials needed to participate in the CPUC process,  
3 and we request that the CPUC establishes a new timeline  
4 to provide more reasonable time for studying the impact  
5 for alternative five.

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6 MR. BRITT: The next three speakers will be  
7 Terry (inaudible), Steven (inaudible), and Brian  
8 (phonetic).

9 Hi, I'm Alexis. In order to properly respond  
10 to the Antelope Pardee alternative five, I request that  
11 an extension time be given for comments until the  
12 beginning of November 2006 or longer. We personally  
13 heard of alternative five in a letter postmarked  
14 July 21st, 2006. We have three homes which is by the  
15 national forest and are affected by this proposal. We  
16 believe that the agency involved have violated the  
17 California Environmental Quality Act by not allowing us  
18 adequate time for input.

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19 I would like to invite anyone who isn't  
20 familiar with the pristine nature at Leona Valley to  
21 come visit us and listen to the quiet and the sounds of  
22 nature and the laughter of folks riding their horses.

23 Most people moved to Leona because of its  
24 crime-free community. It's a great place to raise kids.  
25 In fact, by raising and caring for animals, you can

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1 teach these kids values once cherished by America.

2 In Leona, our neighbors look after each other.  
3 It is a community that wants to protect it's rural way  
4 of life for future generations.

5 In purchasing properties surrounded by national  
6 forest, you make the assumption that no development is  
7 ever going to impinge on your home. Since the national  
8 forest is for the benefit of the people, you certainly  
9 don't anticipate that the power lines will be going in  
10 the national forest so close to your property line to  
11 cause health issues, such as cancer, and significant  
12 devaluation of property.

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13 I do have a suggestion. The line should go  
14 through a portion of the national forest further into  
15 the forest so its not to affect the private property.  
16 So why not put the lines in a location that will affect  
17 the least amount of living creatures and not damage  
18 existing homes, productive farms, and ranches. And I  
19 take exception to the one rancher concerned about. We  
20 have many ranchers.

21 Other alternatives to the alternative five  
22 exists that make more prudent use of the land such as

23 the one that allows for another set of lines to be  
24 erected next to existing lines. While the environmental  
25 group seems to be against this option, I'm sure that if  
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1 proper notice had been given, they would have certainly  
2 been against compromising a rural community, which has  
3 been home to many active citizens, county fair awards,  
4 high academic achievers, young people with morals and  
5 values and respect.

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6 Leona Valley is also a resource worth  
7 protecting. Excessive housing developing and power  
8 needs are taking away habitat for horses, goats, cattle,  
9 maybe even cowboys and cowgirls. Let's not add them to  
10 the endangered list too. Our role in life must be  
11 preserved. Thank you.

12 Good afternoon, my name is Steven Frederick.  
13 Obviously, I'm a resident of Leona Valley and I echo the  
14 concerns of the previous speakers. Speaking from my  
15 perspective is over 30-plus years as a veteran of  
16 the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. I haven't  
17 had the opportunity to read the draft. I hope that you  
18 consulted with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's  
19 Department and the fire department. We've obviously had  
20 input from the forest service regarding forest fighters;  
21 however, we're talking about having communities here.  
22 You talk about aerial support that would tremendously  
23 impact fire fighting and law enforcement that we have a  
24 great dependency on in our valley. I believe that by  
25 placing these lines that close to the fault that we live  
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1 in, we're talking about a tremendous negative impact for  
2 the entire Antelope Valley to Santa Clarita. Thank you  
3 very much.

4 Hi, my name is Terry (inaudible). I lived here  
5 for 23 years now. I like the lifestyle out there. But  
6 some of the things that Mr. Kenny brought up, like why  
7 isn't this meeting on Leona Valley? Why are they trying  
8 to pull this in us? You sound like your biased and in  
9 favor of this thing. You had some things highlighted up  
10 here. One of the things that wasn't highlighted was the  
11 health and safety issues. What would this do to our  
12 animals or the residents in the area? Are they going to  
13 get cancer? They're problems like that. So I'm totally  
14 against this idea. What's going to happen next year?  
15 Is the PUC going to grant the railroad to come through  
16 the middle of the valley? What are we talking about?  
17 You know, high speed rail through our valley? We didn't  
18 move out there to have all that stuff. So, anyway, I  
19 forgot half of what I was going to say. Oh, I want the  
20 record to show one thing, Mr. Kenny asked how many  
21 people were here from Leona Valley. How many people are  
22 against this project? Let's see a show of hands. Okay.  
23 And how many people are in favor of this project? Not  
24 one. I don't like the decisions here. So let the  
25 record show that everyone is against it.

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1 MR. BRITT: Robert Wood, Guyler Clayton, and



2 Marianne Floyd.

3       Good evening. Robert Wood. I'm very good to  
4 see everyone here this evening. This is democracy  
5 working, as we are the people. Thank you for coming  
6 out. We talked about a lot of good ideas of why it's a  
7 bad idea. And to touch a little more, I've done some  
8 research on health impacts and I'm going to touch on  
9 that just a little bit, if I may. In 1993, the  
10 California Department of Health Sciences led a project  
11 in conjunction with the California Public Utilities  
12 Commission. EMF stands for electromagnetic frequency.  
13 That's bad stuff. For instance, the major findings were  
14 this: Magnetic fields likely cause childhood and adult  
15 leukemia, spontaneous abortions and ALS. They possibly  
16 cause childhood brain cancer, suicide, and heart  
17 problems, and other diseases in men and women.  
18 Associated findings in terms of animals, which is  
19 important to our community, animal studies shows that  
20 magnetic fields at low intensity can create selected  
21 biological anomalies in organisms. So the record shows  
22 that it's pretty bad. To give you an example, the  
23 average household has EMF in it. Basically, EMF is  
24 measured in milligauss. One-half milligauss to two,  
25 about three-quarters is the average household.

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1 Basically, anything over two milligauss is considered  
2 damaging to child development and can create diseases and  
3 so forth. Anywhere inside or right on the edge of 400  
4 feet of these lines -- and, again, these proposed lines  
5 are 500 kilovolts. This information is based upon 340  
6 kilovolts, so this is actually an increase in the amount  
7 of power. With that, you can expect an increase in EMF.  
8 So basically anywhere within 400 yards of any of these  
9 towers is a damage zone. And beyond that, anything  
10 within 2,000 feet of these towers is an increased danger  
11 in a process which is ionization. The air around is  
12 broken down into things that are harmful to us to  
13 encounter, you might say. And it's not good.

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14       We got a great community out there. I moved  
15 out here three years ago for a specific reason, to get  
16 away from power lines, to get away from pollution and  
17 have clean air. There's fire danger, there's health  
18 danger, there's a lot of risks involved. The fact that  
19 we're all here is inspiring, and I'd say that I'm  
20 against proposal five and this is, again, a big, large  
21 company. A for profit company. They are concerned  
22 about public regulation, however, they're part of a huge  
23 conglomerate and, you know what, we've heard the word  
24 "problematic." You know what that means? It's going to  
25 cost Edison problems. More money. Problematic means

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1 more money, but not at our expense. Hope to see  
2 everyone at the town council. Thank you.

3       I'm (inaudible) Clayton, and I've been here  
4 over 30 years. The transmission line map that I got,  
5 which my husband and I both tried to measure on it, and  
6 the thing couldn't come close. You could come up 800 to

7 1,200 feet, and I came up with 400 feet. And the thing  
8 is on two sides of our house, not just one. And, you  
9 know, everyone who has ever come up to our home and to  
10 our area has commented on how peaceful and quiet it is,  
11 and it is. But if you've been near those wires, those  
12 towers, they pop, crackle, and make so much noise. And  
13 on our particular street the way the geographies, I  
14 guess it is, even if anyone with a motorcycle or even  
15 riding a horse come down the road from a half a mile or  
16 three quarters of a mile, I can hear everything they're  
17 saying because it comes right into our houses. So if  
18 we're going to get the sound from, you know, a mile or  
19 two or three, or whatever it is up the road, I just -- I  
20 can't imagine that it's going to be tolerable. I know  
21 that there are horses that will not cross those areas  
22 when people take them out. It frightens them. I  
23 understand that we need more power. I understand that  
24 Edison is forced by the state to come up with the --  
25 what do you call it -- the alternate renewal proposal,  
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1 however, it seems like it would be to everyone's  
2 advantage to have the original proposed route because of  
3 the cost factors. We have to pay for it. You know, we  
4 keep thinking Edison is going to pay for it and we're  
5 Edison when it comes to paying for it. It comes in our  
6 raised electric bills. And I don't see a problem, since  
7 we technically own the forest -- so I don't see the  
8 problem going through the forest. I don't see where  
9 that would be a problem. Anyhow, otherwise, I agree  
10 with everything that's been said by everybody else here  
11 and probably with anything that anybody is going to talk  
12 after me to.

13 MR. BRITT: Next three speakers will be Ralph  
14 (inaudible). Vance (inaudible), and (inaudible).

15 Marian. I'm a resident of Leona Valley. We  
16 haven't had a crowd like this in a while. It's kind of  
17 fun. Without benefit of time and without benefit of  
18 being able to review that 8-foot document back there,  
19 they were able to glean the negative impacts of this  
20 project alternate five is going to impose on all of us.  
21 One thing I do want to point out is a request that we  
22 have to apply for status in this issue. I believe we  
23 need to do that fairly quickly. We've been cut out.  
24 We've had no access to this process. And in reviewing  
25 California Public Utility Commission Constitutional,  
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1 they're required to include citizens in these processes.  
2 (Inaudible). The difficult part is that we've been cut  
3 out of the planning process. We've been cut out from  
4 day one. It's a done deal as far as the planning goes.  
5 We can fight hard, though, to make a difference, and I  
6 think this is a good beginning tonight. Thank you.

7 Good evening. My name is Vance (inaudible).  
8 I've lived at Leona Valley for 34 years, and I'm very  
9 much opposed to alternative five. First of all, we  
10 should be able to request an addition to the timeline of  
11 the review process. Most of the people I know were just

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12 recently, in the last few days, aware of this. The fact  
13 that they only notify people within 300 feet of the line  
14 is absolutely absurd. Leona Valley is a small community  
15 and maybe it only effects 20 or 30 percent as far as  
16 people at this place or people that are directly  
17 impacted. Can you imagine what that would be in the  
18 city of L.A.? Even 20 or 30 percent, and I think it  
19 will be far more than that. It virtually destroys the  
20 community. And I'm very much opposed to it, and I hope  
21 we can band together and do what it takes to get this  
22 alternative five off the books. Thank you very much.

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(cont.)

23 Hi there. I'm Ralph (inaudible) I'm sure glad  
24 to see everybody here. This is democracy in action. My  
25 wife Jan and I bought our house on 107th Street because  
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1 of the serenity of the neighborhood. We like the view  
2 out of our living room window, our family room windows.  
3 We like the way it is. The way the new power line is  
4 going to come in, it will dominate our view. It will be  
5 right in front of our house (inaudible). This is  
6 outrageous. Studies have shown, and other speakers  
7 talked about this earlier, the studies have shown that  
8 EMF causes leukemia and other diseases. The magnetic  
9 fields -- the 500 volt line is going to cost us at least  
10 \$500,000. But the power line wouldn't be great even at  
11 a distance of 1,000, and that's my house. This is  
12 something I don't want to happen. My wife has health  
13 problems. Why even consider alternative five. I don't  
14 understand it. I can see power lines going all the way  
15 down the road. Okay. Why not follow those lines. I  
16 don't understand it. This alternative five not only  
17 disrupts our community, but it also affects other  
18 communities (inaudible). Now, the power line is going  
19 to run across in front of me and along (inaudible)  
20 Valley Road. Now, you talked earlier about fire  
21 fighting. Now fire fighting in our community is very  
22 important. Everybody that lives along the ridges, they  
23 will be severely impacted. One of our neighbors, just  
24 one of them, she is an old lady and that home is the  
25 only thing that she has. Now, if they're going to take  
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1 her house through eminent domain and just give her a  
2 small amount of money for that house, she has nowhere to  
3 go. So I'm very concerned about that. Now, a basic  
4 question is, why is the power line needed in the first  
5 place? I mean, why are we going to be disrupted by this  
6 power line? Is it because Santa Clarita is growing?  
7 Why should we suffer for that? I understand that  
8 (inaudible) is funding the power line. Now, they're not  
9 funding anything. We give them money. We had five rate  
10 increases this year (inaudible). Five does not meet the  
11 criteria. It doesn't meet any of these criteria. It  
12 disrupts our community. Thank you.

13 MR. BRITT: The next three speakers will be  
14 Bryce Worthington, Matthew (inaudible), and  
15 Laurie De Santis. Is Bryce in? If he shows up, let me  
16 know. Matthew.

17 My name is Matthew, and I moved to Leona Valley  
18 back in '95. In '96, my future wife and I, we purchased  
19 our first home. (Inaudible). In the process, we worked  
20 on three children, two, four, and six. And we have just  
21 enjoyed what we have out here, the quiet. Well, my  
22 concern now is this, I've got the power line that's  
23 going right through the backside of my property. I'm  
24 within probably 200 feet where that's going to be. So  
25 what's going to happen to my house? Okay. You tear it  
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1 down and all the effort and time that I've put into it  
2 for the last seven years. My heart, my wife's heart,  
3 just our energy that we've put into it, we can call it  
4 "home." Okay. What are you going to do it with? And  
5 then on top of that, what am I supposed to do in terms  
6 of you guys eminent domain? Am I going to get fair  
7 market value? What determines who gets this place? In  
8 last, you know what, all of our properties back there  
9 are on wells. We all have found the right veins in  
10 order to get water. You guys come in, even those that  
11 don't have their homes disrupted, they still have the  
12 issue of what if you cause damage to one of those veins?  
13 There's water underground. What are you supposed to do  
14 if you don't have water for our houses? Those are my  
15 main concerns among many other things. I would strongly  
16 urge those who are looking for a way to fight this  
17 legally to make a point to talk to Marcy. Talk to her  
18 tonight or give her a call. Thank you.

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19 MR. BRITT: The next three people will be  
20 Glenda Tummin, Chris Fitzgerald, and Gale Worked.

21 Hi, my name is Laurie De Santis, and I live on  
22 the 107th Street, and those are my children that have  
23 been making all that noise. I moved to Leona Valley  
24 about a year and a half ago. We came to raise a family  
25 and to have a place where we can have our horses. There  
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1 are no other places where you can really have horses  
2 anywhere because they're trying to push us out all.  
3 However, what I don't want to do is go over what  
4 everybody else has said. So I bow to all of you who  
5 have spoken for me. What I do want to do is support  
6 Marcy, and I want to let you know that my father is an  
7 attorney. I spoke with him about what to do. Of  
8 course, that's what I always do, call my father. I  
9 talked with Marcy about the law firm that she is using,  
10 and my father told me that they are a good law firm, as  
11 a matter of fact, one of the lawyers who works for my  
12 father in this firm, they were partners. His friend is  
13 a partner in that firm. So it's a very good firm. As  
14 well as my father is well versed in eminent domain. He  
15 has told me that they have absolutely no power of  
16 eminent domain. If this goes to a lawsuit, my father  
17 will be able to help us out with that as well because  
18 he's had a lawsuit with CalTrans, and he has won that as  
19 well over eminent domain. He's also written to  
20 Antonovich (phonetic), which he knows very well about  
21 this problem that we're having here with the power

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22 poles. And I'm pretty certain that he's going to have  
23 something to say about it too. So I want to stress that  
24 we should all support Marcy, and I am going to support  
25 her 100 percent, and whatever I can do financially, I'm  
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1 with her. And I want all of you to do the same because  
2 we have power in numbers. Don't give away your power,  
3 okay. You do have power. Don't let them stomp all over  
4 you. These people here who are saying that -- oh, we're  
5 the nice guys here. We're just presenting it to you.  
6 Well, I want you to look at their website or their  
7 antelope-pardee@eg.com. That means they're getting  
8 paid, okay. And they're getting paid by somebody, and  
9 you know who, okay. Pardee. They're not innocent.  
10 They are getting paid. So if you're angry and getting  
11 upset about this situation, they're getting paid to hear  
12 you. So let them have it.

13 MR. BRITT: Is Chris ready to speak and Gale?  
14 Gale, you're giving up your time?

15 GALE: Yes.

16 My name is Brenda (inaudible). I have three  
17 children in the community, one of which presently  
18 attends the elementary school that will be impacted if  
19 this goes through. I'm a very good friend with a number  
20 of the families that will be moved and displaced. I  
21 strongly oppose alternative five. I would like to thank  
22 Marcy. I would like to urge you all to pull together  
23 with her in writing letters and writing checks so that  
24 we could fund our legal battle. I really want to thank  
25 all of you for being part of -- it's just a fabulous  
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1 community. You're the reason I moved here. Those power  
2 lines are not. Thank you very much.

3 MR. BRITT: After this, we're going to take  
4 Carl Brunette, Garry Zinger, and Gale Kay.

5 I'm Chris. I want to know why is it when a  
6 fire comes through my valley and burns people out of  
7 their homes, it's called a "horrific loss." But I can  
8 lose my home to a public utility, and it's called  
9 "progress." Since we did a biological survey of  
10 wildlife, I ask that we do a biological survey of the  
11 people keeping in count the moms, the dads, the kids,  
12 the cattle, the horses, the swine, the goats, the  
13 chickens, you know, all those animals. You need to take  
14 all that into account.

15 My name is Carl Brunette. I represent over a  
16 dozen landowners who have land in Lancaster, West  
17 Lancaster, but also on the edge of Leona Valley and  
18 (inaudible). I would like to say that every one of the  
19 routes one, two, three, four, five, all have the same  
20 major flaws that all you people from Leona Valley are  
21 complaining about. West Lancaster, people out there  
22 send more than 100 letters to the CPUC and to the  
23 Southern California Edison. It is very unfortunate that  
24 they did not hear about this until now. But we have the  
25 say, less than three-week notice from the time we heard  
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1 about it. We had no prior warning. I have read through  
2 the 4-inch stack of paperwork and gone through that  
3 5-inch stack back there. There are all kinds of

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4 problems with all of the routes. It isn't just Leona  
5 Valley. We have the same complaints out in West  
6 Lancaster. The other routes, some would go through  
7 historic (inaudible) our ranch lands that have been in  
8 our family for over 100 years, and it's still occupied  
9 by family members. It borders right down to the

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10 aqueduct down to the valley. Now, when they say, well,  
11 we can put in the (inaudible) it comes through our land,  
12 200 feet from my five little grandchildren's bedrooms.  
13 That is only 50-feet wide. It is not and never was or  
14 intended to be a route for huge towers that are 50-foot  
15 in footprint. The little ones that are there look like  
16 county windmills. They're 15 feet square at the bottom.  
17 They go up 60 feet or so and they almost disappear. And  
18 they're going to build these industrial power  
19 structures. I understand that Edison is not allowed to  
20 proceed with eminent domain proceedings anywhere. There

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21 is not one permit that they have in place. Isn't that  
22 correct? No permits. There is one PVD, or whatever, in  
23 the process. Fair (inaudible), they want to put a big  
24 project out there by the poppy preserve, which is a  
25 world renown poppy preserve. We have tourist that come  
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1 from Japan and everywhere to see the poppies. They want  
2 to put windmills right adjacent to the poppy preserve.  
3 And I haven't heard anymore about the Fairmount project.  
4 I think it my have died because of the protest. The  
5 land now is probably three times as expensive as to when  
6 the project was first proposed. It's going to be  
7 difficult probably for the windmill generation to even  
8 be a little feasible thing when you're talking about  
9 the very valuable Leona Valley and Lancaster land. If  
10 they build the Fairmount project, there's going to be  
11 towers going from about J8 and 90th all the way to  
12 about 135th Street. Towers there. Towers here. Towers  
13 everywhere. I would like to say that Edison, I think,  
14 needs to go back to square one. There is a way. There  
15 is a way to do it. They should -- I don't care if it  
16 costs more. I don't think it's right to have lines that  
17 run across the valley and ruin West Lancaster either.  
18 People should write letters to let them know how they  
19 feel about that. So they don't have the third-party  
20 contracts in place. They're not supposed to approve it  
21 because it's not within the ability of the people  
22 exercising domain to create those wind farms  
23 (inaudible). I think that the whole thing is premature.  
24 I think it's been poorly thought out. I don't think  
25 people have been warned properly. And they need to  
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1 start all over and do it right if they're going to do it  
2 at all.

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3 My name is Terry Zinger. I agree with the

4 crowd and many of the comments that have been made  
5 tonight. I want to address a specific material  
6 deficiency in the draft. As you read it, Section C6  
7 which purports with the hazards or potential  
8 environmental hazards as well, when dealing with the  
9 question of EMF, (inaudible) it does not address that  
10 hazard. This is a matter of public policy administered  
11 through the California Department of Education that no  
12 school will be sited without severe litigation or  
13 wavered within 350 feet of the 500 kv line. I think  
14 that's a pretty good recognition by the State of  
15 California. EMF is a significant factor that, at least,  
16 should have been addressed. By Section C6, it was not  
17 addressed. That is a material deficiency, in my  
18 opinion.

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19 MR. BRITT: The following is Jennifer Beaver,  
20 Sheri Howell and Patricia (inaudible).

21 Hi, my name is Gale Kay. If I have an ounce of  
22 compassion for the animal party, it was lost tonight as  
23 my horse lay dying and I had to be at a meeting. I

24 can't tell you how upset I am already. So I would like  
25 to ask the people of the Antelope-Pardee -- they never  
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1 told us what the viable options are. And it looks like  
2 option five is looking pretty good according to your  
3 studies and what I saw. I would like to know the  
4 viability of each option, not broken down into segments.  
5 I would like to know the viability of each option,  
6 especially on through, and why you are even considering  
7 option five. I want you to know that I am opposed to  
8 option five. Due to the size of the towers coming in  
9 from the professor (inaudible) that I have contacted,  
10 they all cannot even believe you are conceiving this  
11 idea. Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but if a 500  
12 kilovolt tower in the County of Los Angeles, no  
13 structure is allowed to be built under that tower. So  
14 why are you building a tower over our structures? Could  
15 you please answer that for me. I would like you to  
16 provide me with conclusive evidence that no EMF, PBC, or  
17 other electrical type of fallout -- and there's much  
18 more than EMF. EMF can travel up to a one-mile radius.  
19 On a 250(inaudible) k tower, we're talking a 500 k  
20 tower. Never been measured. Remember that. I want you  
21 to give me conclusive evidence that these will not cause  
22 depression in adults. I think the project would cause  
23 depression. That my children are not at risk of brain  
24 tumors or breast cancer. There is a 30 percent increase  
25 in breast cancer. Many of the houses where you are

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1 proposing this line already have their water tanks up  
2 there. Some of these water tanks are stainless steel.  
3 Some of them are aluminum. Water, stainless steel,  
4 aluminum, electricity. Not a good idea. All right.  
5 Also, the 500 kv towers (inaudible) some of (inaudible)  
6 planes flying over Leona Valley. How would you

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7 compensate me for my relocation, my loss of property DD.4-54

8 value, and the entire south side of Leona Valley? How  
9 will you compensate us justly for ruining our lives?  
10 Could you please give me a figure. I would like to ask  
11 an extension on this review panel. I'm another person DD.4-55  
12 asking for that. EIR does not look at property or  
13 people. They only look at the environment. So if I can DD.4-56  
14 see Chris' two-year old riding his bicycle naked down  
15 the driveway like he does every summer, I'm going to be  
16 really, really mad. And she said you get paid to hear  
17 it from me, well, I got to tell you, I'm being polite  
18 because of the company present.

19 MR. BRITT: Sheri Howell, Patricia (inaudible)  
20 I will be very brief. I live on Bouquet  
21 Canyon. My name is Sheri Howell. How many other people  
22 live on Bouquet Canyon? Did anyone get notified of DD.4-57  
23 this? I went to the town council meeting, and I found  
24 out about it. So, you know, we live on a jewel, Bouquet  
25 Canyon Road, and the national forest. There's  
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1 absolutely no reason to have these towers going through  
2 the national forest. There are over 100 homes,  
3 approximately, from Elizabeth Lake to Spunky Canyon. I  
4 guess there's a meeting tomorrow night too? Where is  
5 that? We might have to go to that one as well and try  
6 to find neighbors. But I don't want to see that in the DD.4-58  
7 valley. I don't want to see it in Bouquet Canyon. I  
8 think the project should be denied. They need to spend  
9 the money and put these power lines underground. I  
10 don't know who benefits from this. It's really taking  
11 away from our rural living and beautiful scenery. I  
12 think this is a disgrace, and I think it should be  
13 denied.

14 Hi, my name is Patricia. I found out about  
15 this project, which cuts right through the back end of  
16 our property, last Thursday. And how I found out about  
17 it was because my neighbor sent me an e-mail, and that  
18 was the first I'd heard about it. I've tried to educate  
19 myself about it. (Inaudible). I strongly oppose this DD.4-59  
20 alternate five. I am requesting an extension. We were  
21 not notified. I believe that the CPUC and all our  
22 agencies involved are not operating within the scope of  
23 legal limits to leave us out of the loop until, you  
24 know, the end of August when the time date is  
25 September 18th. It's ridiculous. You know, the amount  
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1 of time and money and love that we put into our homes  
2 and our community. I'm just so happy to see everyone  
3 here. I just want to say on the record that I am  
4 strongly opposed to this. (Inaudible) I'm a family  
5 therapist in Lancaster and work with children who have  
6 been abused and neglected. (Inaudible) and she does  
7 work, and she's attending here today. She  
8 representative the wildlife and animal domestic, four  
9 legged. Thank you.

10 MR. BRITT: Is Bill here?



11 Can you hear me? Bill. I live on 9549  
12 Northside Drive. 20 years August 1st, we moved here on  
13 my birthday. What a joy it has been, the people at  
14 Leona Valley. We all know each other. We're all  
15 neighbors. We live out here. It's like a bunch of  
16 Christians. You just -- we care for one another. I  
17 want to talk to you just a little bit on a different  
18 perspective tonight. I just met a friend. (Inaudible)  
19 the last year that I was in the military 61 years ago, I  
20 saw -- I saw horrors that I couldn't even share with you  
21 without falling apart. You probably did too. I came  
22 out of that war with two thoughts, because sometime  
23 people say -- will say how did the war affect you? I  
24 came out hating violence. Violence in the homes,  
25 violence in the school, violence on the street.

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1 Violence anyplace. And other thing was, I hate with a  
2 passion man's inhumanity to man. I thought how it is  
3 for a large organization like Edison, and someone said  
4 they don't care about you, they care about the money and  
5 the power. And in the last six thousand years, we've  
6 had 15,000 wars caused by people who wanted power and  
7 wanted to have it their way. But I thought about this,  
8 how it is that a company like Edison here made up of  
9 man, but they are expressing, if you haven't thought  
10 about man in home and (inaudible), I'm concerned about  
11 the sickness, the cancer. I have cancer, and I don't  
12 want anyone to have it. But I'm not going to be out  
13 here very long. The Lord is going to take me home. But  
14 my concern is about you and your kids. My heart aches.  
15 You know, they say when one Christian hurts, the whole  
16 family of God hurts. I know that there will come the  
17 time out here when someone is ill with cancer because of  
18 man's inhumanity to man. And we're close enough, and if  
19 you hear a neighbor here or across the valley that is  
20 ill because of man's inhumanity to man, your heart is  
21 going to hurt for that person. Like I say, I don't know  
22 all of you, but I see you going down the street, and I  
23 know you live someplace up on the north side or the  
24 south side. I wave to you, because if I don't, you may  
25 think I'm unfriendly, and I'm not. I don't know if you

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1 remember the day the Lord placed on my heart to go  
2 forward and tell them the answer. I was like this. But  
3 here's the answer, he -- in the Old Testament, Psalms  
4 says -- and this is God's promise -- call on me in the  
5 day of trouble and I will deliver you. At the time, I  
6 was sort of the chaplain. I said, you can't depend on  
7 the chaplain to go to God for you. God wants to hear  
8 from all of you. I know there are a lot of you here  
9 that have a personal relationship with God. I  
10 encourage that you go home and talk to him. After that  
11 time, there's many of you who must have gone home and  
12 talked to the Lord about it because God doesn't want  
13 this kind of thing, man's inhumanity to man. And, you  
14 know what, where is Marian? It wasn't very long after  
15 that that the thing just sort of faded away. And I

16 realized that people who have a good personal  
17 relationship with the Lord and went home and talked to  
18 him about this trial, he said, call on me on the day of  
19 your trials and I will deliver you. So I just want to  
20 encourage you because God cares for us. Go home and  
21 talk to God about it. Ask him. He can move men's  
22 hearts. He can move this company. Look at David and  
23 Goliath. Who would have said David would kill Goliath?  
24 He slung that stone, and where did it hit him? It was  
25 right in the head where he wasn't protected. So God was  
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1 with David because David was right. And so this is --  
2 oh, I could go on and on and on. I would say this about  
3 (inaudible) I imagine, before he wrote that letter that  
4 he was in much prayer about it. Thank you.

5 We haven't talked to the town council about the  
6 issue. (Inaudible). Earlier, Marcy indicated that to  
7 fight this, we're going to need some money. Marcy  
8 indicated that this initially is going to be about  
9 \$20,000. There's about 150 people still here. If you  
10 each wrote a check for \$200, we could probably cover  
11 that. So maybe stop in the back and talk to Marcy in  
12 the back and think about it. Thank you.

13 I've been part of this town I think maybe -- I  
14 just turned 55. (inaudible). One of the things that  
15 we've talked about is cancer. We've talked about brain  
16 damage. We've talked about all kinds of things, but the  
17 number one thing that kills people in our demographic,  
18 we talked about air, water, ecology. Nobody has talked  
19 about our demographic. If this thing were to actually  
20 go through, I think the blood pressure around town would  
21 collectively go up 10 or 20 points. And, yes, stress.  
22 Those are the things that will kill us. That what we  
23 have to think about when we're talking about going to  
24 Marcy. Like Gary said, if it hurts one of us, it hurts  
25 us all. We just don't got to sit in front of that  
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1 tractor when they show up. We also got to sit in front  
2 of that attorney with a couple hundred bucks in our  
3 pockets. These are the things that we're going to have  
4 to do. We've got other battles going in Bouquet Canyon.  
5 (inaudible). So there's a lot of things going on here.  
6 Just remember anger and stress, those are the things  
7 that are going to kill us. I know everybody in my  
8 mother's side of the family, everyone, not one person on

9 my mother's side of the family escaped death by cancer.  
10 So I don't want that thing running around 200 yards from  
11 my house. So I understand that there are things that we  
12 have to do. We got to tighten up a little bit. We got  
13 to talk to Marcy. You know, standing up here is great,  
14 but we got to do other things too. Thank you.

15 My name is Randy Banis. I live on the south  
16 side on 98 Street. I don't know much about cheerleaders  
17 at a rally. I don't really enjoy being here, but I got  
18 to do what I got to do. First of all, I think the  
19 meeting is inadequate and it violates the (inaudible).

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20 We need a bigger meeting room for these kind of projects  
21 that directly affect local communities. The comment  
22 period started on August 4. I was not noticed. I  
23 request 90 days (inaudible). Also, I may be wrong, and  
24 I'm sorry if I'm speculating, but I'm not sure that  
25 alternative five was even proposed at the period of July  
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1 24. I'm not sure if it was part of that original  
2 document. The requirements of Edison having to meet the  
3 obligations of power generating -- people who are  
4 generating power. (Inaudible). The folks at  
5 Oak Creek are having one heck of a time trying to re-do  
6 their own windmills. (Inaudible). I know it's  
7 important for you to have a no action alternative, but  
8 you didn't rank the no action alternative in any of the  
9 rankings of the slides, and you considered the various  
10 areas of the (inaudible) of the project. I think it's  
11 important that that no action alternative be in there in  
12 the rankings. I wasn't impressed with the documents. I  
13 found that specifically with the environmental analysis  
14 regarding the proposed alternative. I'm disappointed  
15 that there was not more on the socio-economics on  
16 alternative five. I would request an extension period.  
17 (Inaudible). Thank you.

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18 My name is Nancy Janice. I'm a landowner from  
19 West Lancaster. I really appreciate the people from  
20 Leona Valley that are here. We have an amazing group of  
21 people here. We have great speakers and great points  
22 have been made. Most of the points that they have made  
23 apply to West Lancaster. We have the same issues. We  
24 have the destruction of properties and the towers going  
25 across them. My brother's land is 200 feet (inaudible).  
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1 He wants to be here tonight, but he's fighting a fire  
2 (inaudible). I wanted to mention just a couple things  
3 that were touched on. The first one was that you talked  
4 about that you can't put the 500 kilovolt lines  
5 underground because it hasn't been done here. It has

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6 been done here in the states. It has also been done  
7 extensively in England for many years. The energy that  
8 is supposed to be created by the windmill farms is just  
9 not going to be used by Santa Clarita, Leona Valley, and  
10 Southern California. It's going to be sent up to Oregon  
11 and other areas around here. It will destroy our  
12 property and our land. I'm very much against using  
13 eminent domain to take people's property and land away.  
14 It goes against our the value of our country and our  
15 constitution. I'm against proposition one.  
16 (Inaudible). I just want to summarize and say that we  
17 need to go back. We need to start over. (Inaudible).  
18 Thank you.

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19 MR. BRITT: That's it for the official comment  
20 period. The comments are on the record. As we said  
21 earlier, you can continue to submit comments in various  
22 forms of e-mail, faxes, letters, however you'd like to  
23 do it. That concludes the official program, but we're

24 going to stick around for a while. I'm not sure how  
25 long we've rented the room for. It's about 10 after  
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1 9:00. We're going to be here to answer questions.  
2 Thank you.  
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7 Reporter, in and for the State of California, holder of  
8 certificate number 12925, which is in full force and  
9 effect and that I am authorized to administer oaths and  
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12 That the foregoing proceedings consisting of  
13 the public hearing regarding the Antelope-Pardee 500  
14 Kilovolt Transmission Project, draft environmental  
15 impact report was taken before me at the time and  
16 place herein set forth;  
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18 That the proceedings were recorded  
19 stenographically by me, and were thereafter  
20 transcribed under my direction and supervision;  
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22 That the foregoing pages contain a full, true  
23 and accurate record of the proceedings and testimony to  
24 the best of my skill and ability;  
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1 I further certify that I am not a relative or

2 employee or attorney or counsel of any of the parties,  
3 nor am I a relative or employee of such attorney or  
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7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name  
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## Response to Comment Set DD.4: Quartz Hill Public Meeting (August 28th, 6:30PM)

- DD.4-1 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures for the Draft EIR/EIS. On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, ending on October 3, 2006.
- DD.4-2 An evaluation of the potential change in property taxes is outside of the scope of this EIR/EIS. However, please see General Response GR-1 regarding the effects of the Project on property values, and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.
- DD.4-3 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures.
- Alternative 5 would not entail the removal of 30 homes. 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 from 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.
- DD.4-4 While the terminology of “viewscape” was not used as part of the visual resources analysis, the degradation of the existing visual character or quality along the Alternative 5 alignment (Criterion VIS1) was discussed in Section C.15.10.2 of the EIR/EIS.
- DD.4-5 As described in Response to Comment C.9-12, construction of Alternative 5 would result in construction-related traffic on area roads. However, the Project would not require the removal or demolition of 30 residences (see Response to Comment DD.4-3). Section C.13.10 of the EIR/EIS includes several mitigation measures to reduce the effects of traffic on local streets.
- DD.4-6 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns.
- DD.4-7 In all photographs of existing conditions, no landscape features or homes were removed or altered in any way. If photographs of existing landscape conditions show vacant lands, it is because the view across these existing vacant lands provided excellent observation of landscapes that would be affected by construction and operation of a new 500-kV transmission line. As described in Section C.15.1.1, photographs used in the EIR/EIS were taken from vantage points called key observation positions (KOPs). Each KOP was carefully selected to display the typical or worst-case view from major travel routes or use areas that provide visual access to affected landscapes. From dozens of potential observer positions, and in consultation with CPUC and Forest Service personnel, 14 locations were selected as KOPs for detailed analysis of the proposed Project, and 14 additional KOPs were selected for detailed analysis of alternatives.
- DD.4-8 Please refer to the EIR/EIS Section C.15.1.1 regarding methodology for visual simulations. Computerized visual simulations were prepared using AutoCAD and 3D-Studio software to create accurate, computerized depictions showing the visual effects of the Project. According to SCE, the new 500-kV single-circuit towers would vary from 113 to 178 feet tall and arms would be 96 feet

wide. Each single-circuit lattice steel tower was modeled at 144 feet high with 96-foot-wide arms, and is accurately shown in each simulation. Single-circuit towers would not be 220 feet tall.

Maps are drawn to scale. The scale of each map is indicated in the title block.

DD.4-9 As discussed in Section C.9.10.2, the alternative alignment would be constructed across approximately 103 privately owned parcels. 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 any engineering design or routing studies for Alternative 5, the EIR/EIS has assumed that the removal of one or more homes could occur. As such, Section C.9.10.2 (Impact L-3) concluded that potential impacts to residential land uses as a result of Alternative 5 would be significant.

Please also see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures for the EIR/EIS.

DD.4-10 Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC. Please see General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.

DD.4-11 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. Please see Section D.5 of the Draft EIR/EIS for further discussion of this issue.

DD.4-12 Thank you for expressing your concerns. Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

DD.4-13 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding the effects of the Project on property values.

DD.4-14 Please see the response to Comment DD.4-11 regarding wildland fire concerns.

DD.4-15 Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

DD.4-16 Thank you for expressing your opinion on the Project and alternatives.

DD.4-17 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures and review period for the EIR/EIS.

DD.4-18 Please see the response to Comment DD.4-9 regarding impacts to private land.

DD.4-19 The impacts to public health and safety as a result of Alternative 5 have been discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS Section C.6.10. Please also see General Response GR-1 regarding the Project's effects on property values, and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.

DD.4-20 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures and review period for the EIR/EIS. On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, ending on October 3, 2006.

DD.4-21 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures and review period for the EIR/EIS. On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service,

as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, ending on October 3, 2006.

- DD.4-22 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding health concerns associated with EMF, and General Response GR-1 regarding the effects of the Project on property values.
- DD.4-23 Thank you for your comment. Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures and review period for the EIR/EIS and General Response GR-4 regarding alternatives identification, screening, and analysis.
- DD.4-24 The impacts to public health and safety associated with potential earthquakes have been discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS Sections C.6.5 through C.6.10. Please also see Response to Comment DD.4-11 regarding wildland fire concerns.
- DD.4-25 In July 2006, as arrangements were being made to release the Draft EIR/EIS, public meetings were scheduled for August 28, 29, and 30 in Quartz Hill, Santa Clarita, and Agua Dulce, respectively. Meeting locations were picked in Quartz Hill and Santa Clarita with the intent of having a public meeting north of Angeles National Forest and another public meeting south of the Forest. The public meeting in Agua Dulce was scheduled as a central location along the route of Alternative 5. At the time, this was considered to be a reasonable number and distribution of meetings. In addition, the Forest Service made a presentation and answered questions regarding the proposed transmission project at the Leona Valley Town Council meeting on September 11. Please note that public meetings are not a required component of the EIR/EIS process.
- DD.4-26 The impacts to public health and safety associated with Alternative 5 have been discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS Section C.6.10. Please also see General Response GR-3 regarding health concerns associated with EMF.
- DD.4-27 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns.
- DD.4-28 Thank you for expressing your concerns on Alternative 5. These will be shared with the decision-makers reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and CPUC.
- DD.4-29 Corona noise, which sounds similar to a humming noise, results in typical sustained noise levels of approximately 34 to 44 dBA at 150 feet, as discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS under Impact N-3 (page C.10-17). While this noise level may be perceptible when located within the immediate vicinity, this noise level would not exceed the Los Angeles County Noise Ordinance and therefore, would not be significant under CEQA/NEPA. As noted in Section C.10.10.2, "Alternative 5 would have the potential to affect a greater number of residences along the ROW compared to the proposed Project or other alternatives due to the fact that Alternative 5 would not traverse the ANF [Angeles National Forest], except for a 0.5-mile segment, where there are few residences, and would instead cross through rural development in both Leona Valley and Agua Dulce, as well as urban development in Santa Clarita (common to the proposed Project and other alternatives)". As such, it has been acknowledged that Alternative 5, and the corona noise levels produced by a new transmission line, would affect a greater number of residences. This information will be provided to the decision-makers to help them make an informed decision with respect to the proposed Project and all the alternatives.
- DD.4-30 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures and review period for the EIR/EIS.



- DD.4-31 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the noticing procedures and review period for the EIR/EIS.
- DD.4-32 Thank you for your comment.
- DD.4-33 Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC. Note that the degradation of the existing visual character or quality along the Alternative 5 alignment (Criterion VIS1) was discussed in Section C.15.10.2 of the EIR/EIS.
- DD.4-34 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns, and General Response GR-4 regarding the identification and selection process for alternative routes.
- DD.4-35 Please see Response to Comment DD.4-11 regarding wildland fire concerns.
- DD.4-36 Please see Response to Comment DD.4-9 regarding impacts to private land. Please also see General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.
- DD.4-37 Please see Response to Comment DD.4-9 regarding impacts to private land. Please also see General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.
- DD.4-38 As described in Response to Comment 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. 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 (see Draft EIR/EIS Section C.8, Criterion HYD2). 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. Neither the proposed Project nor an alternative would significantly interfere with or damage well water in the Project area, including in Leona Valley.
- DD.4-39 Please see General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.
- DD.4-40 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 from 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.
- DD.4-41 Thank you for your input. It will be considered by the agencies' decision-makers.
- DD.4-42 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the Draft EIR/EIS review period. Please note that the review period was extended to October 3, 2006.
- DD.4-43 Please see Section C.4 of the EIR/EIS for a discussion of impacts to cultural and historic resources impacted by the proposed Project and alternatives.
- DD.4-44 Thank you for your input.
- DD.4-45 Please see General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.

- DD.4-46 Thank you for your input. Please note that the Fairmont Wind Project is no longer in the California Independent System Operator (Cal ISO) queue.
- DD.4-47 Thank you for your input. Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures.
- DD.4-48 No known school sites are located within 350 feet of the proposed Project or any of the alternative routes. Therefore, such regulations would not apply and are not discussed in Section C.6.
- DD.4-49 Thank you for expressing your concerns and opinion regarding Alternative 5. Alternative 5 is considered a viable option and will be considered by the decision-makers, along with the proposed Project and the other alternatives. Please see General Response GR-4 regarding the alternatives identification, screening, and analysis process.
- DD.4-50 You are correct. As discussed in Section C.9, uses within transmission line easements are restricted and no structures can be built within the transmission line easement. As discussed for Alternative 5 in Section C.9.10.2 (Impact L-3), “SCE would be required to obtain new easements across 103 privately owned parcels. While the existing use of these properties (e.g., grazing, farming, residential uses) would generally not be precluded, future use of the new easements would be restricted. For example, affected property owners could not build any structures on lands that occur within the alternative ROW. Depending on the final alignment of Alternative 5, removal of one or more homes or acquisition of portions of properties where homes are located may be required for construction and operation of this alternative.”
- DD.4-51 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF. Public health and safety issues are addressed in Section C.6 of the Draft EIR/EIS.
- DD.4-52 Induced currents and shock hazards related to EMF are discussed and considered as part of the Draft EIR/EIS analysis in Section C.6.
- DD.4-53 Impacts of the Project and alternatives on air transportation are addressed in Section C.13, Traffic and Transportation.
- DD.4-54 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding effects on property values and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.
- DD.4-55 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the Draft EIR/EIS review period. The review period for the Draft EIR/EIS was extended to October 3, 2006.
- DD.4-56 The EIR/EIS considers both property and people. Property is discussed relative to Land Use in Section C.9. “People” are directly considered as sensitive receptors with respect to air quality (Section C.2), noise (Section C.10), and Public Recreation (Section C.9).
- DD.4-57 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures.
- DD.4-58 Thank you for submitting your opinions regarding the Project and alternatives. Please see General Response GR-6 regarding underground construction.
- DD.4-59 Thank you for submitting your opinion on Alternative 5. Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the Draft EIR/EIS review period. The review period for the Draft EIR/EIS was extended to October 3, 2006.
- DD.4-60 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns.

- DD.4-61 Thank you for your input. Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF concerns.
- DD.4-62 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the Draft EIR/EIS review period. The review period for the Draft EIR/EIS was extended to October 3, 2006.
- DD.4-63 As discussed in Section D.4, Comparison of Alternatives, the No Project/Action Alternative has not been included because the intent of the comparative analysis is to highlight differences among “action” alternatives, and because CEQA does not allow the selection of the No Project Alternative as the environmentally superior alternative (State CEQA Guidelines §15126.6(e)(2)).
- DD.4-64 Thank you for submitting your opinion. Please see General Response GR-5 regarding the Draft EIR/EIS review period. The review period for the Draft EIR/EIS was extended to October 3, 2006.
- DD.4-65 Thank you for submitting your concerns regarding the Project and alternatives.
- DD.4-66 Please see General Response GR-6 regarding underground construction.
- DD.4-67 Thank you for submitting your opinions on the Project and alternatives. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding effects on property values and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.