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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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CLAIRE MYERS: First we'll have Mr. Bennett.

KIRK BENNETT: Hello. I'm at 1803 Myrtle in Corona, California. Mostly I have questions, and I think I'll direct them to you --

Why the circuitous route of the system? I'm looking at it and I'm seeing a fairly straight run right down the 15. Is that line feeding existing use along its -- this route through Ontario and Chino?

CONNIE CHEN: So, this is a project proposed by Edison, and we are studying what they're proposing. And like you said, if there are concerns about the circuitous route that they are proposing, we may propose other alternatives and study those. And that's why we're here. We're here for the scoping comments. If you have concerns about the project that's being proposed by Edison, let us know and --

KIRK BENNETT: Has the 15 been proposed as an alternate?

CONNIE CHEN: We are considering that as a possible alternative route.

KIRK BENNETT: If so, could portions of the existing system be abandoned in favor of the 15 and back

1 feed it? Could we remove some of the overhead lines,  
2 say, on River Road that go in through Corona?

3 CONNIE CHEN: I think those are all possible  
4 route adjustments. We do have a Powerflow Engineering  
5 consultant onboard that would help us to determine if  
6 any of these route adjustments would work and still meet  
7 the project objectives as determined by the PUC, because  
8 we sometimes review as objectives and figure out which  
9 path works for us.

10 KIRK BENNETT: Thank you. My -- I think my  
11 last question is, I've done several developments here in  
12 the Inland Empire, and in all of them, all of the off  
13 sites bringing the power to the facilities were all  
14 underground and required to be. We'd have suggested  
15 running them overhead. It wouldn't have worked.

16 Why is it that in this instance we're running  
17 so much of it overhead, when you obviously can easily do  
18 it underground? You did it to dodge the airport, you  
19 know. I can understand why you wouldn't want that line  
20 in there. But why aren't all of them underground? Why  
21 aren't we using this as an opportunity to correct the  
22 aesthetic problems of the past?

23 CONNIE CHEN: Yeah, again, this is an  
24 Edison-proposed project. That's what they're proposing.  
25 These are portions of the existing lines. And so

1 typically, when we do CEQA, we determine that as the  
2 base line. But I completely understand, you know, the  
3 City concerns about overhead lines and the impacts  
4 associated with that and --

5 KIRK BENNETT: We're talking about adding four  
6 or six lines to the existing system?

7 CONNIE CHEN: Yes.

8 KIRK BENNETT: Six?

9 MATT FAGUNDES: It's --

10 CONNIE CHEN: I think it's --

11 MATT FAGUNDES: The one transmission line down  
12 from Mira Loma to near Corona. And then there's four  
13 other source lines on --

14 KIRK BENNETT: So if we were to put -- conduit  
15 in the ground we'd have -- we'd max it out. So if we  
16 put it in, say, six fares, we would have plenty of room  
17 for continued expansion without additionally opening up  
18 the street?

19 CONNIE CHEN: Maybe that's something we could  
20 study.

21 KIRK BENNETT: Okay. Thank you. That's all I  
22 have.

23 CLAIRE MYERS: Right now we have Michael Aoun.  
24 And then after Michael we have Todd Rigby.

25 MICHAEL AOUN: Unlike Mr. Bennett, I don't have

1 questions. I have to tell you what we want as a  
2 resident of the city. While we are pleased that Edison  
3 is preparing trans -- capacity to serve the growing  
4 community; however, I have a concern about the method in  
5 the route they have selected.

6 As we all know, high voltage utility lines done  
7 over populated area, the concern, the danger of the EMF  
8 exposure, the danger of magnetic field, the danger of  
9 these high voltage lines of populated area, every time  
10 Edison try to put these kind of lines there's some  
11 objections. And they say the research is a hundred  
12 percent accurate.

13 Well, my opinion is, why take the risk? It's a  
14 big risk management nightmare here. Why taking the risk  
15 of having -- having a populated area with exposure  
16 potential with our society -- everybody else, why take  
17 that risk? I can tell you, if these lines are over my  
18 house and put -- and for any reason one of my family  
19 gets sick and was associated with these high voltage  
20 line, not only I'll be suing Edison, but obviously the  
21 commissioner, as well, personally, and everybody  
22 associated with the department.

23 So I'm not the only one. Everybody feels about  
24 it the same way. You have other alternative way. You  
25 have it underground. It's proven method. Why are you

1 not adapting that? So we want you to -- Edison to  
2 utilize the most commonsense way is put these lines  
3 underground.

4 Another concern other than the aesthetics is  
5 the property value. Research has showed that houses in  
6 the area with the overhead power lines are taking four  
7 times to sale, and longer to sell, at lower price, which  
8 means that impact the City revenue. Impacts the County  
9 revenue, as well. So the City and County have interest,  
10 as well.

11 And I'm surprised the way Edison acting this  
12 way. They're not cooperating with the City. I hope  
13 they may take lessens from the gas company recent PR  
14 nightmare with L.A. They lost a lot of public power and  
15 lost a lot of clout, as well, in that process. So I  
16 hope Edison doesn't do the same thing because they can  
17 lose quite a bit.

18 So we urge you to take a second look, look at  
19 the alternative way, put all the lines underground for  
20 not only the city of Corona, but every place else. And  
21 you are -- it's not a profit company. You're charging  
22 us for this line. If it costs more to put underground,  
23 we paying for it anyway. So might as well do it right  
24 the first time. Thank you.

25 CLAIRE MYERS: We'll have Todd Rigby. And

1 after Todd, we'll have Joe Morgan.

2 TODD RIGBY: My name is Todd Rigby. My address  
3 is 13699 -- Street in the city of Eastvale, California,  
4 92880. Just like to echo some of the comments that were  
5 made previous.

6 I came just from soccer practice. I'm a coach  
7 here in the area. And where some of the power lines run  
8 are running through one of those parks off of Helm,  
9 American Heroes. And that's what they intend to do with  
10 some of the areas that are directly under power lines.

11 Because we're at those parks with those power  
12 lines running directly across, you have the umbrellas  
13 and sun shades, that kind of stuff. You go and you  
14 could literally touch those umbrellas; there's so  
15 much -- forgive me. I'm not familiar all the terms.  
16 But my thought is electricity or whatever it is. But  
17 you can touch those and you can see the sparks. And now  
18 we're proposing to add more of these lines overhead.

19 Like I said, I'd like to echo the comments that  
20 were made of suggesting to put them underground. I know  
21 it doesn't eliminate a hundred percent, but it does help  
22 to insulate a little bit better.

23 I think, as well, I'm a real estate broker in  
24 the area, and he's absolutely right with the property  
25 values. Property value, as well as time on market for a

1 home to sale; especially if we're considering adding  
2 more power lines.

3           The other thing, too, is, I know I've heard  
4 quite a few people in Eastvale that are -- one of our  
5 concerns is that this goes right through Eastvale, but  
6 yet there's no discussion or no meeting like this in  
7 Eastvale. We're quite from a distance there. It's  
8 great that it's happening here in Corona. I know that  
9 it's a time crunch now and it's probably near impossible  
10 to have anything; but I know people have requested and  
11 asked if there's any way to have some sort of  
12 presentation more local in Eastvale, because it does  
13 highly impact Eastvale.

14           So thank you for your time and your  
15 considerations.

16           CLAIRE MYERS: Joe Morgan.

17           JOE MORGAN: So my first concern is, why wasn't  
18 the public notified by SCE about this meeting? The only  
19 thing that we found that this meeting even existed was  
20 because it was -- City website. They sent out a few  
21 e-mails. But only people who really went to look for it  
22 could even find it. So this is inexcusable because --  
23 165,000 and this is the people that you can get here,  
24 this considerable crowd, really considering the lack of  
25 notice at all. There was no mailers.

1           Part of this project goes above ground on the  
2 sidewalk in front of people's houses; literally on the  
3 sidewalk, in the yards of people on Third Street. If  
4 those people aren't entitled to some kind of notice for  
5 this meeting, I don't know who is. Okay?

6           And it also runs overhead near five-story's  
7 apartment building that's not occupied yet. So who's  
8 going to be here to notice for that? I mean, these  
9 people are going to have to live with the decisions that  
10 SCE and you are going to make on this. And there's no  
11 considerations.

12           I was at the infrastructure meeting when this  
13 was brought up. Completely amateur. Completely  
14 ridiculous. They brought old maps. They ran -- They  
15 showed the project going under and around the old  
16 freeway with no consideration for the new freeway.  
17 They're going to run it over the freeway where those  
18 bridges that are going to be, currently.

19           The city people are like, well, hey, can you  
20 just -- can you move the lines next to the freeway so  
21 you don't have to run it in people's yards? And they're  
22 like, uh, yeah, we're going to go ahead and put it  
23 through like this. There's no room back there. Well,  
24 did you check? No. Did you contact RTVT? No. Did you  
25 look at the plans for the freeway as it's going to -- as

1 it's currently being built right now? Yeah, well, we  
2 looked at it. Well, you didn't notice that it was twice  
3 as wide, three times as wide as it is now; that the  
4 whole structure and the whole right of way is completely  
5 different? Yeah, we didn't really notice that.

6 So they had no current materials. They also  
7 show it going overhead, past Corona Pointe. Corona  
8 Pointe paid a lot of money to do underground utility  
9 vaults. They could put all the utilities below ground.  
10 All the new developments we have are below ground. So  
11 they're rendering that all their projects that was  
12 clearly done before 2010, that all their renderings that  
13 they showed to counsel were done at some completely  
14 other period of time with -- before Corona was even  
15 built.

16 So there's now a development that they don't  
17 take into account any of that. This is completely -- it  
18 was completely amateur. They didn't have any current  
19 information. And they laid out the project like it's --  
20 like this is the thing that's actually going to get  
21 built. You literally couldn't build it the way they --  
22 they put in the application or at least what they  
23 depicted to the City. The City said, hey, can you wait  
24 a couple of months? Can we work together on another  
25 right of way? Can we come up with another plan? Can we

1 work together to try to minimize the impact on the city;  
2 maybe we can get you the right of way next to the  
3 freeway and route it a different way, maybe? Make it  
4 easier on everybody, and then we'll be partners when we  
5 do that? SCE said no, absolutely not. We're going to  
6 go ahead and put this -- so it was completely  
7 oppositional.

8 I realize there's some kind of baggage going on  
9 between the City and SCE, but we're going to have to  
10 deal with it. We're -- our residents are going to have  
11 to deal with it. The people that live in those  
12 apartments right there, that don't live there yet, are  
13 going to have to deal with it. This should be -- if  
14 you're going to run it through the middle of the city  
15 instead of just going the direct route down the 15, then  
16 this needs to be like below ground, where the structure  
17 of the city -- the city proper.

18 We pay good money to build structures and to  
19 build a city, and we're trying to build a city we can be  
20 proud of. We don't need to turn it into some industrial  
21 waste land. Thank you.

22 CONNIE CHEN: Do you mind clarifying around  
23 when the infrastructure meeting took place?

24 JOE MORGAN: October, I believe.

25 CONNIE CHEN: October of last year?

1           JOE MORGAN:   October of last year.

2           September/October of last year.

3           CONNIE CHEN:   Thank you.

4           JOE MORGAN:   Thank you.

5           CONNIE CHEN:   And I wanted to clarify that this  
6           is, again, California Public Utilities Commission  
7           meeting. This is not Edison meeting. We did send out  
8           mailers pursuant to the General Order 131-D, where we  
9           identified residents and businesses along the proposed  
10          route out to, what, 300 feet, and that was --

11          How many -- How many --

12          CLAIRE MYERS:   It was about 1500 individuals  
13          were sent notice.

14          CONNIE CHEN:   Yeah. 1500 mailers did go out.  
15          And fortunately, we scheduled tomorrow's meeting when we  
16          went out with the notice of preparation, because that  
17          was the only location that was available for a meeting,  
18          in the scoping period time frame. We added this meeting  
19          because we were told that Corona has a City Council  
20          meeting tomorrow. So it's possible that other people  
21          are going to attend tomorrow's meeting.

22          But we did have this meeting just last week,  
23          about a week and a half ago, so that we can accommodate  
24          people who are attending the City Council meeting  
25          tomorrow to be here.

1           And the other concern about the location of the  
2 city. We picked Corona because it's centrally located.  
3 Physically we only have one scoping meeting for a  
4 project this size. We added another one, again, due to  
5 meeting conflicts. But it wasn't to favor one city or  
6 another. It's just essentially located city.

7           JOE MORGAN: Seems like they have an envelope  
8 that goes out to everybody in Corona that already  
9 has postage paid on it and it goes out every month, that  
10 says SCE on it. So it seems like they could have  
11 noticed everyone --

12           CONNIE CHEN: This is our meeting, so Edison --

13           JOE MORGAN: Well, it's kind of your meeting;  
14 it's kind of their meeting.

15           CONNIE CHEN: This is our --

16           JOE MORGAN: As you pointed out earlier, it's a  
17 meeting of their proposal.

18           CONNIE CHEN: Yes, this is our obligation to  
19 hold this meeting.

20           JOE MORGAN: As an employee of the contractor  
21 of SCE.

22           CONNIE CHEN: No.

23           JOE MORGAN: Oh, you don't work for --

24           CONNIE CHEN: No. We -- They're contractors to  
25 the CPUC and they're preparing the environmental

1 document, and we will independently review what they  
2 prepare.

3 CLAIRE MYERS: Next is Kri -- (Inaudible}.

4 (Reporter interruption for clarification.)

5 CLAIRE MYERS: Kripali [phonetic]? K-r-i --

6 KRUPALI TEJURA: K-r-u-p-a-l-i.

7 CLAIRE MYERS: And after Krupali will be Bobby  
8 Spiegel.

9 KRUPALI TEJURA: Thank you very much. I'm a  
10 long-time resident of Corona, and I'm very proud of the  
11 city. And my -- sort of relates to what everybody else  
12 had to say at the circuitous route of the lines and why  
13 everything is not underground.

14 I'm coming more from a cancer standpoint. I'm  
15 a cancer physician, and I'm on the American Cancer's  
16 website. You could just pull it up. And on the site --  
17 I'm quoting -- it says (As read):

18 The International Agency for Research on  
19 Cancer is part of the World Health  
20 Organization, and its major goal is to identify  
21 causes of cancer.

22 Well, the IARC considers the evidence for  
23 ELF magnetic and electric fields and found  
24 limited evidence in humans for carcinogenicity  
25 of extremely low frequency magnetic fields in

1 relation to childhood leukemia.

2 I'm going to take that limited evidence,  
3 because I have two family members who have lived near  
4 power lines who have come down with, unfortunately,  
5 cancer, which kind of -- and cancer treatments.

6 So I think their second point was, if you want  
7 to get away from this ELF and you are concerned -- and I  
8 am quoting here -- (As read):

9 If you are concerned about living near  
10 power lines, you can measure the field  
11 strength, and option to lowering exposure may  
12 be expensive and difficult, such as moving to a  
13 new home, which people who are living on  
14 their -- aware of the power lines are supposed  
15 to be, will probably have difficulty with.

16 It's hard to move when there's a power line --  
17 as we've said. Housing prices decrease; takes longer to  
18 sell.

19 And also, or having the power company bury the  
20 lines. So if we haven't started the project and we have  
21 the option to bury it, per the American Cancer Society,  
22 I would advocate the latter. Thank you very much.

23 CLAIRE MYERS: We have Bobby Spiegel.

24 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Well, first I want to say thank  
25 you guys for hosting a meeting. I will echo some other

1 concerns. I would have liked to have had a little more  
2 notice. And I don't know if you received our letters  
3 where we sent them initially on December 31st. You had  
4 a deadline for receiving mail, and we had sent a later  
5 from our Chamber of Commerce. I represent the Corona  
6 Chamber of Commerce, representing 55,000 jobs in this  
7 area.

8 I've yet to find one business that says, hey,  
9 this is a great deal, it's a great plan. In fact, most  
10 of them are very upset over it.

11 So I just want to maybe suggest as you do  
12 future meetings, whether it's our community or whatever  
13 community, perhaps you could notify the local Chamber of  
14 Commerces that are those areas, and they can get the  
15 word out for you. So you won't have the cost, but you  
16 will get the exposure out. Because I truly feel you've  
17 given up your time to be here tonight; you want to hear  
18 from the people. You don't want to just have an  
19 exclusive little group.

20 I do want to repeat some of the historical data  
21 that Mr. Morgan shared. In September it was their  
22 second meeting coming to the same infrastructure  
23 committee meeting at the city of Corone. At that  
24 meeting they brought the same outdated map. They, in  
25 fact, what they had asked for was a larger explanation

1 of how it would go. All they did was blow it up and  
2 have a bigger map, undated materials of things that --  
3 projects that were built four and five years ago weren't  
4 even reflected on the map.

5 At that time the City was very strong in  
6 recommending to Edison to just hold off; let's get  
7 together and have a big meeting; let's figure out how we  
8 can go ahead and maybe look at things and then have  
9 community input. They were insistent ongoing forward.  
10 We did request that they didn't put their September  
11 meeting together. I'm of the Jewish faith, and the  
12 night that they were going to do their community  
13 outreach at Partridge Elementary was the night that it  
14 was the highest Jewish High Holy Day, which is the Day  
15 of Atonement. So I did suggest that they didn't do it  
16 that night. And they didn't. But they had it another  
17 night and they went forward with some meetings, to my  
18 understanding.

19 The big elephant in the room, so to speak, or  
20 the requests that pretty much everyone is asking, is for  
21 this to be all underground.

22 And I want to go through this project that  
23 we're building on the 91 freeway. I don't know if you  
24 travelled on that at all. Smart thing that you're doing  
25 it today and tomorrow, because on the 19th it will be

1 closed down completely for 55 hours. But there is going  
2 to be from Main Street to Grand Boulevard, that exact  
3 grounds area, where they're going to do this new wiring,  
4 the new system, it will go from initially six to eight  
5 lanes up to 22 lanes on that freeway; 11 lanes in each  
6 direction. So it's a massive, massive amount.

7 So initially, when Edison was looking at doing  
8 it over the freeway, that would have been almost  
9 impossible to do. But the big request that we had is,  
10 why couldn't they go ahead and put together the  
11 infrastructure right now and build while the roadway's  
12 torn up, and put in the conduits that Mr. Bennett had  
13 suggested that that could be done. Their empty, but go  
14 ahead and do that while the construction of freeway is  
15 going on.

16 I used to be in construction and I know that  
17 those costs, that if you do that smart and do it early,  
18 it's not going to be near the cost. Now, after the  
19 freeway is done and you've got 22 lanes and you're  
20 underneath the tunnel area where they're going to put it  
21 underground that they say, now your costs have tripled  
22 or quadrupled because you don't have the height to be  
23 able to do everything, you're in a tunnel area, you're  
24 going to need to close down those streets while you're  
25 digging. It's just one thing after another.

1           And I just hope that what we're sharing with  
2 you is that, number one, we do want -- we want the  
3 system put in, but we want it to where it's the proper  
4 way. I don't want us to be considered like not in my  
5 backyard. I don't want you to leave from Corona saying,  
6 oh, they're -- you know, they're snobs, they don't want  
7 it done this way. We want it done like every other  
8 community would like it done.

9           And as this gentlemen said, who pays for it?  
10 We all do. I mean, when they say that we don't pay for  
11 it, it's just the rates go up and we all end up paying  
12 for it. So let's get it done right the first time.

13           And again, I want to close with saying thank  
14 you again for spending your time to be down here. If  
15 there's anything that we can do to help expand anything  
16 or get you anything that you may need, let us know.  
17 Again, we appreciate your time.

18           KAREN SPIEGEL: We appreciate your being here.  
19 The bottom line is, Edison is not a partner with this  
20 community. It's very disappointing. In fact, it's very  
21 frustrating for many reasons. We've heard about this  
22 project many years ago. We had a different governmental  
23 person that came to Corona and told us about this; it's  
24 coming in a couple of years.

25           Well, they've know about it that long, and a

1 lot of the issues that we've been talking about could  
2 have very much been addressed. It was alluded to -- the  
3 history, that some of this was intentional by Edison. I  
4 tell you it is. They have failed to work with us. They  
5 have made no efforts when we have reached out above and  
6 beyond the meetings that they're talking about.

7 I'm on the City Counsel, and I have very much  
8 tried to reach out to work with Edison, trying to be a  
9 partner in this project. It affects our residents.  
10 You've already heard about that. We are tearing up this  
11 city. If you drive through the city, there is a heck of  
12 a lot of construction, both on the freeway and on the  
13 streets. Exactly the street that's been closed off --  
14 for almost year? -- they're going to be tearing up that  
15 same street, inconveniencing the same people, and they  
16 plan ahead.

17 Like, we've been trying to talk to them and  
18 partner with us. And some of this could have been  
19 cheaper. It could have been less inconvenience. And  
20 they won't -- you know, they could have -- to advertise,  
21 they could have had community meetings. We have a  
22 developer come to our town a do a project. They have to  
23 do meetings with our community.

24 And then there's a requirement, and we always  
25 make them go -- what is it, 300 feet, in the project

1 line? Which is ridiculous because it affects everybody.  
2 So 300 feet. And I understand there's rules. We go  
3 above and beyond that. So I think Corona's takes a  
4 little bit more due diligence. We go beyond that.

5 We also post, as you've said, on web sites and  
6 on e-mails. And we try to notify. But it wasn't our  
7 meeting. In fact, we didn't hear about it until after  
8 the first mail went out. We weren't even noticed by the  
9 City, which I find pretty bad. That's on you guys on  
10 that part.

11 You know, having worked with Edison in the  
12 past, aesthetics has nothing to do with it. It's the  
13 bottom dollar. They have shareholders that they have to  
14 be accountable to. And Corona has always gotten the  
15 back seat. I won't tell you the whole history. Bad  
16 history. And I feel that many of these things,  
17 particular -- I mean, we're all talking about the  
18 overhead.

19 When you talk about the objectives you  
20 mentioned, it says (As read):

21 Ensure safe and reliable electrical  
22 service.

23 Well, most of the electrical challenges that  
24 we've had are, we've had lines down. Okay? So you have  
25 overhead lines; that's not ensuring -- because we've had

1 quite a few, particularly the winds that we have in this  
2 area.

3 Safe. You've heard about the doctor that came  
4 up here earlier. I've had -- if I've had anyone with  
5 consistent complaints, that is, if they go by the parks,  
6 the overhead lines that you were talking about, are  
7 going by -- close to residential. And when you're  
8 talking about that, how is that safe when there's proven  
9 statistics that we can avoid that, right by someone's  
10 bedroom window, less than 300 feet. I mean, I'm  
11 fortunate that we don't have that. Oh, yes we do in the  
12 backyard.

13 So, we're trying to get away from that, but  
14 it's more costly. So they're taking the easy road of  
15 being less expensive. And I'm sure that's partly  
16 because of their shareholders.

17 But the bottom line is that if we move forward  
18 with this, I don't know how we can get them to work as a  
19 partner, because they announced, no, you're not a  
20 partner. They're the big developer that comes into the  
21 city and says they get to do what they want, without  
22 having to work with the City, without having to work  
23 with the community, and that's absolutely not okay. And  
24 that's the -- secondary to the health issues and to the  
25 inconvenience issues that they do not address and do not

1 care.

2 And so just those simple things are very  
3 frustrating. And I think Joe earlier addressed what  
4 happened and how they treated -- and acted, and shared  
5 poor information at meetings. So it just gives you an  
6 idea.

7 It's very hard for us as a community, both the  
8 residents, the City officials, our employees, to work  
9 and get this project done and support it when they  
10 really don't care.

11 Thank you.

12 CLAIRE MYERS: Would anybody else like to  
13 speak?

14 KIRK BENNET: I have a follow-up.

15 CLAIRE MYERS: Okay.

16 KIRK BENNETT: There was something else that I  
17 forgot to bring up. Running through the area, there is  
18 an earthquake fault. You can actually see evidence of  
19 the fault at the Prado Dam. The dirt portion of it is  
20 where the fault runs right through there.

21 How close are these tall power poles and things  
22 that are going to be put in, especially down River Road,  
23 crossing through the river bottom, which is problematic,  
24 because I watched them build a bridge out there and  
25 they're on mud. I mean, it's really bad. They sunk

1 those -- deep.

2 I'm concerned about in an earthquake event or  
3 something the like, the line's coming down. Once  
4 they're underground, we don't have that worry anymore.  
5 They can't fall from anywhere.

6 So thank you for hearing me, and I appreciate  
7 your time. Thank you.

8 MATT FAGUNDES: I'd just like to encourage  
9 everyone who gave oral comments tonight to actually  
10 submit written comments, as well. You know, there may  
11 be something else that you come up with.

12 BOBBY SPIEGEL: How long are you staying here?

13 MATT FAGUNDES: We'll be here until 8:00.

14 BOBBY SPIEGEL: You're going to stay here  
15 tonight and --

16 MATT FAGUNDES: I'm sorry. We've got another  
17 meeting tomorrow and then we're leaving.

18 BOBBY SPIEGEL: And then anything in the  
19 future, or is this it?

20 CONNIE CHEN: This is it for the scoping  
21 portion.

22 BOBBY SPIEGEL: I'm sorry?

23 MATT FAGUNDES: This is it for the scoping  
24 period, to identify issues included in the EIR. And  
25 then we --

1 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Are you --

2 (Speaking simultaneously.)

3 MATT FAGUNDES: -- the draft EIR would be  
4 released around the fall.

5 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Would you be open to a  
6 conference call/webinar type of call? You guys are up  
7 in Petaluma. We call you. We do something through the  
8 internet. We have a room full of people that can listen  
9 to your presentation and then they can write you  
10 letters?

11 MATT FAGUNDES: This presentation?

12 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Whatever presentation you want  
13 to do. We're offering it, if you'd like it. I can  
14 mobilize the business community.

15 I guess the question is, my letter obviously  
16 didn't do much, just as the Chamber of Commerce that  
17 went on up, signed by my Chairman of the Board and  
18 myself. So if all of a sudden you had 200 or 500 or a  
19 thousand letters, what number would make the impact so  
20 that you can go back to your group and say there is a  
21 problem?

22 Because I want to make sure that this -- and I  
23 don't know what's going to happen tomorrow night. But I  
24 want to make sure that there is not one question of  
25 concern of saying, well, it was only a handful of people

1 that really objected.

2 Tell me the number of letters. Because when we  
3 wanted to get this freeway done, 650 letters were faxed  
4 up to the transportation commission up in Sacramento and  
5 hand delivered by our own assemblymen so that we would  
6 make sure they saw the impact, what we wanted done.

7 So again, we want to mobilize -- we want to  
8 show you in a proactive way -- and I just -- I  
9 appreciate what you guys are doing. Tell us what you  
10 would like -- what needs to be done.

11 MATT FAGUNDES: I don't think there's a  
12 specific number. But I would definitely recommend that  
13 you have your members submit comments during this  
14 review.

15 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Through the 29th?

16 MATT FAGUNDES: Through the 29th.

17 BOBBY SPIEGEL: It's taken care of.

18 MATT FAGUNDES: Yes, sir.

19 DICK HALEY: Thank you for coming. Thank you  
20 for coming. We've heard a lot of comments, seen a lot  
21 of statements, a lot of pleas, a lot of heartfelt  
22 remarks from soccer players to --

23 Will there be any answers to anything that was  
24 actually asked?

25 CONNIE CHEN: We're going to prepare a scoping

1 report that summarizes the comments that we received  
2 during this briefing period. And then we will  
3 incorporate the comments that were raised into the  
4 preparation of the EIR, Environmental Impact Report.

5 DICK HALEY: Specifically, here's what I'm  
6 talking about. Because I'm a papa, and so I can worry  
7 about these little guys.

8 My young soccer couch over here made a  
9 statement. Quite frankly, I've never heard that before.  
10 And A, it's either a hundred percent true, or B, it's a  
11 hundred percent fallacious.

12 Will you and your staff actually address that  
13 and write --

14 (Speaking simultaneously.)

15 DICK HALEY: Well, will you address that  
16 specific question?

17 MATT FAGUNDES: It will addressed, yes.

18 DICK HALEY: It will be --

19 MATT FAGUNDES: Anything that's brought up  
20 during the scoping --

21 DICK HALEY: Thank you very much. And again,  
22 thank you --

23 MATT: FAGUNDES: And also, just to reiterate,  
24 any alternative that anyone identifies will be addressed  
25 in the EIR report.

1           DICK HALEY: Well, I think there's a lot of  
2 alternatives, and I think underground might be a clue.  
3 But I'm not an engineer. Thank you.

4           MICHAEL AOUN: Look, the point what we want to  
5 leave with is that nobody in the city is willing to  
6 accept overhead power line. We want them underground.

7           The second thing. Definitely, Edison need to  
8 work with the City; need to partner with the City. Even  
9 though they're a monopoly, they simply cannot come in to  
10 an area and stamp over everybody, the public officials  
11 and the residents and the clients. We paying their  
12 salary. We paying their bills. We are the client,  
13 so --

14           They keep increasing their rates. It doesn't  
15 matter the cost. The cost is more, charge us more. We  
16 happy to pay for it. But they cannot do it in a  
17 backyard. They have to work with the City, with the  
18 City official.

19           As an agency, you have the power over them.  
20 Nobody has a power of them except your agency. You need  
21 to exercise that power and force them to work with the  
22 City that they're impacting. It's not the amount of  
23 impact. It's a measure of impact on the city and it's  
24 residents. That's what I want you to leave with.

25           MATT FAGUNDES: Thank you.

1           TODD RIGBY: One last just quick comment. Once  
2 again, I appreciate you guys being here, too. But I  
3 just want it to be noted, and especially on record, just  
4 asking, is there a So Cal Edison rep here? I don't see  
5 anyone that --

6           MATT FAGUNDES: There is not.

7           KAREN SPIEGEL: We need you to know, it's not  
8 just Corona. It's Norco, also has a town meeting  
9 tomorrow night. So it's both cities. I just wanted  
10 that noted for the record. It wasn't just Corona, it's  
11 Norco also. So two of the three cities.

12           Yours are Tuesdays; right.

13           TODD RIGBY: Yeah. They have a planning  
14 commissioning meeting tomorrow.

15           KAREN SPIEGEL: Yeah. The planning  
16 commissioning meeting tomorrow in Eastvale, Corona City  
17 Counsel, Norco City Counsel. So just for the point of  
18 information, and that kind of helps.

19           And to tell you how desperate we were, we even  
20 went on the news. I don't know if anybody saw that. We  
21 went on the news, pleading that Edison -- and I --  
22 Channel 7 News. I was on the news pleading with Edison  
23 to make contact with the City and its citizens on this  
24 project, back in November. So, nothing.

25           MATT FAGUNDES: Well, thanks everyone again.

1 And we look forward to seeing all those great comments.

2 (Meeting concluded at 7:12 p.m.)

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February 17, 2016

CLAIRE MYERS: First we have Kathleen Wilson.  
And following Kathleen we will have Andrea Hove.

KATHLEEN WILSON: This is not a -- (Inaudible).  
(Reporter interruption for clarification.)

KATHLEEN WILSON: I'm just -- I apologize for  
reading it because I'm really nervous, so I'm just going  
to read the letter that I wrote to the CPUC.

(As read): As citizens of the city of  
Corona, California, we are vehemently opposed  
to Southern California Edison's company's plan  
to run 66 kV high-voltage lines overhead  
through our community. We urge you to deny the  
project as submitted. Or if approved, to  
require Edison to bury all high-voltage lines  
to help shield our citizens from EMF fields  
that they generate.

Further, we urge you to recommend that they  
remove and bury the existing overhead power  
lines running between Corydon Street and Main  
Street.

River Road is what we're mainly concerned  
about because that's the only -- one of the

1 routes that is the same in all of the different  
2 things. And they're planning on running  
3 overhead lines all the way through, down  
4 River Road.

5 Over the last 27 years we have lived in the  
6 Fairview Estates which backs up to River Road  
7 on the west side, and lines have been added to  
8 the existing overhead poles over the last 27  
9 years and now total 12 lines in the existing  
10 overhead lines. And now they want to add  
11 high-voltage 66 kV lines, as well.

12 Our concerns with regard to this project  
13 include the negative impact of increased EMF  
14 field radiation on our health, animals, plants,  
15 the electronic device interference, decreased  
16 property values and difficulty in selling our  
17 property in the future.

18 It is our understanding that the CPUC is  
19 charged with protecting us as citizens from  
20 abuse, fraud and harm from our licensed utility  
21 companies. And we think about Enron scandal  
22 and the current Porter Ranch issue.

23 Southern California Edison has shown bad  
24 faith and intent to deceive by pushing through  
25 this project that they know would be harmful to

1 our community, favoring their bottom line over  
2 the health and wellbeing of their customers.

3 This has been demonstrated by the repeated  
4 refusal to meet with our elected City  
5 officials, to answer their questions and  
6 concerns and to listen to their input prior to  
7 filing their project with your agency. They  
8 have also shown bad faith to us as citizens by  
9 delaying their own stated timeline for  
10 conducting public outreach activities between  
11 2009 and 2015.

12 We received our one and only letter slash  
13 notice on November 27th, 2015. It was dated  
14 11, 23, 2015. That letter contained an  
15 overview of the project timeline and notice of  
16 the intent to file with the CPUC in less than a  
17 month.

18 And I've included the letter that we received.

19 (As read): Further, no notice was received  
20 from Edison regarding the public input meetings  
21 set for February 16th and 17th, last night and  
22 tonight. We received no notice of that, which  
23 explains low public turnout to these two  
24 meetings. People were not informed. We found  
25 out about this meeting a couple of days before

1 on an e-mail website that we subscribe to from  
2 our City Council. Neighbors I have spoken to  
3 know nothing about what has been going and  
4 don't realize the impact this project could  
5 have on their lives and properties.

6 This has truly been an intentionally well  
7 guarded secret. Southern California Edison has  
8 done an end run around our City government and  
9 our citizens. This current issue has opened  
10 our eyes. We walked down River Road and took  
11 photos.

12 And I've got those photos to leave with you  
13 guys.

14 (As read): And we took pictures of the  
15 existing overhead power lines running down  
16 River Road which Edison plans to replace with  
17 high-voltage 66 kV lines. The existing power  
18 poles run through backyards of homes, in some  
19 cases only two to four feet from the people's  
20 bedrooms. They also run through property  
21 housing in the Corona/Norco YMCA, which  
22 operates a preschool and after school  
23 childcare, Avondale Intermediate School, River  
24 Run Senior Apartments, and numerous other  
25 apartments and housing developments as far as

1 Main Street.

2 In doing research I found a study that said  
3 a recommended safe distance from high-voltage  
4 lines being more than 200 meters, which is 656  
5 feet. Our home -- Our own home is  
6 approximately 60.96 meters or 200 feet from the  
7 existing lines. Many, many homes of our  
8 neighbors in both Corona and Norco are much,  
9 much closer to the proposed high-voltage lines  
10 and are probably being affected already by the  
11 close proximity to the existing lines.

12 Now, this is kind of like the story about  
13 the frog in the pot. You know, the water's cold and  
14 then slowly the heat starts getting turned up, and all  
15 of a sudden you're cooked and you didn't even see it  
16 coming. That's kind of what's been going on.

17 (As read): We believe that Edison has  
18 chosen this plan and route because it will cost  
19 much less than running the lines underground,  
20 because the whole section down River Road going  
21 through people's backyards and all of these  
22 things is proposed to be above ground.

23 We drove north on River Road over the Santa  
24 Ana River onto Archibald. And if you drive  
25 that, you'll see thousands of new homes. That

1 area north of us has been -- had been dairy and  
2 farmland for over a hundred years. Edison has  
3 now crisscrossed that whole area with huge  
4 metal towers that look something like out of  
5 the world to world [sic], as well as overhead  
6 power lines. Driving further north to just  
7 south of the 60 freeway, all the lines  
8 disappear underground as they run deeper into  
9 the city of Ontario.

10 Edison has gotten away with running these  
11 lines overhead prior to development of that  
12 area and wishes to continue them now deep into  
13 the city of Corona. Corona has largely  
14 required utilities to run underground for the  
15 last 30 years or so.

16 In our tract the -- our home is about 30  
17 years old and all of our utilities are  
18 underground. Right next to us we have the ones  
19 running down River Road which are affecting us.

20 In conclusion, we believe that it is a  
21 travesty for a utility company to run roughshod  
22 over our City government and our citizens. We  
23 urge the CPUC to deny approval of Southern  
24 California Edison's Circle City Project as  
25 submitted, to require all lines running

1 adjacent to neighborhood homes to be buried and  
2 shielded and require Edison to make all plans  
3 subject to the approval of our elected leaders  
4 of the City of Corona.

5 Thank you.

6 CLAIRE MYERS: After Andrea, we have Dickie  
7 Simmons.

8 ANDREA HOVE: My name is Andrea Hove. I'm an  
9 in-cell [sic] resident. I did not organize my thoughts  
10 like you, but I agree with everything you say. I did  
11 write my letter earlier today and I already submitted  
12 it.

13 I do, however -- I do agree with everything you  
14 say. I do feel that there was a lack of information  
15 provided to the residents. I feel that just all of the  
16 angst to get here tonight to present my feelings about  
17 it -- there should be a meeting in Eastvale and I'm very  
18 disappointed.

19 I think that it should be denied. I think that  
20 the lines should be buried. How dare you think that  
21 you're going to put it through Eastvale or even in  
22 Corona. How dare you think that you are going to put  
23 lines aboveground. How dare you think that you are  
24 going to put this within our community when we have all  
25 of these children and all of these people.

1 I can't imagine that anyone thinks that this is  
2 okay. And how dare you think that you're going to pull  
3 this over -- you're going to pull one over on us and  
4 that we aren't going to be --

5 I mean, you know, to think that you're going to  
6 put this in a meeting that is so far away from us and  
7 that we're not going to see it or we're not, you know --  
8 I have four children. I dropped -- I've got four kids  
9 all over the place and it took me 25 minutes to get  
10 here, and yet I'm still here because I care about it and  
11 I want to make sure that you guys all know that this is  
12 not okay. And it's not okay what you think you're going  
13 to do to us.

14 You're going to bury the lines or you're going  
15 to do what's right. And I'm going to make sure that  
16 everyone hears about it. I posted it all over Facebook.  
17 I just told my city manager for my city that she can  
18 host a city meeting at my house, if that's what it  
19 takes, to make sure that everybody knows that this is  
20 going on and that this should be denied.

21 Thank you for your time.

22 CLAIRE MYERS: We have Dickie Simmons next.  
23 And following Dickie will be Bobby Spiegel.

24 DICKIE SIMMONS: I'm Dickie Simmons from  
25 Eastvale. I am also opposed. And I'm very disappointed

1 in the turnout here. And the reason the turnout is like  
2 this is because Edison dropped the ball. I don't know  
3 what kind of outreach you guys have, but apparently you  
4 didn't reach our residents.

5 And the area on Hellman [phonetic] is all new  
6 residents. They're busy putting their lawns in.  
7 They're busy taking their kids to school and back. They  
8 don't know what's going on. I have some grandchildren  
9 that play at American Hero's Park, which is at the top  
10 portion of the map. This last fall I was out there  
11 watching them. I was in my aluminum chair, and I  
12 could -- I had static electricity from the existing  
13 wires on American Hero's Park. I felt it.

14 I haven't seen anybody from Edison come out  
15 there to experience that. I haven't seen anybody from  
16 Edison come door to door and put out fliers to our new  
17 residents who don't have a clue. Edison basically  
18 dropped the ball. Whoever's in their public outreach  
19 committee really doesn't know what they're doing.

20 If they really wanted to have an open and fair  
21 meeting, a scoping meeting, to listen to everybody's  
22 concerns, you would have this place packed and it would  
23 be at Eastvale near our homes. Because like Andrea, she  
24 couldn't get a -- she's got kids and practices and  
25 stuff. Why not -- Why not do an alternative down the

1 freeway, if you got to do something. Or an alternative  
2 undergrounding. If you do some underground, you should  
3 do it all. Spend the money; make it right.

4 Edison has a Rule 20A legislation to where you  
5 guys go out, you collect funds to underground old  
6 utility lines. Why not here now? Be upfront. And like  
7 she said, all of our houses are -- the utilities are  
8 underground. We have high winds here, and you're  
9 putting our kids and our families in jeopardy. We don't  
10 know. There's no documented verifiable proof of the  
11 cumulative medical effects of these high-voltage lines.

12 I would suggest that maybe Edison take one of  
13 your employee families, buy a house underneath these  
14 lines, put them on the payroll and just feel -- just  
15 have somebody experiment. But you won't do it. None of  
16 you live underneath these wires.

17 And Edison is -- Edison is a big bully here.  
18 Hate to call names, but that's the way I see it. What  
19 happened when the Chino Hills Tehachapi lines got  
20 stopped? Where is this electricity coming from? You  
21 guys lost that battle with Chino Hills, and I suggest  
22 that maybe you're going to lose this battle too.

23 You can't do this to Corona, and you can't do  
24 this to Norco nor Eastvale. Thank you.

25 CLAIRE MYERS: We have Bobby Spiegel. And

1 following Bobby Spiegel will be Tom Richins. Oh. I'm  
2 sorry. And after Mr. Spiegel we'll have Tariq Shamma.

3 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Thank you so much. I'm Bobby  
4 Spiegel. I'm with the Corona Chamber of Commerce, 904  
5 East 6th Street, Corona, California. I addressed a  
6 group last night. I was one of the 12 or 13 people that  
7 were at that meeting. And then I sent out a message,  
8 and unfortunately I thought it was still at the same  
9 location, so I sent the notice for that. And they're  
10 directing people over finally, so --

11 But I want to read Mr. Richins' text that he  
12 sent to me because he had another appointment to go to.  
13 He says (As read):

14 Please remind the group that Grand  
15 Boulevard is on the National Historic Register  
16 List, and they need to fill out all the proper  
17 paperwork that complies with national  
18 regulations due to the boulevard being on the  
19 National Registration, if they do want to put  
20 the utilities along the boulevard.

21 I'm going to only read one of the letters, and  
22 I've got 18 letters here from businesses. Again, I  
23 addressed it from last night explaining that we  
24 represent 55,000 employees' jobs throughout the region  
25 from people, from businesses that are located in our

1 region that we service. And this happens to be from  
2 Peabody Engineering, and he happens to be my Chairman of  
3 the Board this year. And it says (As read):

4 Dear Mrs. Chen, I'm writing to express my  
5 support of upgrading our local electrical  
6 infrastructure to provide safe and reliable  
7 power to our region, but only if the  
8 subtransmission and other power lines are  
9 installed below ground and with minimal impact  
10 to the city of Corona and neighboring regions.  
11 The environmental appearance, as well as the  
12 continued health and safety for our residents  
13 is of paramount importance while moving forward  
14 with a project of this magnitude.

15 The City of Corona has gone to great  
16 lengths to plan our urban area to successfully  
17 transition into a premier location for  
18 businesses and residents as we move into the  
19 21st century. They have embraced technology  
20 and quality of life issues to attract  
21 productive and active community members who  
22 desire a robust economy and a beautiful  
23 landscape in which to live, work and raise  
24 their families.

25 Technology exists if we construct the

1 entire project with the goal of causing the  
2 least amount of interruption during  
3 construction, preservation of our pending and  
4 newly constructed roads associated with the 91  
5 Freeway project and arriving at an end result  
6 that does not leave our citizens with unsightly  
7 overhead power lines that would detract from  
8 the beauty that we are trying to create and  
9 preserve in our city.

10 Not only are overhead power lines  
11 unsightly, but they are also unhealthy to live  
12 or work around, limit development of prime real  
13 estate, and drive down the values of adjacent  
14 land. Underground transmission lines are  
15 largely undetectable, just as reliable, and  
16 help preserve the environmental serenity and  
17 beauty that we desire.

18 As a resident of the city of Corona, a  
19 business owner of Home Gardens and Chairman of  
20 the Board in the Corona Chamber of Commerce, I  
21 strongly urge you to oppose the installation of  
22 overhead power lines as part of this or any  
23 other local power infrastructure improvement  
24 project.

25 And it's signed by Mark Peabody. He's the

1 president and CEO of Peabody Engineering, a local  
2 company that has over 50 employees. He's also my  
3 Chairman of the Board.

4 We did send out a solicitation to our business  
5 community today, and I'm going to personally take it on  
6 as I shared last night. Our goal is to get over 600  
7 letters, so we want them for residences. We want them  
8 for employees and employers. You can put your own words  
9 together. If you want something to just cut and paste,  
10 I can help you with that, as well. I think where the  
11 importance is, is if you could take the time just to  
12 send a note up to this group.

13 And I just want to clarify that these people  
14 here are merely the messengers. I don't believe anyone  
15 from Edison is in the room. I do know that Edison is  
16 very concerned with what I did today, and it's  
17 questioning whether it was myself or whether my Board.  
18 And my Board is meeting tomorrow morning to ratify  
19 everything that we've done.

20 But, you know, as a couple of other speakers  
21 had said, Edison has not been out there to do the  
22 promotion the way I think it should have been done. And  
23 you were correct; this room should have been filled; it  
24 should have been overflowing.

25 We were explained last night that they could

1 only do one meeting typically and they just happened to  
2 pick Corona. They did a second meeting; did that one  
3 last night. They did two because of -- tonight we have  
4 a City Council meeting, and so some of our City Counsel  
5 were able to come last night and voice their opinion and  
6 their concerns on this.

7 I can almost guarantee you without talking to  
8 all three cities, but I don't think one City Counsel  
9 member on any one of the three counsels, from Eastvale,  
10 Norco or Corona, would be in favor of the proposed  
11 project the way that it is. And I think that pretty  
12 much all of them will want it underground. But again,  
13 it's all of us getting our voices heard, and we need to  
14 stand together and we need to get as many neighbors as  
15 possible.

16 You showed up tonight; but please, up until the  
17 29th of February, we're collecting the letters. I'd  
18 like them beforehand because we're going to Federal  
19 Express them so they arrive on the 29th up in Petaluma,  
20 and we would just like to get as many of those as  
21 possible. You can drop them off at the Corona Chamber,  
22 if you'd like.

23 Thank you so very much. And again, thank you  
24 guys for coming down here and doing this. And I will  
25 tell you a proud moment. They stayed at the Ayres

1 Suites, which is a member of ours, and they also ate at  
2 Miguel's. And they're hooked on the burritos, I think.

3 CLAIRE MYERS: We have Mr. Tariq Shamma. And  
4 if anybody else would like to speak, just let me know.

5 TARIQ SHAMMA: My name is Tariq Shamma. I've  
6 been a citizen of Corona for 45 years and happily live  
7 on south Corona. I was involved in the development of  
8 south Corona in '89 and walked the streets and collected  
9 signatures, like I think we should be doing tonight, to  
10 stop the bad elements and create a better environment.

11 There is no reason to let them hang their  
12 spaghetti again on poles. Every time it rains we lose  
13 power. Why? Because they're not fixed right. They're  
14 not underground. And there is danger. I'm a structural  
15 engineer, and there's danger in earthquake or high wind  
16 of these high power flying off their poles and burning  
17 houses and structures. I wrote a letter to that effect.

18 We've gone to the moon and Mars, and Edison is  
19 still hanging on their poles. And it's all -- it's  
20 cheap, it's ugly, and it's unforgivable. We should not  
21 let them do it. And I'm going to talk to Bobby and the  
22 counsel about getting more active and more --

23 I went to the wrong address tonight, too. I  
24 didn't read about it until Bobby e-mailed me saying,  
25 come to our meeting. Why didn't we know about it?

1           So knowledge is power. And we need to join  
2 together and stop this nonsense. They have the money.  
3 It's all money, and they have the money to do it right.  
4 And they should do it, even if they have to charge us  
5 one dollar more a month or whatever. They could do it.  
6 It's money. Thank you.

7           CLAIRE MYERS: Next up we have Sherry Messner.

8           SHERRY MESSNER: I'm Sherry Messner and I am a  
9 business owner in Corona, Downs Energy. We've been in  
10 Corona for 75 years. We have been at the Magnolia  
11 address since 1976. And in our petroleum distribution  
12 business we are required to constantly change and update  
13 equipment to comply with regulations. We are required  
14 all the time to be spending money that doesn't  
15 necessarily increase our profit margin; but we're  
16 required to.

17           Why is Edison not required to upgrade and not  
18 turn a city into something that looks like a third world  
19 country because of overhead power lines?

20           As a business owner I well request that Edison  
21 put everything underground. I do agree with the fact  
22 that we need to update our electrical system; but we  
23 don't need to do it unsightly and cause sight pollution.  
24 So Downs Energy will be submitting a letter. Thank you.

25           CLAIRE MYERS: Is there anyone else who would

1 like to speak? For the record, this is Tom Wilson.

2 TOM WILSON: I'm Tom Wilson and I've lived here  
3 in Corona and I'm -- (Inaudible) -- and I'm curious how  
4 many people were at the meeting last night. Does anyone  
5 have an idea? Five?

6 MATT FAGUNDES: Last night, about 12 of us.

7 TOM WILSON: It's interesting that this number  
8 of people is representing a city or an area of almost  
9 300,000 people. Edison hasn't really put out much, if  
10 any, effort at all to let anybody know anything that's  
11 going on here other than the basics.

12 The information that we've been provided on  
13 what they've given us, I kind of feel like it's a  
14 project that they put together that they're just kind  
15 of shoving down our throats. This is really pretty  
16 poor.

17 We don't know the facilities that are in there.  
18 I don't have any idea what the lines are that are  
19 running down River Road, which is near my house. And  
20 they're going to bump it up to a 66 kilovolt line? What  
21 kind of increase is that? I don't have any idea.

22 There's not a whole heck of a lot of  
23 information on this whole project that's being given to  
24 us, other than what they presented. And what they  
25 presented is a long way from anything that would be

1 acceptable to me.

2 This is a simple project that's kind of moved  
3 us -- that has the potential to move us out of the stone  
4 age. They have a project that is, in my opinion, a  
5 horrible negative impact on the residents that are  
6 around it, but they have an opportunity to turn it into  
7 something that could really work for us.

8 We do need the transmission lines. Put them  
9 underground. To do what they are proposing just flat  
10 out doesn't make sense. A project that I'm absolutely  
11 opposed to could bring me over as an advocate just by  
12 putting them underground. Stop impacting the people.  
13 That's all I have.

14 CLAIRE MYERS: Gary Messner.

15 GARY MESSNER: I'm also a business owner in the  
16 city of Corona, and I would like to request that Edison  
17 follow some of the rules that we as citizens or business  
18 owners have to apply, or apply to. When we go to the  
19 City and ask permission to do a project, we have to  
20 submit plans, pictures.

21 There's no idea that the average public would  
22 know what a 66 kV line looks like. There's no  
23 illustration as to how big these lines are. People have  
24 no concept. Unless you educate the people that are near  
25 these lines, this is what you are proposing, this is not

1 fair.

2 And for you guys to even begin this process  
3 without supporting and requiring what we as business  
4 owners are required, is absolutely wrong.

5 CLAIRE MYERS: Anybody else wish to speak?

6 MATT FAGUNDES: Thanks everyone for coming out.  
7 And they're going to be submitted. And we recommend  
8 that you provide written comments, as well.

9 And just to clarify again. We are not with  
10 Southern California Edison. Connie Chen -- CPUC -- is  
11 going to review this -- there's been no decision about  
12 the project. We're in the process of beginning our  
13 evaluation for the EIR, and that's why we came out here  
14 today.

15 We look forward to receiving all your comments,  
16 and we'll publish a scoping report which will include  
17 every comment that are in the court reporter's  
18 recordings, as well as the actual written comments, as  
19 well.

20 BOBBY SPIEGEL: I just have one other question.  
21 I didn't ask the last time. Is it impactful, when you  
22 have your public hearing or your -- when you guys meet  
23 as a commission to make the decisions, is that up in  
24 Petaluma? San Francisco?

25 And then, is it open for us to come and attend?

1           CONNIE CHEN: The commission meeting has to  
2 take place in San Francisco. It's actually in the  
3 California State Constitution that commissioners for the  
4 CPUC meet in San Francisco once a month. And so the  
5 meeting will take place in San Francisco after the final  
6 document has been released. It is open to the public.

7           BOBBY SPIEGEL: Excellent. And will we be  
8 notified what meeting that will be at? When they're  
9 going to review it, are they --

10           CONNIE CHEN: Yes. But I would recommend that  
11 you get on the service for the proceeding, which was a  
12 few slides back. Sorry. Oh, it's in the other  
13 presentation, the educational workshop presentation,  
14 because that's a separate process from CEQA.

15           BOBBY SPIEGEL: I gave my card. Is there a way  
16 that someone can just take that and -- and that would be  
17 great.

18                   Are the meetings like the third Wednesday of  
19 the month, or are they whatever day you guys pick for  
20 your commission meetings?

21           CONNIE CHEN: I don't pick them. But they --

22           BOBBY SPIEGEL: Are they at set times? I mean,  
23 you can --

24           CONNIE CHEN: They're in the calendar on the  
25 CPUC website that explains the meetings from, I think,

1 the entire year.

2 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Okay. Great. And so this ends  
3 the February 29th for us to get letters to you. Then  
4 you go through another process; you have to go get it.  
5 And so it won't be in March. Probably be in April, the  
6 earliest for you to have at your meetings?

7 CONNIE CHEN: The five commissioners, they will  
8 meet after the final document has been released. We're  
9 actually not there yet. Right now we're collecting  
10 scoping comments, and then we'll be preparing a draft in  
11 our Environmental Impact Report. So our next meeting  
12 will be -- when that's released. Right now we're  
13 anticipating that can happen in the fall of this year.

14 We will likely come back to Corona or  
15 surrounding areas and hold a public meeting to solicit  
16 input on the draft document.

17 BOBBY SPIEGEL: Excellent. That you so very  
18 much. An again, thanks for coming down.

19 ANONYMOUS SPEAKER: May I ask you a quick  
20 question?

21 CLAIRE MYERS: Sure.

22 ANONYMOUS SPEAKER: Will the assembly member  
23 just to have -- this is part of the education and  
24 awareness process and through the entitlement process  
25 you have the EIR report.

1           Just to -- not to pinpoint dates, but just from  
2 an educational perspective, what's the time line that  
3 you're looking at?

4           I would assume that -- would a decision be made  
5 in 2017, to look forward to anything taking place in  
6 2016? What's kind of the time frame, so people have a  
7 framework of what's going to be taking place? A  
8 visual --

9           CONNIE CHEN: Yeah. Well, we did have a slide  
10 that explained the anticipated date for this CEQA  
11 process. So as we said before, the draft document will  
12 got out sometime in the fall. The final document will  
13 likely go out sometime in the beginning of 2017.

14           In terms of a decision on this application, you  
15 know, it may happen some time early 2017. But, you  
16 know, these are all similar dates, and our website will  
17 indicate any changes to the timeline.

18           And if you want to get on the service list for  
19 the proceeding portion of this application, then you  
20 would receive additional information on the dates of the  
21 proposed decision and the commission meeting dates.

22           SHERRY MESSNER: Can you put that service  
23 address up again?

24           MATT FAGUNDES: So this is the website address.  
25 They can give you directions on how to get on the

1 proceeding list. And there's also a phone number that  
2 you could call the CPUC if you have any other questions.

3 SHERRY MESSNER: Thank you.

4 MATT FAGUNDES: You'll need this other  
5 information, the proceeding number here. If you provide  
6 that, that will help them make sure that you get all  
7 the services that --

8 And again, both of these presentations we had  
9 tonight will be posted on the CPUC web page.

10 GARY MESSNER: And there was a slide to show  
11 the web page?

12 MATT FAGUNDES: Yeah. There it is. And if you  
13 have -- Any more questions?

14 GARY MESSNER: Will the website show photos of  
15 the proposed lines and stuff so the public can see that  
16 eventually?

17 MATT FAGUNDES: Currently it has the Edison's  
18 take on the environmental facts of the project. And  
19 that includes some visual simulations; that they made of  
20 before and after the project. And our draft EIR will be  
21 on this web page, when it's ready in the fall.

22 GARY MESSNER: Thank you.

23 MATT FAGUNDES: Thanks everyone. If you have  
24 any other questions, feel free to come up.

25 (Meeting concluded at 7:18 p.m.)

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