

## Email: SCE Ivanpah Control

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**To:** Ivanpah-Control Project Team  
**Subject:** Draft EIR Comments – Ivanpah-Control Project Questions and Property Impact Inquiry  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to submit comments and request clarification regarding the Draft EIR for the Ivanpah-Control Project. I own property in the Daggett area, APN 051-627-128-0000, and would like to better understand whether this project could directly affect my property, future development plans, or utility service.

I am actively evaluating development and improvement of this parcel, so it is important for me to know whether any project facilities, easements, road access, or construction activity may occur on or near the property.

### 1. **Property-Specific Impact / Existing Line Identification**

Please confirm whether any existing transmission or distribution lines serving or crossing near APN 051-627-128-0000 are part of this project. I am unsure whether nearby lines are 115 kV or another voltage class. Please clarify whether any facilities associated with my property area would be rebuilt, relocated, upgraded, or otherwise impacted.

### 2. **Inside or Outside My Property Boundaries**

Please specifically confirm whether any new or existing facilities related to this project would be located:

- Within the boundaries of APN 051-627-128-0000
- Within existing easements affecting the parcel
- Immediately adjacent to the parcel boundaries
- Outside the parcel with no direct impact

If available, please provide maps, ROW/easement exhibits, or parcel overlays.

### 3. **New Facilities Near My Property**

Will any new transmission lines, poles, access roads, switching stations, substations, staging areas, or related facilities be constructed near APN 051-627-128-0000? If so, please provide approximate distance, map references, and the nature of the planned improvements.

### 4. **Road Access / Utility Access Roads**

There appears to be utility road access along or near portions of my property, but I am uncertain whether those roads belong to Southern California Edison, a gas utility, another agency, or private ownership.

Please clarify:

- Ownership or control of the existing access road(s) near APN 051-627-128-0000
- Whether the Ivanpah-Control Project will construct new access roads nearby
- Whether existing roads will be widened, graded, improved, or permanently upgraded

- Whether future shared-use access, crossing permits, or neighboring access coordination may be available to adjacent landowners

This is important because if roads are being improved nearby, it could affect my own road construction planning and access budgeting.

#### **5. Public Need and Technical Justification**

During the presentation, I mainly heard visual improvement as a project benefit. I would appreciate a clearer explanation of the actual technical and public benefits of this project, including:

- Reliability improvements
- Increased transmission capacity / ampacity
- Fire or safety risk reduction
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Grid modernization benefits
- Renewable energy integration
- Urgency of replacement due to aging infrastructure

Please explain which benefits materially help the broader California public, rather than only aesthetic improvements.

#### **6. Project Cost Responsibility / Ratepayer Impact**

Who will ultimately pay for this project? Will the cost be recovered through electric utility rates paid by California customers?

If portions of the project are primarily intended to address localized visual concerns for a small number of nearby residents or stakeholders, please explain whether targeted upgrades to only the affected segments were considered instead of replacing the entire 200+ mile route.

As a resident/property owner located far from the visually affected areas, I would like to understand whether statewide ratepayers may bear increased costs for benefits that are primarily local in nature.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please include this correspondence in the public comment record and provide any available maps or documents responsive to these questions.

Sincerely,

Austin Mao