

APPENDIX A

Notice of Preparation

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298**



To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners,
& Interested Parties

From: Juralynne Mosley, Environmental Project Manager

Subject: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(EIR) AND NOTICE OF AN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP AND SCOPING
MEETING:**
**Permit to construct electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200 kV:
Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023)**

Date: February 17, 2009

Description of Proposed Project

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is preparing an EIR for the Proposed Project identified below, and is requesting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. Southern California Edison (SCE), in its CPUC application (A.08-12-023), filed on December 22, 2008, seeks a permit to construct (PTC) the Presidential Substation Project (Proposed Project), which includes the following major elements:

- A new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximate four acre site;
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- Four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways; and
- Facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system.

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to meet forecasted electrical demands in the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent areas of unincorporated Ventura County.

Location of the Proposed Project

The Proposed Project is located in portions of unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. The substation site would be located in the City of Thousand Oaks, and the subtransmission source lines would be located in both unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. See attached, Figure 1.

Issues To Be Addressed In The EIR

It has been determined that a full EIR is required because the Proposed Project could result in potentially significant environmental impacts. The EIR will address impacts of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project. Additionally, the EIR will also discuss and analyze alternatives to the Proposed Project.

The Proposed Project and alternatives considered two potential substation sites and three potential subtransmission source routes that would connect the substation to two existing transmission lines in the area (see Figure 1, Project Location). Substation sites to be analyzed include: (A) an approximate four acre portion of a 40 acre parcel in the City of Thousand Oaks, that is vacant and privately owned, and (B) an approximate 2.3 acre parcel in the City of Simi Valley that is owned by the City and contains several abandoned buildings and structures that previously housed the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

Subtransmission source lines to be analyzed may include: (1) installation of approximately 4.5 miles of new subtransmission line through land presently used for open space and rural residential purposes; (2) installation of approximately five miles of new subtransmission line through land presently used for residential, commercial, public space, and open space purposes; and (3) installation of approximately 3.5 miles of subtransmission line in existing rights-of-way, and adjacent to land presently used for agriculture, open space, and residential purposes. Other alternatives may be added based on input received during this NOP review period or by the EIR team in response to potentially significant environmental impacts identified during the EIR process.

Specific areas of analysis to be addressed in the EIR include: aesthetics, agriculture resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems. Where feasible, mitigation measures will be recommended to avoid or reduce potentially significant impacts. Additionally, potential cumulative impacts of the Proposed Project, when considered in context with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future projects in the area, will also be addressed in the EIR.

Information to be included in the EIR will also be based on input and comments received during the NOP review period. Decision-makers, responsible and trustee agencies under CEQA, property owners, and interested persons and parties will also have an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR after it is published and circulated for public review. For additional information about the CEQA review of the Proposed Project, go to:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/presidentialsubstation/index.html>.

Public Scoping Period for this Notice of Preparation

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, please send your response at the earliest possible date, but no later than 30 days after the date of this notice. The public scoping period begins on February 17, 2009 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2009. Please include a name, organization (if applicable), address, and email address of a contact person for all future notification related to this process. Public comments will become part of the public record and will be published in a Scoping Report.

Please send your comments to:

**Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105
Petaluma, CA 94954
Fax: (707) 795-0902
presidentalsub@esassoc.com**

Educational Workshop and Scoping Meeting

In order for the public and regulatory agencies to have an opportunity to submit comments on the scope of the EIR, a meeting will be held during the NOP scoping period. The meeting will be held:

**Tuesday, March 3, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Park Oak Elementary School
1335 Calle Bouganvilla
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

From 6:30 to 7:00, the CPUC will hold an educational workshop. This workshop will address: a) CPUC's process for reviewing the Proposed Project application; b) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process for construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project; and c) details on where the public can become involved with both planning processes.

From 7:00 to 9:00 the CPUC will hold the official scoping meeting. The scoping meeting will start with a brief presentation providing an overview of the Proposed Project and alternatives identified to date. Following the presentation, interested parties will be provided an opportunity to provide comments about the project. Comment forms will be supplied for those who wish to submit written comments at the scoping meetings. Written comments may also be submitted anytime during the NOP scoping period to the address, fax, or e-mail listed above.

REMINDER: All comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through March 19, 2009. Please be sure to include your name, organization (if applicable), address, and email.

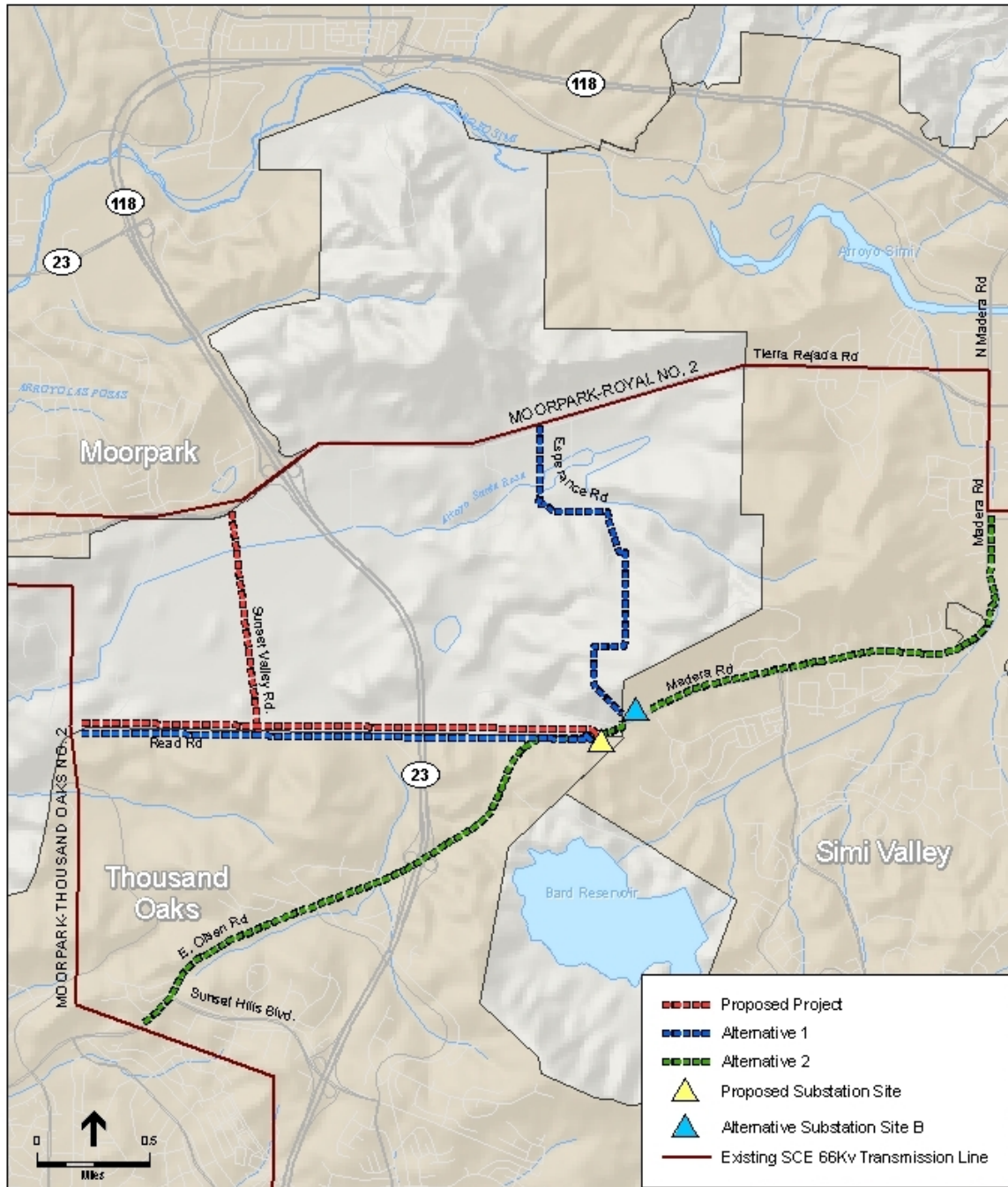


Figure 1: Project Location

APPENDIX B

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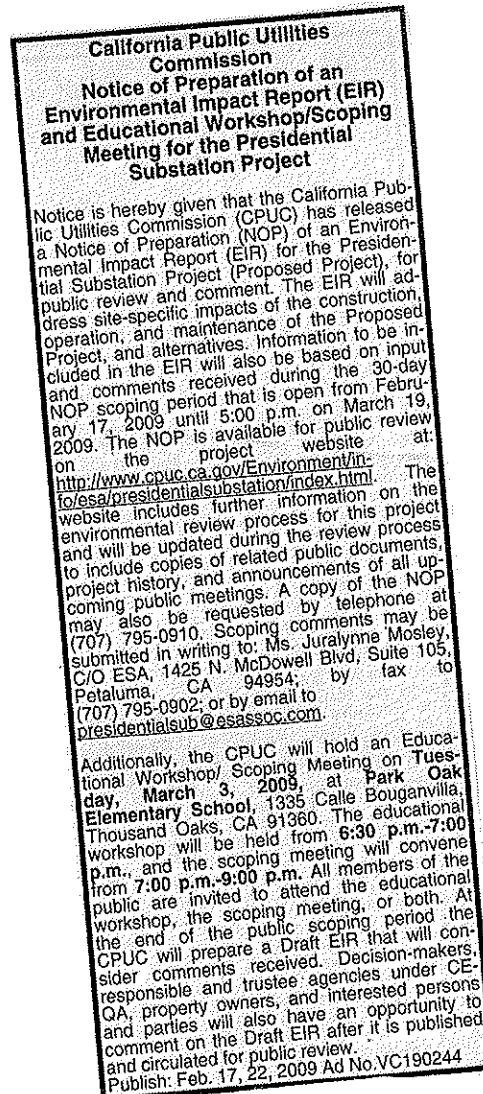
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Feb. 17, 22, 2009

I, Maria Rodriguez certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this Feb. 23, 2009, in Camarillo, California, County of Ventura.


Maria Rodriguez
(Signature)



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d, CA 93030

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1299 Other Public Notices

California Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Educational Workshop/Scoping Meeting for the Presidential Substation Project

Notice is hereby given that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Presidential Substation Project (Proposed Project), for public review and comment. The EIR will address site-specific impacts of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project, and alternatives. Information to be included in the EIR will also be based on input and comments received during the 30-day NOP scoping period that is open from February 17, 2009 until 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2009. The NOP is available for public review on the project website at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/Info/esa/presidentialsubstation/index.html>. The website includes further information on the environmental review process for this project and will be updated during the review process to include copies of related public documents, project history, and announcements of all upcoming public meetings. A copy of the NOP may also be requested by telephone at (707) 795-0910. Scoping comments may be submitted in writing to: Ms. Juralynne Mosley, C/O ESA, 1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105, Petaluma, CA 94954; by fax to (707) 795-0902; or by email to presidentialsub@esassoc.com.

Additionally, the CPUC will hold an Educational Workshop/Scoping Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Park Oak Elementary School, 1335 Calle Bouganvillea, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. The educational workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., and the scoping meeting will convene from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend the educational workshop, the scoping meeting, or both. At the end of the public scoping period the CPUC will prepare a Draft EIR that will consider comments received. Decision-makers, responsible and trustee agencies under CEQA, property owners, and interested persons and parties will also have an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR after it is published and circulated for public review. Publish: Feb. 17, 22, 2009 Ad No.VC190244

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 1175146-08 LOAN NO: XXXX6509 APN: 201-0-031-090 TPA: REF: BERNAL, MARIA UNVER IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED April 10, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 09, 2009, at 11:00am, CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded April 17, 2007, as Inst. No. 000785960, in book, page, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of VENTURA County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JOSE I. BERNAL AND MARIA I. BERNAL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT CENTER HALL OF JUSTICE, 800 SOUTH VICTORIA AVENUE VENTURA CALIFORNIA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 467 NORTH MCKINLEY AVENUE OXNARD CA 93030. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Boston — Party
4. Truckers' radios
7. Meat market buy
11. Current regime
12. Found a perch
14. Get news of Morse
15. Morse signal
16. Pear-shaped instrument
17. Low voice
18. Good to eat
20. Changes form
22. Not just mine
23. Wash. time
24. Outer garments
27. Throbbled
30. Old masters
31. Corrida sight
32. Squeal on
34. Cousteau's summer
35. Ice-cream treat
36. Tree feature
37. Veld grazers

39. — voce (softly)

40. — be an honor

41. Half qts.

42. Miniature maple, e.g.

45. Walloped

49. Bombay nanny

50. Canny reply

52. Yes, in Tokyo

53. Muchacho

54. Motel freebie

55. Inquire

56. Whoa!

57. Startled cries

58. Hillary Clinton, — Rodham

DOWN

1. Wave maker
2. Oklahoma town
3. — spu-mante
4. Thickened skin
5. More gloomy
6. Watch the kids
7. Maps

Answer to Previous Puzzle

SIR	DANE	KIM
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INTRICATE	ELI	
PSEUDO	CAVED	
PLY	FUN	
MEATY	HITTER	
SIBS	DARE	PEA
GNU	SINE	VEAL
ETCHED	BEEPS	
RIM	HER	
BACON	YANKEE	
ALA	GRADUALLY	
LPN	LAIR	LEAR
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8. Backing
9. Solemn
10. Votes in favor
11. Batter-dipped dish
12. Struts along
13. Peace Prize city
14. Grief
15. Cracker brand
16. Helm position
17. Schools of whales
18. Q.E.D. part
19. Kind of board
20. Sycophants
21. Bout ender
22. Baja Ms.
23. Juicy pear
24. Miter
25. wearer
26. Crouches
27. Bahl
28. Forbids
29. Not include
30. Prefix for second
31. Kublai —
32. Leisure
33. Levée
34. Dove's sound

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APPENDIX C

Project Website Notification



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project

(Application A.08-12-023, filed December 22, 2008)

Welcome to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) website for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review of proposed construction of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Presidential Substation Project. An application for this project was submitted to the CPUC on December 22, 2008 (Application [A.08-12-023](#)). This site provides access to public documents and information relevant to the CEQA review process.



Files linked on this page are in Portable Document Format (PDF). To view them, you will need to download the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) if it is not already installed on your PC. Note: For best results in displaying the largest files (see sizes shown in parentheses below for files larger than 3.0 MB), right-click the file's link, click "Save Target As" to download the file to a folder on your hard drive, then browse to that folder and double-click the downloaded file to open it in Acrobat.

Background



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Environmental Review

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Workshop Presentation Slides

To view the slide presentation from the March 3rd, educational workshop, click [here](#).

To view the slide presentation from the March 3rd, scoping meeting, click [here](#).

REMINDER: Scoping comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through March 19, 2009. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.

Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA)

To view the Application or PEA for the project click a link below:

- [Application](#) [5.3mb]
- [PEA](#) [86.7mb]

To go to the SCE website for the project click [here](#).

For Additional Information

The CPUC, through its [Environmental Review Team](#), manages [environmental review](#) of the project. To request additional information or to be added to the mailing list, please contact us by email, fax, or phone, as follows:

Project email: presidentalsub@esassoc.com

Project fax: (707) 795-0902

Voicemail: (707) 795-0900

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APPENDIX D

Scoping Meeting Attendance Sheets

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project Environmental Impact Report Public Educational Workshop/Scoping Meeting Hosted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

Meeting Location: Park Oak Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

1335 Calle Bouganvilla

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Mercedes Todesco	on file		
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APPENDIX E

Scoping Meeting Presentations

APPENDIX E.1

Educational Workshop

Presidential Substation Project

California Public Utilities Commission

Educational Workshop

**March 3, 2009
Thousand Oaks, CA**

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Workshop Participants

- ▣ CPUC: Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - Juralynne Mosley, CPUC Project Manager
- ▣ Environmental Science Associates (ESA): Environmental Consultant to the CPUC
 - Jennifer Johnson, ESA Project Director
 - Michael Manka, ESA Project Manager
 - Christa Hudson, ESA Deputy Project Manager

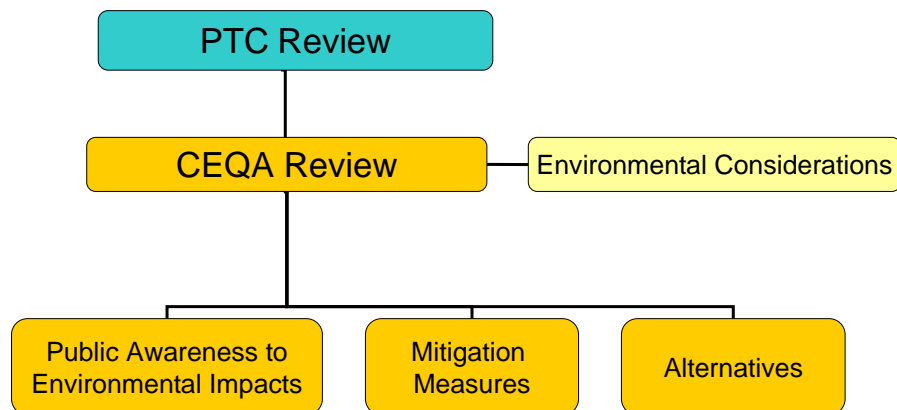
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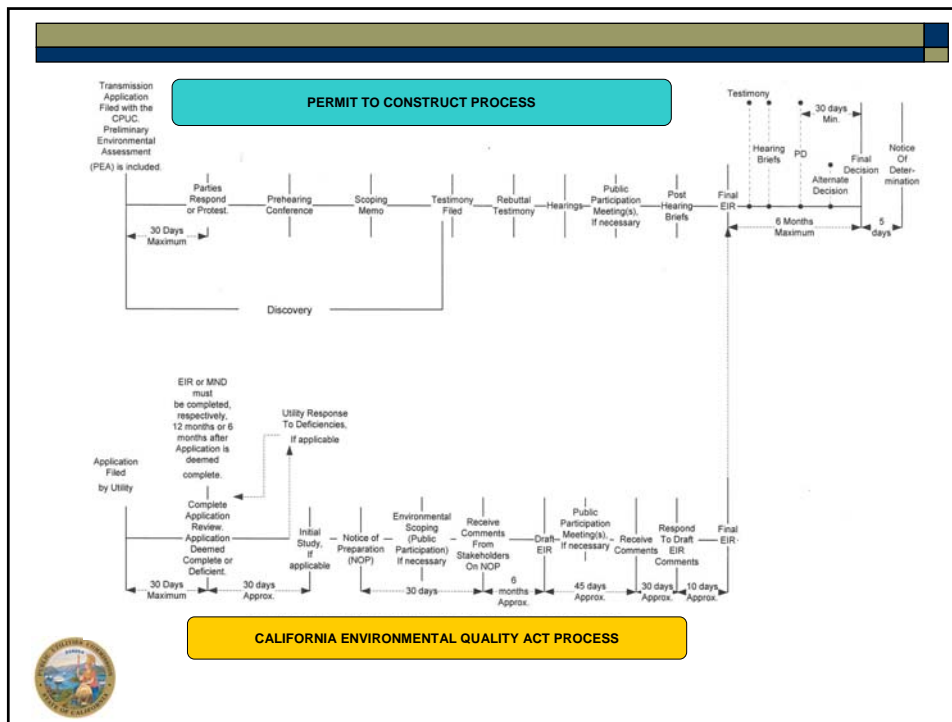
Workshop Outline

- ▣ CPUC Review Process
 - Permit to Construct (PTC) Review
 - ▣ Environmental (CEQA) Review
- ▣ CEQA Overview
- ▣ CEQA Process Schedule
- ▣ How to Get Involved

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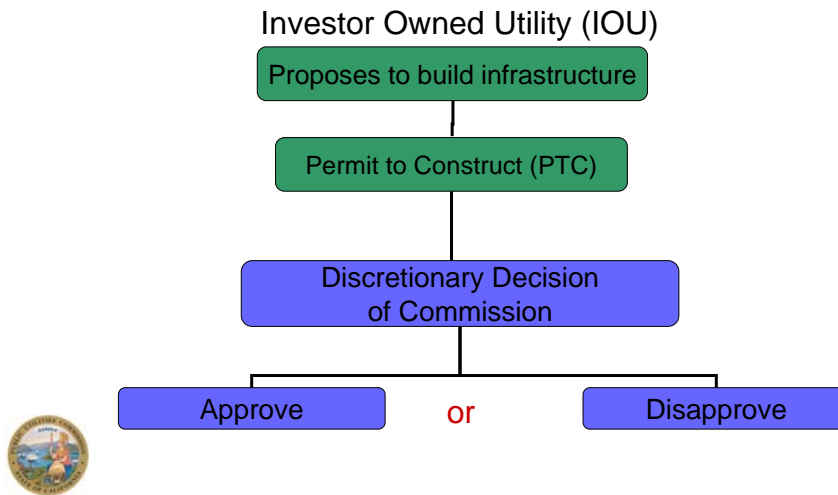
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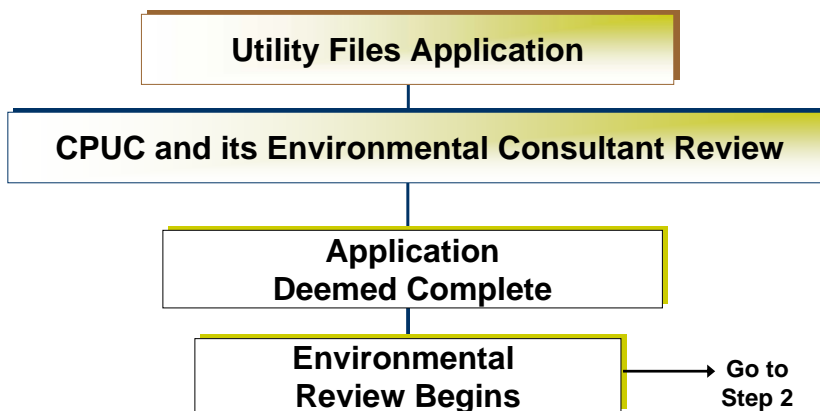


CEQA Review	CEQA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW	SECTION 1001/GO 131-D REVIEW	PTC Review
	Application filed May 30: Application includes the utility's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) of the proposed project's environmental impact, identifying the utility's preferred project alternative.		
	Completeness review - CPUC staff review the application and the PEA for completeness.	Protests/responses filed - due within 30 days of the application filing date (GO 131-D § XII) (protest date in A.08-05-039 extended to July 9 by ALJ ruling)	
	Agency consultations - CPUC staff meet with agencies.	Public Participation Hearings (PPH) - to hear public comment. Public statements are not sworn or subject to cross-examination. May be scheduled at outset, prior to CPUC vote, or other appropriate point in the process, as determined by ALJ and assigned Commissioner.	
	Public workshops - CPUC staff may hold workshops to explain the CEQA process.	Prehearing conference (PHC) - to discuss scope of issues to be addressed, need for evidentiary hearing and schedule for the proceeding, and other procedural matters.	
	Notice of Preparation (NOP) - CPUC staff issue NOP giving public notice of the environmental review and inviting public participation.	Scoping memo - The Assigned Commissioner issues scoping memo determining the issues, schedule and other procedural matters.	
	Public scoping process - CPUC staff conduct meetings to solicit information on the impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, and other suggested alternative routes and/or sites. Interested persons may also submit written comments on these scoping issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, evidentiary hearing will be limited to matters other than the environmental issues addressed in the CEQA process. 	
	Comments on NOP - Interested persons may submit written comment to the CPUC staff, including proposed alternatives to the project and alternative routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether or not evidentiary hearings are set, the schedule may provide for the filing of briefs. 	
	Draft EIR - CPUC staff issue Draft EIR assessing environmental impact of the proposed project and alternatives, identifying mitigation measures for each, and identifying the environmentally preferred alternative.		
	Public meetings on Draft EIR - CPUC staff conduct public meetings to discuss Draft EIR.		
	Public comments on Draft EIR - Interested persons may submit comments stating any objections to the DEIR.		
	Final EIR - Final EIR, responding to public comments on the Draft EIR, is issued and submitted into the formal record of the proceeding.		
	Proposed and alternate decisions - The ALJ issues proposed decision. The Assigned Commissioner may concurrently issue an alternate decision. Other Commissioners may subsequently issue alternative decisions.		
	Comment on proposed and alternate decisions - Generally, all proposed and alternate decisions are subject to 30 days for public review and parties' comment before the CPUC may vote on them.		
	CPUC vote - The CPUC votes on the proposed and any alternate decisions at a public business meeting.		

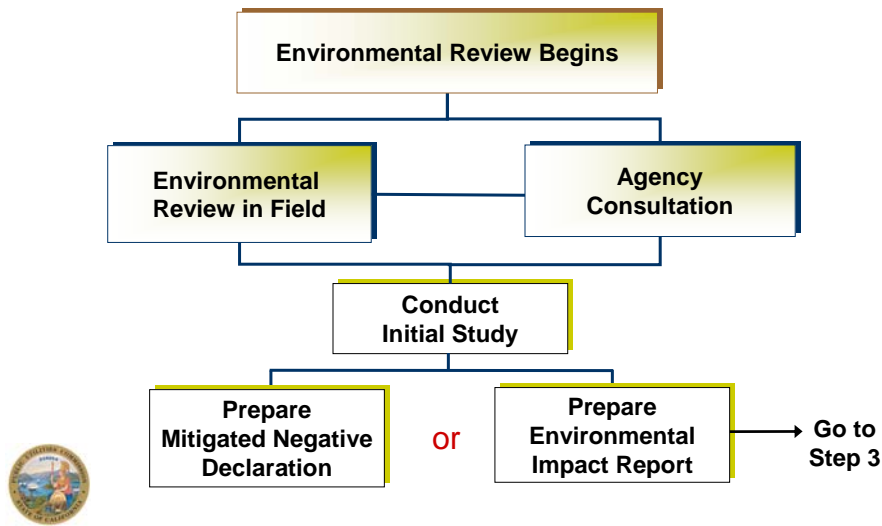
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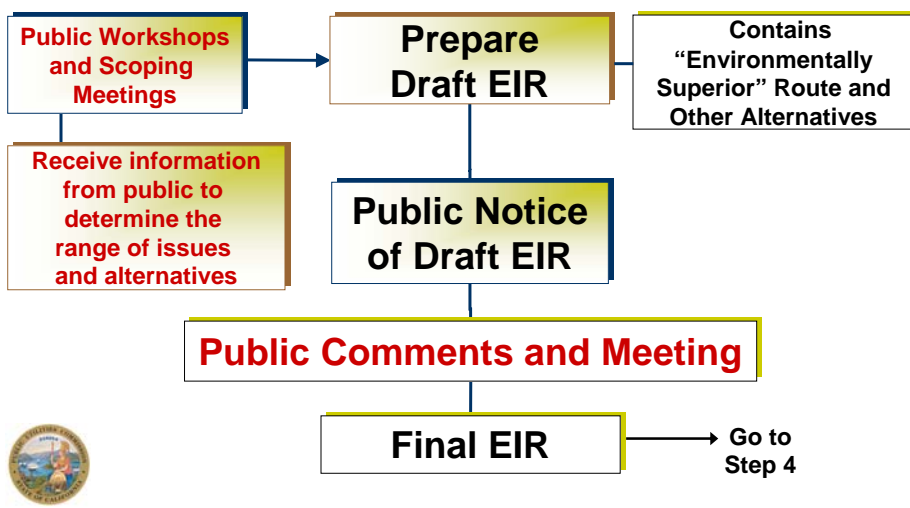
Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 1)



Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 2)



Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 3)



Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 4)



To Get Involved in the PTC Process *Get on the Service List*

- Go to:
http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/service_lists/sl_index.htm
- Information you need:
 - Project Name: Presidential Substation Project
 - Proceeding Number: A.08-12-023
 - Administrative Law Judge: Janice L. Grau
- Questions
 - (415) 703-2021 or process_office@cpuc.ca.gov



CEQA Overview

- ❑ The California Environmental Quality Act
 - Inform decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of a proposed project
 - Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced
 - Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures
 - Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project if significant environmental effects are involved
- ❑ Focus on physical impacts to the environment

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CEQA: Project Description

- ❑ Construction
 - What would be built
 - How would the project be built
 - ❑ Construction methodology
 - ❑ Equipment required
 - ❑ Workers required
 - Project schedule
- ❑ Operations
 - How would the project be operated
 - Operational personnel required
- ❑ Maintenance
 - How is the project maintained
 - When is maintenance performed
 - Maintenance personnel required

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CEQA: Resource Areas

Aesthetics	Land Use and Planning
Agricultural Resources	Mineral Resources
Air Quality	Noise
Biological Resources	Population and Housing
Cultural Resources	Public Services
Geology, Soils, and Seismicity	Recreation
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Transportation and Traffic
Hydrology and Water Quality	Utilities and Service Systems

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For Each Resource Area . . .

- ▣ Define and Describe Existing Setting
 - Environmental setting
 - Regulatory setting
- ▣ Establish Thresholds of Significance
 - What defines a “significant” impact
- ▣ Identify Impacts and Mitigation Measures
 - Applicant Proposed Measures
 - CPUC Mitigations
 - Significance after mitigation

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CEQA: Project Alternatives

- ❑ Must identify a range of reasonable alternatives
- ❑ Must be feasible
 - Legal, regulatory, technical
- ❑ Must meet most basic project objectives
- ❑ Must avoid or substantially lessen significant effects of the project
- ❑ May be more costly

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Alternatives may include . . .

- ❑ Considered by the Applicant, developed by CEQA team, suggested by public/agencies
- ❑ Alternative locations
- ❑ Route variations
- ❑ "Non-wires" alternatives
 - Energy conservation / demand management
 - Renewable energy resources
- ❑ "No Project" alternative

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CEQA: Cumulative Impacts

- ❑ Consider past, present, reasonably foreseeable projects
- ❑ Projections in adopted General Plan
- ❑ Within same geographic scope
- ❑ Incremental effect of Proposed Project
 - Individually small
 - May be cumulatively significant

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To Get Involved in the CEQA Process

- ❑ You're on the Right Track!
 - Please stay for the Scoping Meeting
- ❑ Scoping Process
 - Notice of Preparation sent on February 17, 2009
 - Comment Period closes on March 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
 - How to comment:
 - ❑ At this Scoping Meeting, via Email and/or Comment Letter
- ❑ Draft EIR
 - DEIR anticipated June 2009
 - How to comment:
 - ❑ At the Comment Meeting, via Email and/or Comment Letter

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APPENDIX E.2

Public Scoping Meeting Presentation

Presidential Substation Project

California Public Utilities Commission

**Public Scoping Meeting
for Preparation of an
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

**March 3, 2009
Thousand Oaks, CA**

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Participants and their Roles

- CPUC: Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - Juralynne Mosley, CPUC Project Manager
- Environmental Science Associates (ESA): Environmental Consultant to the CPUC
 - Jennifer Johnson, ESA Project Director
 - Michael Manka, ESA Project Manager
 - Christa Hudson, ESA Deputy Project Manager

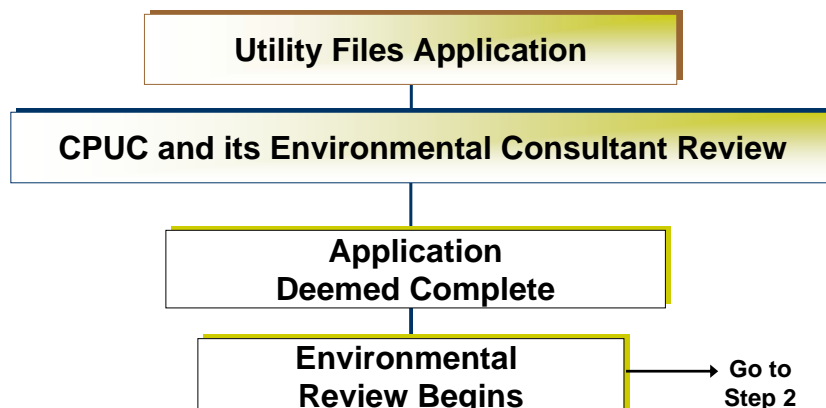
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Meeting Agenda

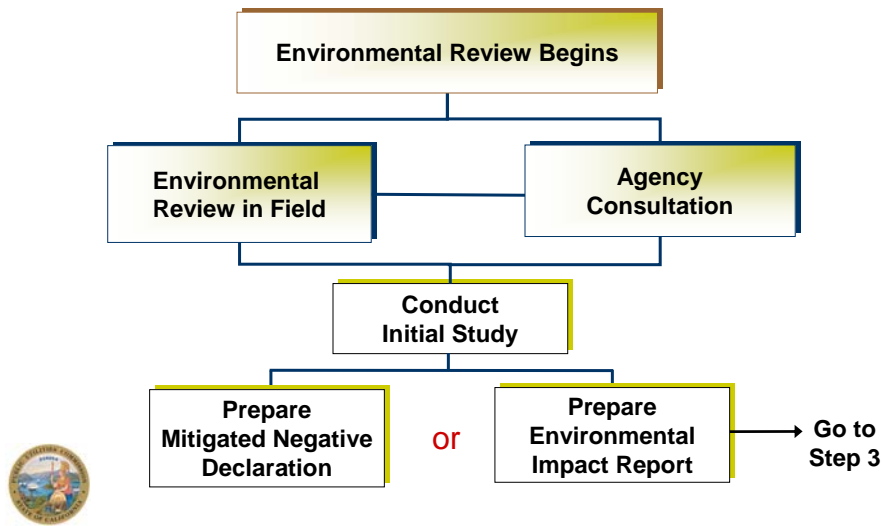
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- ▣ Project Overview
- ▣ Alternatives
- ▣ Next Steps
- ▣ CEQA Process Schedule
- ▣ Public Comment
 - Speaker cards
 - Comment forms

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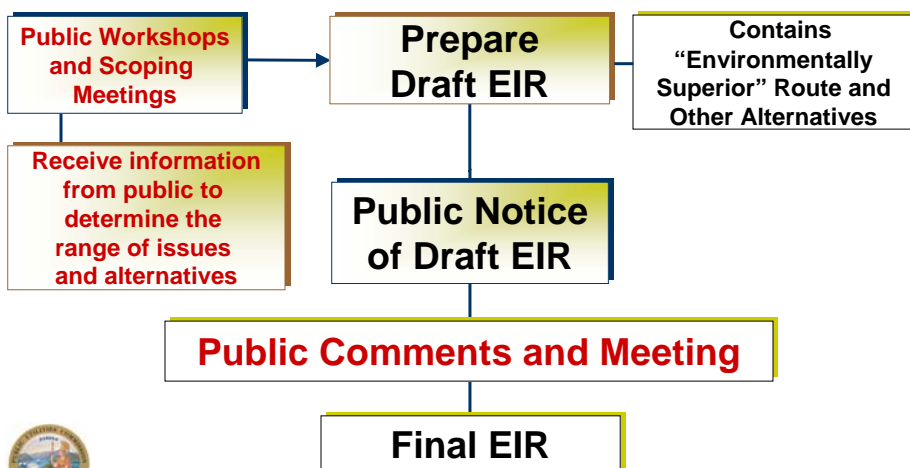
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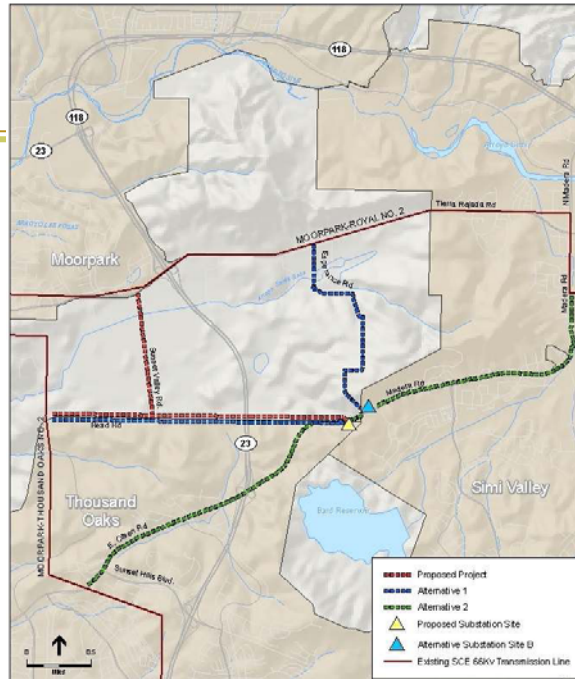
Basic Environmental Review Process (Step 2)



Basic Environmental Review Process (Step 3)



Proposed Project Location



Project Description

- New 66/16kV distribution substation
 - ~ 4 acre site in Thousand Oaks
 - Unstaffed, automated, low-profile substation
- Installation of ~ 3.5 miles of 66kV overhead subtransmission line
 - Unincorporated Ventura County and City of Thousand Oaks
 - Existing right-of-way (ROW) along Read Road and Sunset Valley Road
 - Removal of 79 existing distribution poles and 5 subtransmission poles; replacement with 83 new subtransmission poles
- Four new 16kV distribution getaways
- Facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system

Alternative Routes

□ Alternative #1

- Total Length: 4.5 miles
 - 2.7 existing ROW
 - 1.8 miles new ROW
- Route:
 - Heads east along Read Road from the intersection of Read Road and Moorpark Road, towards Sunset Valley Road, across Highway 23, to the Proposed Substation Site (~2.7 miles)
 - Heads in a northerly direction from Proposed Substation towards Esperance Road (~1 mile)
 - Parallels Esperance Road to Tierra Rejada Road (~0.8 miles)
 - Traverses land presently used for open space and rural residential purposes

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Alternative Routes (cont'd)

□ Alternative #2

- Total Length: ~5 miles
 - Minimal new ROW may be required
- Route:
 - Northeast along East Olsen Road, near the intersection of Olsen Road and Sunset Hills Boulevard in Thousand Oaks
 - Follows East Olsen Road to Proposed Substation
 - Continues along Madera Road to the intersection of Madera Road and Tierra Rejada Road in Simi Valley
 - Adjacent land uses include residential, commercial, public space, and open space

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Alternative Substation

▣ Alternative Substation Location B

- ~2.3 acre parcel in Simi Valley
 - ▣ North side of Madera Road
 - ▣ Site of former Ventura County Sheriff's Department
 - ▣ Presently contains buildings, structures, a garage and parking areas

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Next Steps

- ▣ Notice of Preparation was circulated to solicit input from agencies and the public
- ▣ This meeting is part of the scoping process
- ▣ A Draft EIR will be prepared and circulated for agency and public comment
- ▣ Comments will be considered and addressed in a Final EIR
- ▣ CPUC issues a draft decision on the Proposed Project after considering the EIR / other factors
- ▣ CPUC considers comments on draft and alternate decisions and votes on the Project

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CEQA Process Schedule

Agency consultation meetings	On going
Notice of Preparation to solicit written input from agencies and the public	February 17, 2009 – March 19, 2009
Public Scoping meeting held in the project area	March 3, 2009
Draft EIR circulated for agency and public comment	June 2009
Public comment meetings will be held in the project area	July 2009
Consider and respond to comments, publish Final EIR	September 2009
CPUC considers approval/disapproval of the Project	December 2009

*Dates subject to change.

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How to Comment

- Please submit scoping comments no later than Thursday March 19, 2009 to:

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Public Comment

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Discussion Guidelines

- ▣ One person to speak at a time
- ▣ Be concise
- ▣ Stay on topic
- ▣ Support everyone's participation
- ▣ Respect others' opinions
- ▣ Comments will be recorded
- ▣ Written comments are encouraged

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APPENDIX F

Scoping Meeting Transcript

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2 THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

3 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

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6 JIM ASSALLEY: I will be very, very brief. There
7 are numerous reasons why I object to this project. I
8 mean, I could go on for hours, literally. But I have
9 kind of narrowed it down to two main things. One is EMF
10 exposure to my kids. I have three small children and
11 there are numerous studies that link EMF and high
12 voltage lines to leukemia and other childhood illnesses.
13 The other is property value. I think it's going to have
14 a significant effect on the values. These are going to
15 be eyesores, as you will see multiple representations
16 from people that do representations of what these towers
17 are going to look like. These houses we purchased only
18 three years ago, most of us at the height of the market.
19 we have already lost 20 to 30 percent in value just
20 because of the economy. And the California Association
21 of realtors estimate that the value loss, because of
22 high voltage lines, is anywhere from 20 to 30 percent of
23 your property value, depending on proximity. So now
24 your house is worth half of what you paid for it. I'm
25 going to be forced to sell and walk away from my house

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1 if these lines go through absolutely.. In this market,
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2 it's going to be devastating to me, my life savings
 3 gone, and I just don't think anybody should be allowed
 4 to put in power lines without taking these kind of
 5 things into consideration, the effect it has on people
 6 personally in this kind of a market, especially from the
 7 real estate values. All these homes are larger, they
 8 are designed for families with kids. Nobody is going to
 9 want to look at these homes. I know I wouldn't. The
 10 SCE can cite, well, there is no direct relate to EMF,
 11 there is always a counter study that says there is no
 12 negative aspect to it. But I buckle my kids up in the
 13 seat belt every time, but I never get in an accident,
 14 but I buckle them up every time for the one percent
 15 chance that I may get in an accident, it will protect my
 16 kids. And I would have to move to protect my family if
 17 there is a small chance of any kind of cancer related to
 18 this. That's pretty much it in a nutshell. Thank you..
 19 Very much.

20 CHUCK CRONIN: First of all, I want to thank you
 21 folks for traveling here and working on this. There is
 22 a couple here from San Francisco, you are here at night,
 23 working. I appreciate it. I know you are getting paid,
 24 you are consultants. Just very much appreciate your
 25 openness to look at other alternatives. We have done

1 quite a bit of analysis relative to the document. Our
 2 biggest concern is, in fact, the demand that is stated
 3 by the Southern California Edison. We went to an

4 independent party, which is the California Energy
5 Commission, who does an updated report every year, an
6 independent, impartial third party. That we are in Zone
7 8, in case you want to look at the reference documents.
8 We will send it to you.

9 Zone 8 is expected to have an energy demand
10 increase of one percent for ten years, Southern
11 California Edison projects for our particular area an
12 area that is virtually fully built out in Thousand Oaks
13 and Simi Valley. I think there are less than 100
14 buildable lots in a town of 40,000 homes in Thousand
15 Oaks. Virtually the same in Simi Valley. But Southern
16 California is expecting a 25 percent increase in demand
17 over the next ten years. We don't think that demand
18 estimate is justifiable because both the city and a
19 number of us have asked for the justification of that
20 demand and none is forthcoming.

21 It's interesting to note that Southern
22 California Edison in their rebuttal document issued
23 yesterday indicated that they don't need to justify the
24 demand in the EPA. We find that incredible that
25 somebody would spend 40 million dollars, pass it on to

1 the rate payers, and not even have to justify the need.
2 That's Item No. 1.

3 If the demand was increasing, we feel that
4 Southern California Edison has not done a sufficient job
5 in our area relative to the California Solar Initiative.
6 In the California Solar Initiative, Southern California

7 Edison is basically operating at about one-third the
8 installed capacity to solar, one-third of the
9 applications of PG&E. PG&E has a smaller goal up in
10 Northern California than Southern California Edison has
11 here.

12 Now, Southern California has done a valuable
13 job of purchasing renewable energy from outside the
14 state. But where we feel they have fallen short and we
15 are going to pay the price for it is where they have to
16 put in transmission lines for fossil fuel based energy
17 coming out of the Moorpark substation, whereas if they
18 had been very proactive and spent the \$40 million that
19 they are spending on these power lines on a concentrated
20 effort to put in solar. The city of Thousand Oaks did a
21 co generation plan, or a self generation plan combined
22 with solar, and the only other major solar installation
23 is Macy's, which did it as of their own initiative, did
24 28 stores in California, rather than the input of
25 Southern California Edison. So we feel that Southern

1 California Edison needs to invest double or triple over
2 the next year in solar projects and use the money from
3 this rate payer money that would be coming out of this
4 transmission line, \$40 dollars would basically negate
5 the need if you combined it with the upgrade of the two
6 substations mentioned in their report.

7 So we think the need, there are many other
8 alternatives that you mentioned that could be used, and

9 certainly under a, quote, no project alternative, the
10 increase in solar, self generation, targeted in the area
11 would supply enough energy, combined with the upgrades
12 for the two substations.

13 How much longer do I have? One minute, okay.
14 It does mention also as far as citing of the substation,
15 if it was truly needed, that it's Moorpark, Thousand
16 Oaks 2 Line, actually runs through the targeted area for
17 the substation based on the SCE maps, yet there is no
18 alternative even remotely close to the targeted
19 substation area.

20 If you look in the PEA there is a little
21 circle, roughly, where they targeted the substation.
22 There is no justification for why that had to be done in
23 that tight of a circle. But even though the Moorpark
24 line runs through that area, there is no cite in their
25 proposal for the substation within the targeted area.

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1 Even though there is an easement and setbacks for the
2 Moorpark, Thousand Oaks 2 Line running right through
3 that targeted area. That's my minute. Thank you very
4 much.

5 GASTON MONAJT: I would like to address the
6 undergrounding of the electric line and equipment. I
7 visited the Southern California Edison web page under
8 environment commitment, they address the CPUC Rule 20,
9 policies and procedure for the undergrounding of
10 electric line and equipment. Under Rule 20 of the CPUC,
11 undergrounding projects are financed by utility rates

12 money, combined rate funds, local tax proceeds or
13 private funds, depending on whether the Rule 20A, 20B or
14 20C provision of Y.

15 Now, my understanding is that Rule 20A
16 provision would apply in this situation. Rule 20A
17 governs, "The overhead equipment that must be located
18 within or pass through a civil recreational or scenic
19 area."

20 Now, both the electrical line and the
21 substation would be located in the scenic area
22 designated as such by the city of Thousand Oaks. Both
23 Route 23 and Olson Road are entrances to the city of
24 Thousand Oaks and are considered scenic areas. Easterly
25 direction of Olson Road approaching Simi valley is also

1 considered a scenic corridor by the city of Simi Valley.
2 This should classify this project under Rule 20A of the
3 CPUC.

4 Now, in the question-and-answer section of the
5 SCE web page, there is a question regarding the cost of
6 undergrounding. The answer states, and I quote, "The
7 cost of overhead lines and the equipment is 20 percent
8 the cost of undergrounding." It sort of reverts the
9 answer when you talk about the cost of overhead versus
10 undergrounding instead of the other way around.

11 However, the next question asks, and I quote,
12 "How much of my SCE bill goes to undergrounding?" The
13 answer is as follows.. "According to the CPUC and SCE

14 web page, the average cost of undergrounding per
15 residential customer per month is in the neighborhood of
16 a nickel."

17 A nickel. Per person, per house. So I don't
18 believe that SCE has approached or considered the
19 undergrounding aspect of this project. Undergrounding
20 should definitely be considered because of the scenic
21 area, the narrow width of regrowth, and the closeness of
22 the steel poles to residents. Some of these poles will
23 be as close as 25 feet to homes. We have to consider
24 the destruction of vegetation and trees within a five to
25 ten feet diameter of these poles. This is what SCE says

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1 they will have to do.

2 Also the fact that some of the present wooden
3 poles are located on slopes that will require a large
4 amount of excavation in order to install the new steel
5 poles. It will make that area look desolate and like an
6 industrial park. Talk about property values.

7 As to undergrounding in the area, the present
8 electric line on Read Road actually goes underground in
9 order to cross Route 23, but they don't want to do that.
10 They want to put a huge pole and go over the freeway.
11 Undergrounding is a fact and it should be used if this
12 alternative route is chosen. It will minimize the
13 environmental impact on our small, scenic rural area and
14 the corridor at the entrance of the city of Thousand
15 Oaks. Thank you.

16 JOSH VALDEZ: Good evening everyone. My name is
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17 Josh Valdez. I own the first home on Read Road when
 18 entering the enclave. When reading the application that
 19 Southern California Edison submitted, I noticed it's
 20 full of inaccuracies. This is not my opinion, but it's
 21 objective facts. I believe a picture is worth a
 22 thousand words and I will submit with my official
 23 comments a simulated accurate picture of how the power
 24 lines would look on Read Road. I have been forced to
 25 engage an attorney to represent me and my family. This

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1 is obviously a cost that is well worth it and we are
 2 willing to do whatever we have to do to make sure that
 3 this project is denied. I do have three small children.
 4 Myself and my wife will have no other option but to move
 5 if these power lines are approved and these power lines
 6 go up. We probably would also lose our home as no one
 7 will buy a home with power lines on it, and I would never
 8 stay in the home that had power lines on it, and I
 9 couldn't ever wait for it to be sold. But it probably
 10 never would be sold.

11 I know there are a lot of opinions of whether
 12 power lines cause cancer, leukemia and have other
 13 negative health benefits. For four years I ran the
 14 Department of Health and Human Services for the United
 15 States government. And I seen firsthand the results of
 16 these power lines, the health effects, and I have read
 17 many, many reports, and I have done quite a bit of
 18 research and no one can tell me that it's harmless or

19 that it would not cause any negative health

20 consequences.

21 Once again, if these power lines do go up, we
22 would immediately have to lose our home, and we would
23 have to move. And I believe many of my neighbors would
24 be in the same predicament of having to lose their homes
25 as well, or staying and having health factors, negative

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1 health factors for them and their families. I
2 respectfully ask that this project be denied. Thank
3 you.

4 CRAIG UNDERWOOD: My name is Craig Underwood. We
5 have a family farm located adjacent to Read Road and
6 Sunset Valley Road and we are very concerned about the
7 impact of these power lines going in right next to the
8 farm. We have about 40,000 school children that come
9 out on scheduled tours during the year and probably
10 another 10,000 or 20,000 that come out unscheduled
11 throughout the year. During October, about 50,000 or
12 60,000 people come out during the month to visit the
13 farm. Our country classroom, where we talk to the
14 children before they tour the farm, is located right
15 next to Sunset Valley Road, and then the tour area where
16 they go out to pick their pumpkins is right next to the
17 road. So that is a concern for us as well as the impact
18 of these power lines on the green belt area which is the
19 designation for the Tierra Rejada valley. It's a
20 pristine valley surrounded by urbanization, and we would
21 like to preserve the character that it has.

22 I know that the impact on home schooling is a
23 consideration, and one of your neighbors does have a
24 home schooled child, and I can leave some pictures here
25 for the where the farm is located and this shows the

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1 tour area and the classroom area. Thank you.

2 MIRANDA ASSALLEY: I don't want them to put up
3 power lines next to my house because then we will have
4 move and we will have to give away our dogs and my
5 family with lose a lot of money and be really sad.
6 Thank you.

7 MARK TOWNE: Good morning. My name is Mark Town
8 and I am the Deputy Director of Community Development
9 for the city of Thousand Oaks. First of all, I want to
10 thank CPUC and Ms. Mosley for working on this project
11 and the CPUC's decision in preparing the EIR report. I
12 also wanted to thank ESA for hosting this workshop
13 tonight. Appreciate it.

14 As I think many are aware the city did submit a
15 formal protest on this project. We have reviewed SCE's
16 response to that which we received yesterday. The city
17 will be providing written comments with regard to the
18 scoping meeting, which will reflect in general the
19 comments and our formal protest, including additional
20 thoughts based on discussions we are having this
21 evening. The city does still have significant concerns
22 with regard to this project, particularly in the area of
23 project need, substation alternatives, route

24 alternatives, esthetic issues, undergrounding which was
25 previously mentioned, and also sensitive biological and

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1 archeological resources.

2 So in conclusion, I would like to thank PCUC
3 for hosting tonight's meeting and also to indicate we
4 will be providing written comments in more detailed form
5 prior to March 19.

6 GREG SMITH: Hello. My name is Greg Smith. I'm
7 senior environmental planner with the city of Thousand
8 Oaks. Mark had mentioned kind of the overview of our
9 general concerns with respect to this project. I have
10 been working with the other staff members in preparing
11 written comments that will be submitted as part of the
12 scoping process.

13 I did want to bring to the attention of ESA
14 some of the issues that we are specifically concerned
15 about. One of them I noticed as a part of the CEQA
16 processing scheduled was the timeframe for the release
17 of the draft EIR. As we indicated in our original
18 protest letter, we do know that there are some rare and
19 endangered plant species on the proposed substation
20 site. The protocol periods for surveys of those plants
21 extend into July, and it would seem as though this
22 tentative release of the EIR may be in conflict with the
23 need to do an adequate survey for rare plants.

24 We have mentioned in our letter of protest, and
25 we will be submitting additional comments, that there is

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1 a very sensitive archeological resources that have been
2 preserved within the subtransmission group alignment
3 that extends and flanks Read Road. There is extensive
4 documentation on the location of these resources. We
5 feel that there will be some significant effects. We
6 have been in contact with the Native American monitor
7 who worked on that site originally at the time the
8 subdivision was being reviewed environmental. That
9 person's name is Mr. Andulo. He indicated concern over
10 the possible direct impacts of reinstalling steel poles,
11 66kv lines in that area, and has personally expressed
12 the opinion that he would prefer they have those impacts
13 avoided if at all possible.

14 we have also raised our own concerns about
15 scenic highway corridor which is Route 23 freeway.
16 Proposal of this project at the current time would
17 propose to suspend 66kv lines above the freeway in a
18 highly visible location.. And the information we
19 received in regard to the height of the towers necessary
20 to suspend them above the fail slope is something we are
21 very concerned about and we would request that detailed
22 photo simulations be provided in the EIR to address
23 these issues.

24 And I want to indicate that we have been
25 working on a series of alternative exhibits and will

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1 propose alternative alignments for not only the
 2 subtransmission route to minimize not only the visual
 3 impacts of this project, but to limit EMF exposure to
 4 the local residents. In the past, we have exercised
 5 prudent avoidance, which is a policy that Southern
 6 California Edison observes adjacent to schools. We try
 7 to minimize exposure to local residents where we have a
 8 situation where a new subdivision was and we tried to
 9 locate those residential homes outside that 200-foot
 10 exposure corridor.

11 we realize we have a different situation here,
 12 but we feel there may be some alternatives with some
 13 undergrounding of the transmission facilities that would
 14 accomplish that same goal and appease some of the
 15 concerns that the residents have about future health
 16 risks associated with these facilities.

17 So anyway, that is basically summarizing some
 18 of our concerns. We want to listen carefully this
 19 evening and see what other people have to say and will
 20 submit written comments that will be thorough and
 21 complete and hopefully have this information provided as
 22 part of the environmental review process. So thank you.

23 JAYNE ZEOLLA: My name is Jayne Zeolla representing
 24 the Deer Creek Community Association. We are a small
 25 community of 18 homes near Read Road adjacent to the

1 lines that will be erected. Several of our neighbors
 2 are here and I want to thank them, Chuck especially, for

3 all their hard work. We oppose this both on esthetic
4 and health reasons. Several of the homes in our
5 community are well within the 200-foot range of these
6 power lines that will go in. I realize you don't take
7 property values into account, but the direct correlation
8 of why these property values dived is definitely
9 environmental. Health concerns, which have been
10 reported, the noise the power lines make on a misty day,
11 as well as esthetics. I know for me, I have lived in
12 this area almost 20 years, and for 17 of them I aspired
13 to live in the beautiful place around the Tierra Rejada
14 valley and finally realized that dream less than three
15 years ago. And now it's about to be ruined. And I even
16 live as close to the power lines, as a lot of the other
17 people, so I want everyone to know that the home owners
18 association is behind them in this fight and will do
19 whatever it takes to get this project mitigated.

20 WILLIAM GANTZEK: My name is William Gantzek. I am
21 past president of the Rancho Madera Homeowners
22 Association in Simi Valley. I agree with the gentleman
23 earlier here that spoke up about the need for this
24 substation. I think that conservation and other methods
25 can be used rather than putting these power lines across

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1 people's properties, providing EMF to the children that
2 are underneath them, and especially, I have got a map
3 here, and I am going to have to clarify with ESA the
4 alternatives here. There is one that goes along Madera

5 Road in Simi Valley that goes right past the Ronald
6 Regan Presidential Library, and I think they are going
7 to be pretty upset about this. I don't see a
8 representative from the library tonight, but I know we
9 have a close relationship with them because we are right
10 under the library. And the power lines would have to go
11 through our area, and we have a lot of children and we
12 have a lot of homes that are along Madera Road.

13 Now, this is not something that is done
14 lightly. You don't put power lines across an area that
15 is already undergrounded and the undergrounding has been
16 paid for by the people living there. And I don't think
17 that putting power lines above the ground right now is
18 even, should even be considered along this area. I
19 think there is enough area in the back country there
20 that be can be utilized that they don't have to go
21 through areas like Read Road and along Madera Road. I
22 think that Southern California Edison and the PUC can
23 come up with other alternatives. And like the gentleman
24 here, I agree that the conservation should be considered
25 as the No. 1 thing to do because of the fact that

1 California population is declining right now and it's
2 going to continue to decline, especially if the economy
3 worsens in the next couple years. Guess what is going
4 to happen? There is going to be a lot less electricity
5 usage. And I think that Southern California Edison,
6 being the big utility that it is, should look at it's
7 own projections and revise them downward.

8 There is no reason that they should have to
9 build another substation within an area, especially that
10 has been built out, and they would want to go through
11 residential areas where there are school children and
12 various parks and things like this that they would
13 destroy. This is not an environmentally descent project
14 for those people that live there and have to work there
15 and have to be there.

16 So I think that Southern California Edison
17 needs to review and the PUC and ESA, and I thank them
18 for being here tonight, needs to review what is being
19 done here, because the alternatives are not very good.
20 And I think that they need to review the necessary need
21 for this power station.. I don't think the need is there
22 and I don't think their projections are realistic.

23 Thank you very much.

24 JENNIFER CRANDALL: Hi. I'm Jennifer Crandall. I
25 live on Read Road. We have lived there now for eight

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1 years come this week and we were greatly drawn to the
2 property because of it's beautiful setting with the farm
3 views across the street, thanks to Mr. Underwood and the
4 orchards, and we just feel like we are out in the farms.
5 And it's a beautiful area. And this would be
6 devastating to the area of Thousand Oaks to have these
7 lines run down the street. These don't go down our
8 backyards or the side of subdivisions for us. This pole
9 is 110 feet from our front door. Right now, the current

10 wooden pole is the old fashion pole they had to put up
 11 because it's an old country road, seven years ago, and
 12 it's a tree lined road, so you see the beautiful trees
 13 alongside the road, and the wooden poles right now are
 14 kind of woven into the trees that are there and you
 15 don't really notice them. And not only am I really
 16 upset about this because of the beauty that it's going
 17 to take away, after they go up we are going to look back
 18 and say, "What did we let them do?" And I don't know
 19 how much weight my little voice has in this whole
 20 matter. I almost feel defeated to begin with, but it's
 21 going to be a shame and we are going to say, "What have
 22 we done to our beautiful land?" And that's one concern..
 23 I was actually going to talk about property
 24 values because we have been trying to sell our place now
 25 for four years because we are getting closer to

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1 retirement age and I sunk all my money into the
 2 property, so I don't have anything in savings other than
 3 what is in the property and I felt it was best to take
 4 it out of that and move to something smaller and start
 5 saving, but this is definitely affecting the potential
 6 buyers, and I can speak firsthand because we have lost a
 7 lot of prospective buyers since they posted these
 8 notices. They posted one that was literally one and a
 9 half feet from our For Sale sign, and it would detract
 10 any buyer. And the weekend they put it up was the two
 11 weeks between Christmas and New Year's when there is no
 12 one around to answer questions. And there was a man

13 outside the truck by the pole in front of our house, and
14 I thought maybe he was a neighbor and I went out to
15 introduce myself. And I said, "Are you one of the
16 neighbors read this sign?" And he said, "Actually I'm
17 one of the people, I work for the SCE and we are going
18 to be building these lines, and I didn't realize they
19 were going down Read Road. And I was trying to buy the
20 home at the end of the street."

21 And so I said, "Well, how does that affect
22 things?" He said, "I'm not interested anymore." And I
23 said, "Tell me about these. Why can't they put these
24 underground?" He said, "Oh, these aren't that easy.
25 These are major transmission lines."

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1 And so he explained to me, you know, the high
2 voltage situation. And I thought here is a man who is
3 going to be building these lines and he is not even
4 interested in buying a home because he knows what they
5 are all about. So what conflicts me most is we have had
6 the engineer herself out to talk about the actual
7 structure, and I called her again today and every time I
8 call these people directly I get a different answer. So
9 I'm wondering what information is correct and what isn't
10 correct.

11 And when she came out to the house with Rudy
12 Gonzalez, I said, "How much taller is the pole going to
13 be?"

14 She said, "Oh, you will hardly notice it. It's

15 going to be 15 feet higher than what you have."

16 And today I called and said, "I want to make
17 sure I have the information correct because I have to
18 represent this information to potential buyers and I
19 don't want to give them wrong information."

20 And she said, "Actually it's going to be 78
21 feet."

22 And I said, "The current pole is 33 feet.
23 That's not 15 feet higher, it's another 35 feet higher
24 than what we have." That's a big difference than the
25 information I got a month ago, and I feel like every

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1 time I ask a question it's a different answer, so it
2 gets upsetting.

3 I think the other thing that concerns me is
4 that when I asked the engineer, "Why can't we put these
5 underground?" She said it was too expensive. I said,
6 "Why can't we run them on Tierra Rejada Road where it's
7 a big, four-lane road and we won't see if affecting the
8 country feel of Thousand Oaks?"

9 She said, "Those towers there already have
10 enough lines."

11 "So why not put another set of towers next to
12 them?"

13 And she goes, "Well, you are going to be adding
14 another seven miles to this alternative we are looking
15 at right now."

16 well, if the SCE is on the television every
17 hour or every commercial saying, "We are a company you

18 can trust, 100 years of service, we are working toward
 19 alternative power sources" and whatnot, how come they
 20 can't spend the money for the seven extra miles or find
 21 an the alternative route, and we only saw one or two
 22 alternatives up there tonight. We should see five
 23 alternatives, including not even doing them because
 24 there is no proven need for this right now. We are
 25 having declinings of 10 percent each year the last two

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1 years, with the SCE saying, "We are going to alternative
 2 power sources now." So this to me does not make any
 3 sense. It's really all conflicting.

4 So I don't see why they are spending so much
 5 money on public advertising on all these TV stations. I
 6 don't know how many million dollars of dollars that
 7 cost, but it's got to be more than seven more miles of
 8 an alternative line that isn't going to destroy a
 9 country road in Thousand Oaks. Or more than it would
 10 cost to put it underground than they are spending on
 11 advertising. So we need to dig a little deeper before
 12 we do something that we can't turn around.

13 LILY WU: My name is Lily Wu. Thank you very much
 14 to the CPUC for the workshop. I think it's important.
 15 I came prepared to make a speech in front of everyone
 16 and I have many protest letters. I think they have
 17 given really, really good reasons from many people, and
 18 especially from the city of Thousand Oaks. So I'm here,
 19 I just got off work, and I come here because I wanted to

20 make one point. I think it's very, very important and
21 many people have made the point: why make a project,
22 especially putting a large power line anywhere, that is
23 long term that is probably looking at 50 years down the
24 road. And it is very important when we spend money, so
25 much manpower, so many efforts to do things right. When

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1 I saw my house the first time, we fell in love with our
2 backyard. And we bought the house without even lowering
3 it a dime because we have that beautiful Underwood Farm
4 right next to my backyard. It's just like everyone,
5 many of you, we have enjoyed the country life. And as a
6 city to have that beautiful place we can call home. If
7 we put the power line in there, and I have picture to
8 give to you, I think that would be destroying our life,
9 lower our property. I think if SCE chooses to put power
10 lines across people's property because of the cost, they
11 should consider how much money the people would be
12 impacted. It would be millions we will lose. And we
13 lost not only money, but our life and our home. So I
14 really like CPUC to seriously consider our protesting.
15 Thank you.

16 CHRIS HANSING: My name is Chris Hansing. I'm
17 going to quote, "Furthermore pursuant to the CEQA,
18 economic or social impacts of a project are not
19 considered significant effects on the environment unless
20 the economic or social impact itself results in an
21 indirect physical effect on the environment."

22 Environmental impact. The human environment.

23 CEQA needs to answer a simple question. why do we live
24 here? we travel through many environments on our daily
25 lives. This proposal has a direct impact on the only

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1 environment that we get to choose. By the number of
2 humans here tonight who have dreamed, worked for and now
3 inhabit this environment we call home, their presence
4 here indicates impact to that environment already. we
5 have the fear and the fear is of the unknown, the fear
6 of what this will do to property values, EMF, our visual
7 sense of home.

8 These fears lead to stress and stress has a
9 direct physical effect on our personal, human
10 environment. Let's do something positive and
11 significant for the human environment. Let's work for
12 an alternative.

13 JENNIFER CRANDALL: Thanks to Jim and Chris, I was
14 able to get some articles about the good, the bad and
15 the ugly of power lines. This is written by David
16 Bolton at MAI. And these are basically from real estate
17 journals. And he writes this:

18 "The most recent official pronouncement on the
19 subject reopens the debate and muddies the waters more
20 than ever. In June of 1998, an expert panel convened by
21 the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences,
22 The NIEHS, at the behest of Congress issued an alarming
23 press release. The panel concluded that low frequency
24 EMFs, like those surrounding transmission lines, should

25 be classified as a Group 2B human carcinogen under the

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1 International Agency for Research on Cancer
2 classification scheme. A Group 2B classification means
3 that the agent mixture is possibly carcinogenic to
4 humans. The exposure circumstances entail exposures
5 that are possibly carcinogenic to humans.

6 "In late 1994, Arthur Gimmy, MAI, presented a
7 seminar before the EMF Regulation and Litigation
8 Institute. In part, the seminar presented a
9 matched-sales analysis of California residential
10 property that indicated the lowering of lot values from
11 properties abutting power line easements from 18 percent
12 to a whopping 53.8 percent. It may demonstrate that
13 California landowners are more sensitive to the EMF
14 property devaluation issue."

15 So that was one article that came up that was
16 googled. Another one was from January 3rd in the real
17 estate journal of 2008, a year ago, and it was something
18 that came off the web site. And it says, "Being
19 somewhat idealistic, I wish the EMF studies had a
20 definite measurable conclusion." Because these things
21 are fear based, and that creates stress and lower
22 property values.

23 "That way consumers can make a decision based
24 on facts and not conjecture. So what is a seller to do
25 when they are attempting to sell their home near a high

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1 voltage transition line? I think what the Department of
2 Health has to say is more relevant than what the CPUC or
3 SCE says. The California Health Department final report
4 on power frequency EMF was published in October 13,
5 2002. This 7-year, \$9 million study concludes EMFs can
6 cause some degree of increased childhood leukemia, adult
7 brain cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and miscarriage. The
8 Evaluation further concludes that magnetic fields may
9 cause suicide and adult leukemia."

10 And then another article states -- well, this
11 one was 1993. Well, I have four different articles if
12 anyone would like to see them, they are welcome to look
13 at them.

14 CHUCK CRONIN: what we are providing you here is a
15 panoramic view of transmission lines simulations. You
16 will notice, in case you haven't heard this, people are
17 being very polite, but there is a big distrust of the
18 SCE, and it's easy to explain why. The simulations that
19 were done in the application -- did I understand that
20 you folks have walked the area? You notice that they
21 took great care to find one location where they could
22 take a picture for simulation and not show any homes
23 along Read Road. It's the only vantage point that you
24 could do that. Same thing is true of Sunset valley.
25 They took a picture. That's the reverse look. That

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1 would be if you are standing at the T where Sunset
2 Valley meets Read Road. That panoramic gives you an
3 idea of the power lines coming along Read Road, going
4 down Sunset Valley, past Craig's Underwood Farm where
5 there is 50,000 kids, there is a home school also on
6 that road where the power lines are within 30 feet of
7 the property line, it's an accredited school. And then
8 down, this is down Read Road towards Josh's house, and
9 the enclave and the rest of the homeowners, crossing
10 Lily Wu's school where she planned to have her grandkids
11 come over on a sport cart and all the rest.

12 But we are trying to leave you with that as an
13 imagine. The before is basically farm land. In the
14 recent rebuttal that -- well, several of us sent in
15 protests. Now, for you folks, filing out the protest
16 form is an everyday occurrence. To take somebody who is
17 a dentist, or somebody who has a farm, or even a city
18 employee, might take a few tries to get in. Even some
19 lawyers took a couple tries to get it right. It's a
20 daunting task. But in this particular case, you have to
21 take a look at the picture, because you will see many
22 more comments as you go through there.

23 One thing I wanted to talk about was give you
24 the documents relative to the demand which basically
25 points to the fact that another level of distrust is the

1 fictitious demand level. This makes it very easy for
2 you. It does the math all the way through the process.
3 And it also references the reports from the California

4 Energy Commission.

5 And the last thing I would like to do is read
6 from their protest. The rebuttal to the protest, will
7 you folks be incorporating the protests? Will you be
8 reviewing them and SCEs rebuttal to the protests? Is
9 that part of your data?

10 JENNIFER JOHNSON: It's not part of the
11 environmental review process. If people submitted
12 protests, you do need to submit additional comments to
13 us to be part of the CEQA process. We are privy to that
14 information, and we do review it, yes.

15 CHUCK CRONIN: Well, at least for Ms. Mosley's
16 benefit. We did a quick review, it was published
17 yesterday. And I think it's important to note that they
18 emphatically stated that they don't need to justify the
19 need or demand. They can be an organization that spends
20 \$40 million with tremendous impact, as we mentioned
21 here. And we are glad the CPUC can intervene where
22 needed. The other thing is, they make statements that
23 give us an idea that they never walked the terrain. I
24 was at the meeting where the project manager met with
25 Jennifer. I was there. She wasn't even aware that the

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1 property demand in the area had dropped. She challenged
2 me on it. We pulled out the report and showed her the
3 graph. They have no concept of what is going on. To
4 them, it's a project, their next scheduled activity, and
5 it's a job close to home. No coincidence she lives in

6 Wood Ranch, an alternative that was dismissed to bring
7 power in where it's now on Read Road.

8 The pole heights in the simulation are
9 completely false. The ones you see here, we did our
10 best as amateurs to measure them.

11 Chris, did you provide the picture of the
12 house? Is Chris here still? Do you have the picture of
13 the gray house that I can use to submit? You know the
14 EMF thing is a target and they have a standard -- I will
15 submit this. This is the gray house on Read Road. This
16 is its proximity to the power line. The EMF chart,
17 which was the modification process, was very
18 theoretical. We raised the lines five feet. What they
19 forget is some of the houses are within 25 feet,
20 measured by an architect, on a grade of 10 feet, with an
21 11-year-old-girl in the second story bedroom. She is in
22 this proximity to the top. For this to be appropriate,
23 you would have to put the pole at 110 feet. So that's
24 my minute. We are very suspicious of the SCE data. We
25 will send you more inconsistencies. Thank you.

1 MERCEDES TODESCO: My name is Mercedes Todesco.
2 Our family has a house, it's on Read Road, and I first
3 want to point out that there is a sense from the
4 residence and neighboring or interested parties that the
5 SCE has been somewhat underhanded in communicating about
6 this project, as indicated by Jennifer, and we, feel the
7 same way. Even in the Notice of Application, it
8 directed people who opposed the project to supply

9 comments by writing correspondence as directed. And
 10 when we found out about the protest about the deadline,
 11 that it was due January 20th, we saw only two entities
 12 or individuals that had filed a protest. We were
 13 shocked that ours did not count. So we scrambled to
 14 file a protest.

15 So first of all, I want to say thank you for
 16 being here tonight and taking our comments. We really
 17 appreciate it.

18 And I just want to voice the concerns that have
 19 already been mentioned here tonight. The EMF concerns
 20 are serious for us, they are very real. And the
 21 esthetics are a big concern for the city of Thousand
 22 Oaks and that corridor. Again, people have mentioned
 23 about alternatives not being considered. I know I have
 24 managed communities that have very limited capacity for
 25 electrical distribution and we had a lot of outages,

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1 power outages. What we simply did was reminded
 2 residents to conserve during peak hours, the hot summer
 3 hours, peak usage, and immediately we saw improvements.
 4 We saw outages diminish to zero after a minimal effort
 5 of communicating voluntary reduction in usage. Other
 6 people have mentioned already Thousand Oaks. T.O. is
 7 already nearly fully built out. These are significant
 8 facts that the CPU we ask you to consider in requesting
 9 Edison to reject the proposed project and consider
 10 alternatives.

11 Our property on Read Road has a power pole
12 right at the driveway, and I understand from Jennifer
13 that the base of these transmission lines are
14 significantly larger than the existing power poles, so
15 this would create an already narrow entry to our
16 driveway, not to mention an already narrow street that
17 has a ravine on one side. It would create a traversing
18 issue and danger for residents coming through.

19 Again, the demand is not justified, as people
20 have mentioned, so we just would like you to please ask
21 the CPUC to reject the proposed project as opposed.
22 Consider alternatives. And thank you for your time.

23 Also, I do have a question because of this
24 concern about not having our voices registered and
25 recognized. Are we able to have an acknowledgment that

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1 our comments have been posted or accepted?

2 MICHAEL MANKA: The protest period was extended
3 until February 20, so all comments received before
4 February 20. It was originally January 20, and then the
5 ALJ granted an extension, so that is part of the protest
6 record.

7 JENNIFER JOHNSON: Your comments are recorded and
8 they are part of the record and they will be part of the
9 public record as well.

10 MERCEDES TODESCO: Okay. Thank you.

11 JENNIFER CRANDALL: I learned two things about the
12 protest letters. There are two types of protest
13 letters. One I understood is from the public advisor at

14 the CPUC, Markus Nixon, that a community protest letter
 15 would be -- well, on the proposal that is posted on the
 16 telephone poles, there were two people to contact if you
 17 needed help with the protest letters, and I contacted
 18 the 213 area code. It was L.A., Markus Nixon, and he
 19 said yes, be sure you address it to all three parties.
 20 So I said okay, but he didn't tell me if had to be in a
 21 certain format or legal style or whatever. He just said
 22 to be sure, that's all he told me. Nice enough fellow.
 23 So I said okay. I wrote it, sent it in, it wasn't
 24 acknowledged. I said, "what did I do wrong?" He said
 25 those are called community protest letters and those are

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1 in a separate batch, I guess. They are not thrown away,
 2 they are still considered. But if you want to write a
 3 protest letter for a hearing, it's called a Formal
 4 Protest Letter and it has to have a certain legalese to
 5 it which is what Chuck is talking about. And maybe you
 6 can help with that. I'm just telling you the layman's
 7 view of what I'm understanding. I could be -- none of
 8 them were in vein, I guess. They are sitting in a stack
 9 somewhere.

10 JENNIFER JOHNSON: We want to be concerned not to
 11 confuse the permit-to-construct process with the CEQA
 12 process. We did have information on the slide. If you
 13 have other questions about the permit-to-construction
 14 process, there is staff at CPUC that can help walk you
 15 through some of those other issues. We would like to

16 focus on the CEQA side of it.

17 GREG SMITH: I do want to focus on one issue as
18 part of the scoping process that we are somewhat
19 concerned about and some concerns we have this evening
20 and that is the technical aspect of the project
21 description and the project need. As a CPUC as a lead
22 agency that has the authority to review the
23 environmental documents, when we are placed in this
24 situation, as a lead agency, the city of Thousand Oaks,
25 if someone comes to us with a project description that

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1 is so technical that we don't have the staff capable of
2 reviewing that application, we will go out and have an
3 independent consultant review that information for us so
4 that we can make a reasonable judgment that is
5 technically accurate and that it's complete.

6 And what we are wondering here, one of the
7 issues we want to raise that I think is very important,
8 many of us in this room are layman when it comes to
9 evaluating these kind of project descriptions. The
10 needs assessment that is done by Southern California
11 Edison, we are requesting the CPUC and their
12 environmental consultant provide that additional layer
13 of review so that we can feel confident that the needs
14 assessment provided by SCE is in fact realistic and it
15 is in fact correct, and that the information that we are
16 receiving is part of the environmental review and is
17 something we can rely on as being accurate.

18 If this is necessary, given the fact that I

19 don't believe anybody in this room, including city
20 staff, and I'm an environmental professional, I even
21 have a limited ability to make a reasonable judgment on
22 the information that we are receiving is in fact
23 accurate and complete. So we would request as part of
24 the scoping process that ESA and any sub consultants
25 that they may hire to review this information, that we

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1 have the confidence that we have an environmental impact
2 report that evaluates this request by Southern
3 California Edison, has determined that it is accurate
4 and complete, and the facts and information provided by
5 SCE are things that we can rely on as being exactly what
6 I said, accurate and complete.

7 So that's my comments. I did want to make one
8 more. We have heard a number of people talk about the
9 limited number of alternatives addressed in the PEA and
10 I would agree that we have a limited number of
11 alternatives. And we have heard information here about
12 Madera Road already having underground utility lines.
13 One of the things that we intend to do is carefully
14 consider these comments and hopefully will come up with
15 more than just two alternatives. We have looked at some
16 alternatives that we think are feasible and
17 environmentally superior to what we have seen, and we
18 are going to go back to the drawing boards and possibly
19 come up with additional alternatives. So we look
20 forward to seeing that information and reviewing it as

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21 part of the guidelines.. Thank you.
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APPENDIX G

Scoping Period Written Comments

Presidential Substation Project

From: Alan Brody [ahbrody@roadrunner.com]
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc:
Subject: Presidential Substation
Attachments:

Sent: Wed 2/18/2009 1:29 AM

Ms. Juralynne Mosley

We understand the need for improved electrical service to our area of Ventura County. But we have a great concern with subtransmission line Alternative #2. Our concerns are in two parts.

First is aesthetic. The Olsen Road/Madera Road corridor is the gateway to two cities, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. The addition of large metal subtransmission poles would destroy one of the most scenic roadways in our two cities.

Second, and more important, is the fact that this route would put more people at risk than the proposed route or Alternative #1. These risks are actual and perceived. Actual risks include risk of motor vehicle collision with these large unforgiving transmission poles. Because of limited right of way they would have to be located in close proximity to the roadway. Also these very high voltage lines could be damaged and fall to the ground during storms or earthquakes and put residents at risk. Again, because of limited right of way, these lines will be in close proximity to homes along the corridor. The perceived risks are that of Electromagnetic fields (EMF). It seems that nobody knows at what level EMF radiation becomes a risk to our health. It is understood that the farther one is from the source (transmission lines) the better. Because of the limited right of way along the route for Alternative #2, these lines will be fairly close to the homes along this route. Also, because many of the homes are on hillsides above the right of way, the tall transmission poles will actually put residents closer to the source than if their homes were at street level.

If Alternative #2 is chosen, we would highly recommend that the subtransmission lines be placed underground. This would benefit three fold. First by eliminating the aesthetic problems and second eliminate the danger of falling high voltage lines. Thirdly, the lines could be placed in or close to the middle of the right of way, thus lowering the risk from EMF emissions.

Thank you,

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Gentlemen

Thanks for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

- This full EIR is to examine potentially significant environmental impacts of subject project.
- The Edison folks have determined that the growing population and demand for energy in the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley area will necessitate subject project.
- Edison will fund subject project with no financial assistance from the affected community governments.
- The Edison folks know the electricity business – when, where and what to build – to serve their customers at maximum cost savings.
- Without subject project, the affected communities will suffer energy shortages, no doubt resulting in “brown outs.”

It is my recommendation that with their management skills Edison be given a green light to proceed with subject project. This would provide maximum benefits to Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley.


Thank you

Don Hauser

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Ms. Mosley,

Attached please find two word documents with my comments opposing this project. These are my comments that are due by March 19, 2009 at 5pm. I am hoping you will review, utilize and incorporate them into your EIR draft. If possible, can I get an email confirming that this was received and is in proper format so I know I do not have to resend? Thank you.

Respectfully,

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RE: My objection to the **SCE Presidential Project** and the Proposed route of Transmission Lines and their proximity to my home, Maya Pradera Lane, Read Road and Sunset Valley Road.

My Key Points of Objection

- Our 3 young children being exposed to the documented dangers of EMF including but not limited to cancer and childhood Leukemia
- These are larger homes designed for families with kids. We will not be able to sell our homes due to the adverse health effects of these Towers and Transmission lines have specifically on children
- These homes were built new only a few years ago. We purchased obviously at the height of the real estate market. We have already experienced a 30% decline in values. With the proposed Towers and lines, experts indicate we will lose up to another 40% in value. This is unimaginable. I will be forced to sell and in this market, I will lose my life's savings. This can't be allowed.
- This neighborhood requested a sound wall on route 23 immediately east of our community. It was declined due to the fact that this area is a "*scenic corridor*". A sound wall is 8-12 feet high. These towers will be 70-100 feet and will run over the freeway at the same exact location. This obviously will not be consistent with keeping this area a "*scenic corridor*".
- Read road from Sunset Valley to the entrance of the Enclave Community is dangerously narrow already. To add these poles with their 10 foot base seems impossible. At present there are near misses each day between oncoming traffic specifically at the small hill. You simply cannot see oncoming traffic and people swerve and could hit these poles. I can't imagine what would happen if these lines came down on the houses right underneath
- The homes on Read road will have these poles in their front yards. It is just not acceptable that SCE should be allowed to place them there. Many of these homes have small children and like me they will be forced to sell their homes and in this market the losses would be catastrophic
- COSCA has land on 1919 Maya Pradera that will be directly adjacent to the transmission line towers. The homeowners in the area just received letters from COSCA cautioning us as neighbors to be careful of any and all encroachments to this land. They state "*This land has been preserved for its important scenic, habitat and recreational values, and is an important part of the quality of life we all enjoy in the Conejo Valley*". These towers certainly do not seem consistent with COSCA's vision.

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- There have been Native American Findings on the COSCA land of historical significance. The Native American community is joining us in opposition of this project.
- Regardless of the cost, an alternative route or underground lines must be done. You cannot put a price tag on the health of our children, and you cannot expect people to walk away from their life's savings which they have put into these homes
- It is not prudent to effect the lives of so many in this community when an increase in demand has not been shown, and over the next 10 years the addition of new technologies and solar will reduce the power need
- SCE should not be able to just jam this down our throats and be able to sell more electricity. From our perspective, it really seems they were trying to stay under the radar and get this through without proper notice
- As a parent, taxpayer, and long time resident of Thousand Oaks I urge you to not allow this project to move forward.

Thank you,

Jim Assalley

1915 Maya Pradera Lane

Thousand Oaks, CA 93021

805.210.1085

Cc: Senator Tony Strickland, Assemblywoman Audra Strickland, Mr. Peter Foy, Supervisor, County of Ventura, Ms. Kari Finley, County of Ventura, Mr. Jonathan Evans, Center for Biological Diversity, Mr. Thomas Glancy, Mayor of the City of Thousand Oaks, Mr. Michael Manka, ESA, Mr. Charles Cronin, s.T.T.o.p., Mr. Mark Towne, City of Thousand Oaks, Ms. Amy Albano, City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County Star, Simi Valley Acorn, Thousand Oaks Acorn.

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Public Comment Card

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project

March 10, 2009

Presidential Substation Project

c/o Environmental Science Associates

1425 N. McDowell blvd. Suite 105

Petaluma, CA 94954-6500

This is additional comment that I would like to add in opposition to this proposed project. I understand that hazards are considered and analyzed for CEQA compliance in the EIR. A few hazards I would like to mention are:

- **Valley Fever** caused by digging, construction and exposing of soil for this project.
- **Stress.** Many people in the affected area are suffering from very high levels of stress related specifically to this proposed project. I know there are arguments about EMF. There is no argument that stress kills and is a major cause of death each year in the United States. Stress levels have increased dramatically from various aspects of this project including but not limited to fear of significant property value declines, Fear of EMF exposure, destruction of our Tierra Rejada Valley vistas, and all of the loss of work, time and effort put into organizing and opposing this project. I don't have to tell you that times are tough right now, we just don't have room on our plates for this as well!
- I have also included a brief **DVD video** that I filmed while walking and driving through some of the affected areas. I show and explain how narrow Read Road is, and how close the poles will be on Sunset Valley Road to the Underwood Family Farms. (tens of thousands of school children visit this farm each year and are dangerously close to the lines on Sunset Valley Road) I also show how these poles will dissect right down the middle of the Tierra Rejada Valley through Sunset Valley Road. An area that is rare in southern California for its small farm feel and rural roads. It is just not

appropriate for large steel poles to be here. They belong underground or in a commercial or industrial area.

As for alternative routes, I strongly urge you to consider Tierra Rejada. This is a major street with lots of traffic that already has large poles. I have been told they would have to run a new set of poles and cannot add more lines to these. I simply do not believe this. We see much larger poles all the time. I am confident where there is a will there is a way. Tierra Rejada is a much more logical choice. Why would there even be a line running down Sunset Valley to Tierra Rejada if they did not intend to connect these at some time in the future? There are no homes here, only cars and commercial businesses. The lines already go over the freeway at this spot. Again, I think SCE is looking for the easiest, cheapest way to get this power to Simi Valley and they need to do what is right.

Thank you for adding my comments to your EIR.

Sincerely,

Jim Assalley
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Thousand Oaks, CA 93021
805-210-1085

Cc: Senator Tony Strickland, Assemblywoman Audra Strickland, Mr. Peter Foy, Supervisor, County of Ventura, Ms. Kari Finley, County of Ventura, Mr. Jonathan Evans, Center for Biological Diversity, Mr. Thomas Glancy, Mayor of the City of Thousand Oaks, Mr. Michael Manka, ESA, Mr. Charles Cronin, s.T.T.o.p., Mr. Mark Towne, City of Thousand Oaks, Ms. Amy Albano, City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County Star, Simi Valley Acorn, Thousand Oaks Acorn.

Claire Early

From: Claire Early
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 10:44 AM
To: 'Jim Assalley'
Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

Sounds good. I'll send it back to you today, to 1915 Maya Pradera, T.O. CA 93021. Let me know if you don't get it within the next week or so.

Thanks!

Claire Early
ESA | Energy
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Petaluma, CA 94954
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cearly@esassoc.com

From: Jim Assalley [mailto:jim@westoaksettlement.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 10:37 AM
To: Claire Early
Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

I will try to take it to a service that will put it onto a DVD. I think COSTCO does this. I would need the disc back, that is the only copy.

Respectfully,

Jim Assalley

Certified Debt Specialist
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Fax : 805.299.4593
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From: Claire Early [<mailto:CEarly@esassoc.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 10:28 AM

To: jim@westoaksettlement.com

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

I don't know about the ability of our computers to read sony videos, but in any case the computer shows that there is no data on the disc at all. Would you mind sending us another disc with the data, and then if we can't read that one we can figure out where to go from there? I would hate for you to have to send your camcorder all the way up here...

-Claire

Claire Early

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From: Jim Assalley [<mailto:jim@westoaksettlement.com>]

Sent: Thu 3/19/2009 10:10 AM

To: Presidential Substation Project

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

Hmm. It's actually not a DVD but a sony video disc that I usually just play on the sony camcorder plugged into my TV set. I hope you don't need a sony camcorder to play it on. I can certainly send you my camcorder but I thought you might have the equipment there to play it. Let me know and I will send my camcorder to you unless you can think of another solution? Sorry for the trouble.

Respectfully,

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From: Presidential Substation Project [<mailto:PresidentialSub@esassoc.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 9:56 AM

To: Jim Assalley

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

Hi Mr. Assalley,

We just tried to play the DVD and the computer indicates that there isn't anything on the disc. We tried a few different computers to be sure, but none of them could find any data. Would you mind sending us another disc?

-Claire

From: Jim Assalley [<mailto:jim@westoaksettlement.com>]

Sent: Wed 3/18/2009 11:33 AM

To: Presidential Substation Project

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

Hope you enjoy the professional quality! Just kidding...

Respectfully,

Jim Assalley

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From: Presidential Substation Project [<mailto:PresidentialSub@esassoc.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2009 10:41 AM

To: Jim Assalley

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

My pleasure. Just wanted to let you know that we did get the DVD.

Thanks,
Claire

From: Jim Assalley [<mailto:jim@westoaksettlement.com>]

Sent: Tue 3/17/2009 12:04 PM

To: Presidential Substation Project

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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From: Presidential Substation Project [<mailto:PresidentialSub@esassoc.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 8:44 AM

To: Jim Assalley

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

That should be fine. Thanks Mr. Assalley.

Claire

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From: Jim Assalley [<mailto:jim@westoaksettlement.com>]

Sent: Wed 3/11/2009 8:50 AM

To: Presidential Substation Project

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

Thank you. I am also mailing a DVD from a video I made of the area. Will that be ok?

Respectfully,

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From: Presidential Substation Project [<mailto:PresidentialSub@esassoc.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 8:09 AM

To: Jim Assalley

Subject: RE: SCE Substation Project

Hello Mr. Assalley,

We have received your email and both attachments opened just fine.

Thank you for your comments,

Claire

Claire Early

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From: Jim Assalley [<mailto:jim@westoaksettlement.com>]

Sent: Tue 3/10/2009 4:11 PM

To: Presidential Substation Project

Subject: SCE Substation Project

Ms. Mosley,

Attached please find two word documents with my comments opposing this project. These are my comments that are due by March 19, 2009 at 5pm. I am hoping you will review, utilize and incorporate them into your EIR draft. If possible, can I get an email confirming that this was received and is in proper format so I know I do not

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have to resend? Thank you.

Respectfully,

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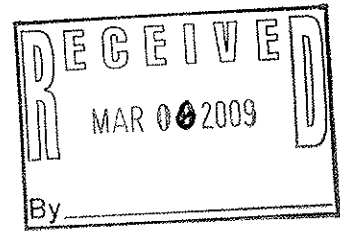


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JAMES AND JULIE EATON
P.O. BOX 7747
THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91359
PHONE: (805) 530-0318 FAX: (805) 530-0362

March 2, 2009

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Blvd., Suite 105
Petaluma, CA 94954

RE: Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023)

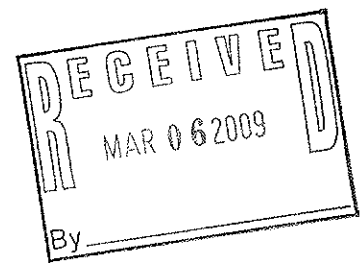
Dear Ms. Mosley:

We are property owners at 4938 Read Rd., Moorpark, CA 93021. We received the notice that they are planning to install distribution poles that carry large amounts of kilovolts directly in front of our property. We urge you not to move forward in allowing this to happen for several reasons:

1) When we bought our five acre parcel over four years ago. We bought vacant land out in the country to build our home on to get away from the dangers of the congested city, including smog and other environmental reasons. We did everything that the City of Thousand Oaks, The County of Ventura and the Regional Water Board requested of us including installing a Septic Tank that cost over \$80,000 for **environmental reasons**. We also agreed to run a dry sewer directly from our house to Read Rd. so we could hook up to a sewer once it went down Read Rd., for **environmental reasons**. This was an additional \$5,000 – for **environmental reasons**.

2) Our son who is fourteen years old has a Kidney Disease that requires him to be on eight different medications. Another reason for our move away from the environmental problems with living in the City as we are doing everything in our power to protect his health. We fear that installing these poles with this amount of kilovolts so close to our house could affect his health, especially since he may need to have an “in home” dialysis machine in his room while waiting for a kidney transplant.

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
March 2, 2009
Page Two



3) We built barns and installed paddocks below our house about 50 feet from the proposed poles and have five thoroughbred horses that we own on our property. This is also a huge concern for these live animals. These horses are valued at over \$500,000 and we do not want live electrical poles 50 feet from their paddocks.

4) We also purchased this lot because it had a beautiful view of the country. These poles would diminish this view and reduce our property value tremendously. This was the selling point of this lot to us.

5) Read Rd. is a two road (one lane in each direction) street – we have seen cars going in excess of 70 miles an hour down this road. If a car hit one of those poles carrying that much kilovolts it could be a deadly result for anyone near the impact.

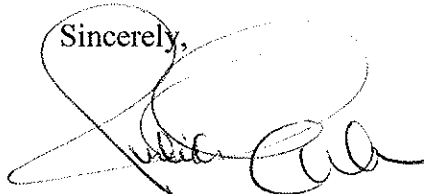
I am a Commercial Real Estate Broker and General Contractor and understand that these reports are for the protection of everyone. I understand the procedures that need to take place for these types of Permits to pass. My husband is driving 144 miles per day to Cerritos and back so we can live in this area and in our home.

Putting that aside, most importantly I am a mom who is trying to protect my son from any further health issues as I believe he has suffered enough. We moved our life and family out to this area for “environmental reasons”. We do not want power poles carrying this type of voltage in front of our home.

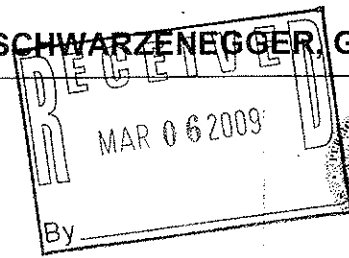
Please feel free to contact me or my husband should you have any questions. Our contact information is as follows:

Julie Eaton – Cell: (818) 200-3803 – e-mail: julie@jjeatonrealestate.com
Jim Eaton – Cell (323) 350-8449 – e-mail: jeaton440@earthlink.net

We would like all notices to go to our PO Box as we do not get mail at our house: P.O. Box 7747, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Sincerely,

Julie A. Eaton

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners,
& Interested Parties

From: Juralynne Mosley, Environmental Project Manager

Subject: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(EIR) AND NOTICE OF AN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP AND SCOPING
MEETING:**
Permit to construct electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200 kV:
Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023)

Date: February 17, 2009

Description of Proposed Project

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is preparing an EIR for the Proposed Project identified below, and is requesting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. Southern California Edison (SCE), in its CPUC application (A.08-12-023), filed on December 22, 2008, seeks a permit to construct (PTC) the Presidential Substation Project (Proposed Project), which includes the following major elements:

- A new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximate four acre site;
- Removal of approximately 79 distribution poles and 5 subtransmission poles located within existing rights-of-way, and replacement with approximately 83 subtransmission poles to accommodate a new 66 kV subtransmission line that would feed the proposed substation from two existing 66 kV subtransmission lines. Construction of the new subtransmission line would occur within approximately 3.5 miles of existing right-of-way;
- Four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways; and
- Facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system.

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to meet forecasted electrical demands in the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent areas of unincorporated Ventura County.

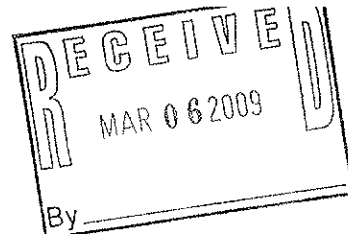
Location of the Proposed Project

The Proposed Project is located in portions of unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. The substation site would be located in the City of Thousand Oaks, and the subtransmission source lines would be located in both unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. See attached, Figure 1.

Issues To Be Addressed In The EIR

It has been determined that a full EIR is required because the Proposed Project could result in potentially significant environmental impacts. The EIR will address impacts of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project. Additionally, the EIR will also discuss and analyze alternatives to the Proposed Project.

The Proposed Project and alternatives considered two potential substation sites and three potential subtransmission source routes that would connect the substation to two existing transmission lines in the area (see Figure 1, Project Location). Substation sites to be analyzed include: (A) an approximate four acre portion of a 40 acre parcel in the City of Thousand Oaks, that is vacant and privately owned, and (B) an approximate 2.3 acre parcel in the City of Simi Valley that is owned by the City and contains several abandoned buildings and structures that previously housed the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.



From 7:00 to 9:00 the CPUC will hold the official scoping meeting. The scoping meeting will start with a brief presentation providing an overview of the Proposed Project and alternatives identified to date. Following the presentation, interested parties will be provided an opportunity to provide comments about the project. Comment forms will be supplied for those who wish to submit written comments at the scoping meetings. Written comments may also be submitted anytime during the NOP scoping period to the address, fax, or e-mail listed above.

REMINDER: All comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through March 19, 2009. Please be sure to include your name, organization (if applicable), address, and email.

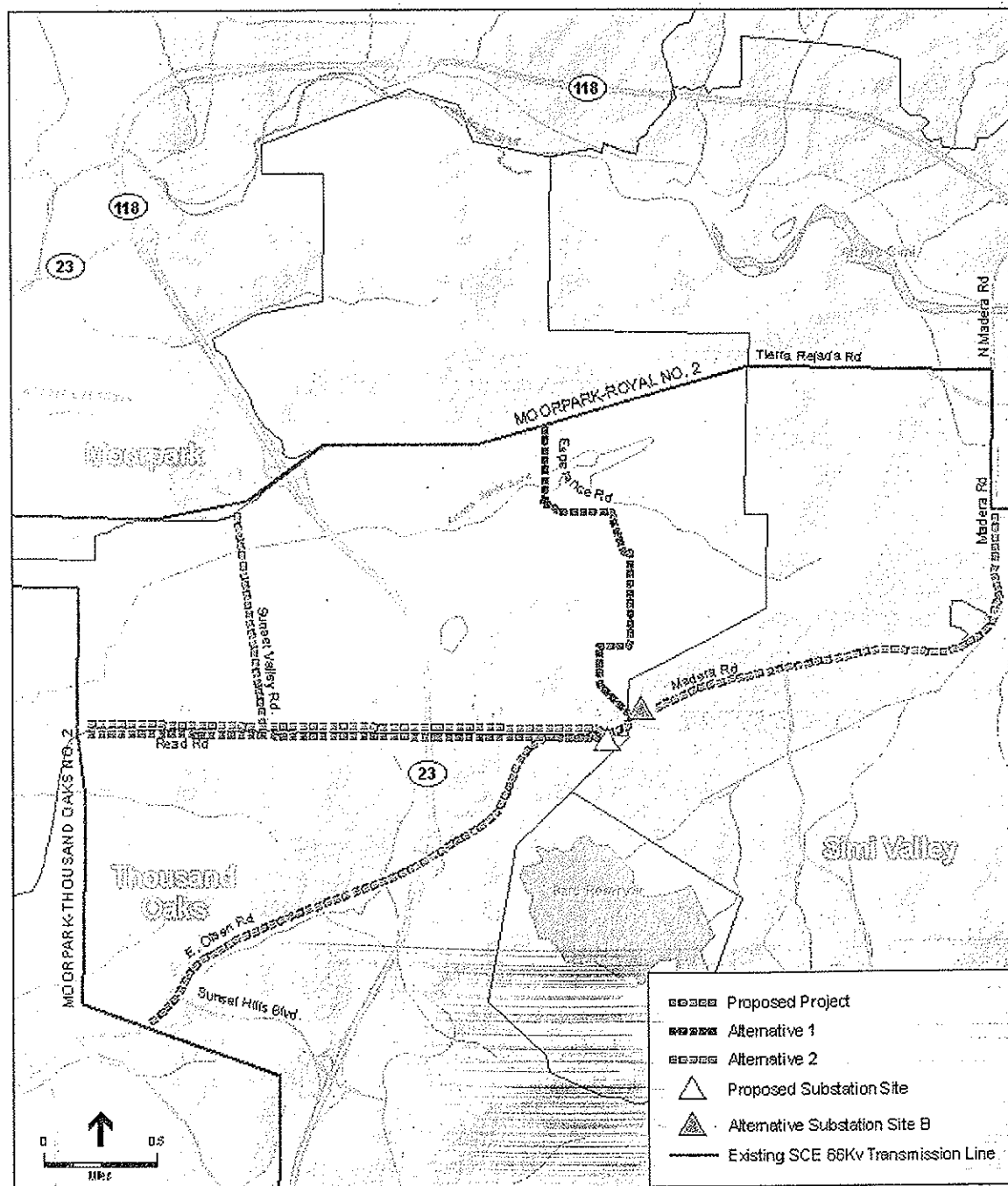


Figure 1: Project Location



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

Home of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

March 9, 2009

Environmental Science Associates
Attn: Juralynne Mosley – Presidential Substation Project
1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105
Petaluma, CA 94954

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL 66/16 KILOVOLT SUBSTATION
PROJECT**

Dear Ms. Mosley:

Thank you for the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Presidential Substation project. It is our understanding that the project proposes a new substation on the south side of Olsen Road in the City of Thousand Oaks just west of the City of Simi Valley city limits. Subtransmission lines are proposed to follow Sunset Valley Road and Read Road and proceed east, crossing State Highway 23, to the proposed substation site. The lines would run parallel to Olsen Road (and cross it along that corridor) for approximately one-quarter mile from the water tank on the Day Ranch property to the proposed substation.

Project alternatives have also been proposed for possible consideration. An alternate substation site is proposed for the former Sheriff substation site at Madera Road and Country Club Drive. Alternative subtransmission route #1 would connect the subtransmission site to the line on Tierra Rejada Road with a new right-of-way west of the Ronald Reagan Library. Alternative subtransmission route #2 would follow Olsen Road and Madera Road.

Due to the project's proximity to the City of Simi Valley, and the fact that portions of the alternatives are proposed within our city limits, the City is concerned about the potentially significant impacts of the project on the community. The substation as proposed would be located at a visible location on Olsen Road, a highly traveled roadway and a major gateway to Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and the Ronald Reagan Library. While Southern California Edison states that the facility will be low profile, it will be visible to a high volume of motorists, as well as adjacent properties. In addition, approximately one-quarter mile of subtransmission lines with 65' to 85' high poles would parallel and cross Olsen Road, detracting from the natural open space beauty of the area.

Of further concern is that the alternative substation site is owned by the City of Simi Valley, and placement of a substation there would eliminate current public uses and restrict potential future uses of the site. Alternative subtransmission routes #1 and #2 would place above-

ground power lines where none currently exist and would substantially detract from the views in the area, again the majority of which traverse open space corridors.

Based on the above concerns, the City of Simi Valley formally requests that the EIR consider the following changes to the project:

1. Design the substation to screen it from the adjacent roadway and properties. Screening methods should include extensive landscaping including large trees and a berm;
2. Underground the portion of the preferred project's subtransmission lines that would parallel and cross Olsen Road;
3. If either of the Alternative subtransmission routes are adopted, SCE should underground all lines.


Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the contents of the Draft EIR. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 583-6875.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Lyons', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Peter Lyons, Director
Department of Environmental Services

cc: City Council
City Manager
Senior Planner, L. Funaiolo

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Presidential Substation Project

From: Beth S. Kuttler, Esq. [bsk@reichradcliffe.com] **Sent:** Fri 3/13/2009 2:29 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc:
Subject: Presidential Substation Project - Comments for EIR
Attachments:  [Comments for Consideration Re EIR_sig.pdf\(169KB\)](#)

Ms. Mosley,

Attached please find comments from Protestant Jose Valdez with respect to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Presidential Substation Project.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY)
(U338E) FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT)
ELECTRICAL FACILITIES WITH VOLTAGES)
BETWEEN 50 kV AND 200 kV: PRESIDENTIAL)
SUBSTATION PROJECT)

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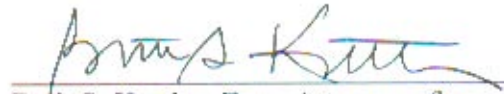
COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

These Comments are being submitted on behalf of Protestant Jose R. Valdez for consideration in preparation of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR.") Mr. Valdez requests that the following topics be considered and substantively addressed in the EIR:

1. The impact of the Project on the geological and soil environment;
2. The impact of the Project on native vegetation and wildlife habitat;
3. The impact of the Project on biological resources;
4. The impact of the Project on cultural resources;
5. The impact of the Project on visual resources;
6. The impact of the Project on air quality;
7. The impact of the Project on noise quality;
8. The impact of the Project on water quality;
9. The impact of the Project to public health and safety, including, but not limited to the impact of EMFs on humans and the environment;
10. The impact of the Project to current land use;
11. The impact of the Project on traffic and transportation;
12. The impact of the Project on public recreation;
13. The overall impact of the Project on property values; and
14. Project alternatives, mitigation procedures and a no project alternative.

Dated: March 12, 2009

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Dear Ms. Mosley:

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the Presidential Substation Project and specifically the Read Road/Sunset Valley Road proposal. I have been a Sunset Valley Road resident for over twenty years and have seen many changes. Although I have not agreed with all changes, I have adapted and accepted these changes as part of the normal growth of a community. But now I am really concerned. I feel the proposed installation of Transmission Towers can have nothing but a negative effect on the Tierra Rejada Valley, its residents and the surrounding communities.

This project will have a significant effect on the aesthetics of the area. The communities of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Moorpark have expended much energy creating a green belt area, an area that maintains its rural flavor and where the residents of these communities are able to experience the feeling of open space. Placing these transmission towers on the two main roads bringing visitors to the area is totally against the idea of the green belt area. The Underwood Farms, my next door neighbor, hosts thousands of visitors each year, including busloads full of school children on field trips. They come to experience what it is like to be on a farm, to pick vegetables and see farm animals. Having these huge power lines humming overhead will not contribute positively to their experience and I question the safety of having so many children exposed to the close proximity of the power lines.

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On our property, my husband and I farm avocados. We rely heavily on our bee hives to provide our trees with the pollination needed to produce our crops. It is my understanding from our beekeeper, that bees carry an electrostatic charge that helps them distinguish the location of their hives. Interference from the electrical emanations from the proposed power transmission lines could cause the bees to fail to return to their hives. We are already experiencing a devastating drop in the bee population which is having a significant effect on farming in California. Let's not add any additional negative factors to the bees habitat. Without the bees our crops will fail.

We also rely on Aspen Helicopters, to do our crop dusting for us. They are incredibly talented men who pilot their helicopters extremely low over the very tops of our trees. They handle the thrip problem (a devastating pest) by spraying a very fine, high grade oil over the trees. They come in very low because they want the rotor blades on the helicopters to create turbulence and expose the bottom side of the avocado tree leaves, where the thrips live and when they release the oil mix it covers the bottom of the leaf and suffocates the thrips. I talked to our helicopter pilot, Rob, and he said the power lines would certainly affect the efficacy of the spraying he has to do. He will not be able to come in as low and will have to avoid the perimeter of the property closest to the power lines. By the way, Rob volunteered to talk to anyone interested in the problems involved with the effect on his job.

The last issue I bring up is highly personal. We recently experienced about two years of extensive grading and plowing on the West side of Sunset Valley Road by Bordiers Nursery. Towards the end of that project, my mother, who lives with us, became very ill with Valley Fever. Valley Fever is caused by soil disturbance which releases fungi into the air which can make its way into a persons lungs. It causes high fever, cough, chest pain, chills, night sweats, swollen joints, skin rash and skin nodules. It is very serious and after a year she still tests positive and is in a weakened condition. I fear that the 18 month time period estimated to complete this power line project and the digging of 77 thirty foot deep holes and the removal of many trees will cause even more soil disturbance, releasing even more fungi into the air, which very likely will have an effect on her health. It could also have an effect on any other residents of this valley. At this point we are looking for alternative living arrangements for her in case this project is

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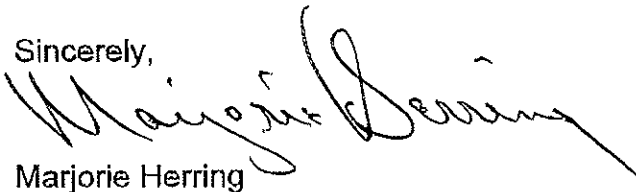
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approved. It seem very irresponsible to put someone out of their home when there are alternative routes that could work just as well.

Please seriously consider an alternative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marjorie Herring", with a stylized, flowing script.

Marjorie Herring

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RE: SCH#2009021059 Southern California Edison Company, Presidential Substation EIR; Ventura County.

Dear Ms. Mosley:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines 15064(b)). To comply with this provision the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on historical resources within the area of project effect (APE), and if so to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts to archaeological resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check. **USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle name, township, range and section required.**
 - A list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures. **Native American Contacts List attached.**
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

A0812023

Subject: Notice of Application for a Permit to Construct for the Presidential Substation Project, Ventura County

Dear Project Manager:

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) has reviewed the above-referenced Notice of Application, including a 464 page proponent's environmental assessment (EA). The proposed project includes the removal of 79 wood distribution poles and replace with approximately 83 sub-transmission poles and the construction of a new substation approximately four acres in size.

The following statements and comments have been prepared pursuant to the Department's authority as Trustee Agency with jurisdiction over natural resources affected by the project (CEQA Section 15386) and pursuant to our authority as a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15381 over those aspects of the proposed project that come under the purview of Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et seq. regarding impacts to streams and lakes.

The California Wildlife Action Plan, a recent Department guidance document, identified the following stressors affecting wildlife and habitats within the project area: 1) growth and development; 2) water management conflicts and degradation of aquatic ecosystems; 3) invasive species; 4) altered fire regimes; and 5) recreational pressures. The Department looks forward to working with the California Public Utilities Commission and Southern California Edison (SCE) to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife resources with a focus on these stressors.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide comments early in the project development, and our Staff looks forward to field visits of the proposed substation site with SCE Staff as early as next week. As illustrated in figures presented in the EA, there are numerous sensitive biological resources within and adjacent to the proposed project site, and therefore we recommend that a full environmental impact report be prepared for this project to insure that all environmental impacts are reduced to below levels of significance. To enable Department staff to adequately review and comment on the proposed project we recommend the following information, where applicable, be included in the draft environmental Impact report:

1. A complete, recent assessment of flora and fauna within and adjacent to the project area, with particular emphasis upon identifying endangered, threatened, and locally unique species and sensitive habitats (Attachment 1). Depending upon survey protocols used in the above referenced reports, the recent surveys may be adequate.

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- a. A thorough recent assessment of rare plants and rare natural communities, following the Department's Guidelines for Assessing Impacts to Rare Plants and Rare Natural Communities.
 - b. A complete, recent assessment of sensitive fish, wildlife, reptile, and amphibian species. Seasonal variations in use of the project area should also be addressed. Recent, focused, species-specific surveys, conducted at the appropriate time of year and time of day when the sensitive species are active or otherwise identifiable, are required. Acceptable species-specific survey procedures should be developed in consultation with the Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
 - c. Rare, threatened, and endangered species to be addressed should include all those which meet the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) definition (see CEQA Guidelines, Section 15380).
 - d. The Department's Biogeographic Data Branch in Sacramento should be contacted at (916) 322-2493 (www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata) to obtain current information on any previously reported sensitive species and habitats, including Significant Natural Areas identified under Chapter 12 of the Fish and Game Code. Also, any Significant Ecological Areas SEAs) or Environmentally Sensitive Habitats (ESHs) or any areas that are considered sensitive by the local jurisdiction that are located in or adjacent to the project area must be addressed.
2. A thorough discussion of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts expected to adversely affect biological resources, with specific measures to offset such impacts. This discussion should focus on maximizing avoidance, and minimizing impacts.
- a. CEQA Guidelines, Section 15125(a), direct that knowledge of the regional setting is critical to an assessment of environmental impacts and that special emphasis should be placed on resources that are rare or unique to the region.
 - b. Project impacts should also be analyzed relative to their effects on off-site habitats and populations. Specifically, this should include nearby public lands, open space, adjacent natural habitats, and riparian ecosystems. Impacts to and maintenance of wildlife corridor/movement areas, including access to undisturbed habitat in adjacent areas are of concern to the Department and should be fully evaluated and provided. The analysis should also include a discussion of the potential for impacts resulting from such effects as increased vehicle traffic, outdoor artificial lighting, noise and vibration.
 - c. A cumulative effects analysis should be developed as described under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15130. General and specific plans, as well as past, present, and anticipated future projects, should be analyzed relative to their impacts on similar plant communities and wildlife habitats.
 - d. Impacts to migratory wildlife affected by the project should be fully evaluated including proposals to remove/disturb native and ornamental landscaping and other nesting habitat for native birds. Impact evaluation may also include such elements as migratory butterfly roost sites and neo-tropical bird and waterfowl stop-over and staging sites. All migratory nongame native bird species are protected by international treaty under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918 (50 C.F.R. Section 10.13). Sections 3503, 3503.5 and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of birds and their active nests, including raptors and other migratory nongame birds as listed under the MBTA.

- e. Impacts to all habitats from City or County required Fuel Modification Zones (FMZ). Areas slated as mitigation for loss of habitat shall not occur within the FMZ.
 - f. Proposed project activities (including disturbances to vegetation) should take place outside of the breeding bird season (February 1- September 1) to avoid take (including disturbances which would cause abandonment of active nests containing eggs and/or young). If project activities cannot avoid the breeding bird season, nest surveys should be conducted and active nests should be avoided and provided with a minimum buffer as determined by a biological monitor (the Department recommends a minimum 500-foot buffer for all active raptor nests).
3. A range of alternatives should be analyzed to ensure that alternatives to the proposed project are fully considered and evaluated. A range of alternatives which avoid or otherwise minimize impacts to sensitive biological resources including wetlands/riparian habitats, alluvial scrub, coastal sage scrub, should be included. Specific alternative locations should also be evaluated in areas with lower resource sensitivity where appropriate.
- a. Mitigation measures for project impacts to sensitive plants, animals, and habitats should emphasize evaluation and selection of alternatives which avoid or otherwise minimize project impacts. Compensation for unavoidable impacts through acquisition and protection of high quality habitat elsewhere should be addressed with off-site mitigation locations clearly identified.
 - b. The Department considers Rare Natural Communities as threatened habitats having both regional and local significance. Thus, these communities should be fully avoided and otherwise protected from project-related impacts (Attachment 2).
 - c. The Department generally does not support the use of relocation, salvage, and/or transplantation as mitigation for impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species. Department studies have shown that these efforts are experimental in nature and largely unsuccessful.
4. A California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Permit must be obtained if the project has the potential to result in "take" of species of plants or animals listed under CESA, either during construction or over the life of the project. CESA Permits are issued to conserve, protect, enhance, and restore State-listed threatened or endangered species and their habitats. Early consultation is encouraged, as significant modification to the proposed project and mitigation measures may be required in order to obtain a CESA Permit. Revisions to the Fish and Game Code, effective January 1998, require that the Department issue a separate CEQA document for the issuance of a CESA permit unless the project CEQA document addresses all project impacts to listed species and specifies a mitigation monitoring and reporting program that will meet the requirements of a CESA permit. For these reasons, the following information is requested:
- a. Biological mitigation monitoring and reporting proposals should be of sufficient detail and resolution to satisfy the requirements for a CESA Permit.
 - b. A Department-approved Mitigation Agreement and Mitigation Plan are required for plants listed as rare under the Native Plant Protection Act.
5. The Department opposes the elimination of watercourses (including concrete channels) and/or the canalization of natural and manmade drainages or conversion to subsurface drains. All wetlands and watercourses, whether intermittent, ephemeral, or perennial, must be retained

and provided with substantial setbacks which preserve the riparian and aquatic habitat values and maintain their value to on-site and off-site wildlife populations. The Department recommends a minimum natural buffer of 100 feet from the outside edge of the riparian zone on each side of drainage.

- a. The Department requires a Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA), pursuant to Section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code, with the applicant prior to any direct or indirect impact to a lake or stream bed, bank or channel or associated riparian resources. The Department's issuance of a SAA may be a project that is subject to CEQA. To facilitate our issuance of the Agreement when CEQA applies, the Department as a responsible agency under CEQA may consider the local jurisdiction's (Lead Agency) document for the project. To minimize additional requirements by the Department under CEQA the document should fully identify the potential impacts to the lake, stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the Agreement. Early consultation is recommended, since modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources.

Department staff review of this project includes the use of the Department's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). This database allows spatial review of sensitive biological resources that have been reported in the past to the CNDDB staff. The attached map (Attachment 3) illustrates past observation locations of sensitive species in the general area of the proposed project and as such is a useful tool to evaluate potential sensitive biological resources on the project site. It does not represent the current status of sensitive biological resources in the area as CNDDB data is provided only by site specific projects and hence the entire map area has not been surveyed. Site specific surveys should be conducted in the manner previously described in this letter.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. Please contact Mr. Dan Blankenship, Staff Environmental Scientist, at (661) 259-3750 if you should have any questions and for further coordination on the proposed project.

Sincerely,



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Guidelines for Assessing the Effects of Proposed Projects on Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants and Natural Communities

State of California
THE RESOURCES AGENCY
Department of Fish and Game
December 9, 1983
Revised May 8, 2000

The following recommendations are intended to help those who prepare and review environmental documents determine **when** a botanical survey is needed, **who** should be considered qualified to conduct such surveys, **how** field surveys should be conducted, and **what** information should be contained in the survey report. The Department may recommend that lead agencies not accept the results of surveys that are not conducted according to these guidelines.

1. Botanical surveys are conducted in order to determine the environmental effects of proposed projects on all rare, threatened, and endangered plants and plant communities. Rare, threatened, and endangered plants are not necessarily limited to those species which have been "listed" by state and federal agencies but should include any species that, based on all available data, can be shown to be rare, threatened, and/or endangered under the following definitions:

A species, subspecies, or variety of plant is "endangered" when the prospects of its survival and reproduction are in immediate jeopardy from one or more causes, including loss of habitat, change in habitat, over-exploitation, predation, competition, or disease. A plant is "threatened" when it is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future in the absence of protection measures. A plant is "rare" when, although not presently threatened with extinction, the species, subspecies, or variety is found in such small numbers throughout its range that it may be endangered if its environment worsens.

Rare natural communities are those communities that are of highly limited distribution. These communities may or may not contain rare, threatened, or endangered species. The most current version of the California Natural Diversity Database's List of California Terrestrial Natural Communities may be used as a guide to the names and status of communities.

2. It is appropriate to conduct a botanical field survey to determine if, or to the extent that, rare, threatened, or endangered plants will be affected by a proposed project when:

- a. Natural vegetation occurs on the site, it is unknown if rare, threatened, or endangered plants or habitats occur on the site, and the project has the potential for direct or indirect effects on vegetation; or
- b. Rare plants have historically been identified on the project site, but adequate information for impact assessment is lacking.

3. Botanical consultants should possess the following qualifications:

- a. Experience conducting floristic field surveys;
- b. Knowledge of plant taxonomy and plant community ecology;
- c. Familiarity with the plants of the area, including rare, threatened, and endangered species;
- d. Familiarity with the appropriate state and federal statutes related to plants and plant collecting; and,
- e. Experience with analyzing impacts of development on native plant species and communities.

4. Field surveys should be conducted in a manner that will locate any rare, threatened, or endangered species that may be present. Specifically, rare, threatened, or endangered plant surveys should be:

- a. Conducted in the field at the proper time of year when rare, threatened, or endangered species are both evident and identifiable. Usually, this is when the plants are flowering.

When rare, threatened, or endangered plants are known to occur in the type(s) of habitat present in the project

area, nearby accessible occurrences of the plants (reference sites) should be observed to determine that the species are identifiable at the time of the survey.

b. Floristic in nature. A floristic survey requires that every plant observed be identified to the extent necessary to determine its rarity and listing status. In addition, a sufficient number of visits spaced throughout the growing season are necessary to accurately determine what plants exist on the site. In order to properly characterize the site and document the completeness of the survey, a complete list of plants observed on the site should be included in every botanical survey report.

c. Conducted in a manner that is consistent with conservation ethics. Collections (voucher specimens) of rare, threatened, or endangered species, or suspected rare, threatened, or endangered species should be made only when such actions would not jeopardize the continued existence of the population and in accordance with applicable state and federal permit requirements. A collecting permit from the Habitat Conservation Planning Branch of DFG is required for collection of state-listed plant species. Voucher specimens should be deposited at recognized public herbaria for future reference. Photography should be used to document plant identification and habitat whenever possible, but especially when the population cannot withstand collection of voucher specimens.

d. Conducted using systematic field techniques in all habitats of the site to ensure a thorough coverage of potential impact areas.

e. Well documented. When a rare, threatened, or endangered plant (or rare plant community) is located, a California Native Species (or Community) Field Survey Form or equivalent written form, accompanied by a copy of the appropriate portion of a 7.5 minute topographic map with the occurrence mapped, should be completed and submitted to the Natural Diversity Database. Locations may be best documented using global positioning systems (GPS) and presented in map and digital forms as these tools become more accessible.

5. Reports of botanical field surveys should be included in or with environmental assessments, negative declarations and mitigated negative declarations, Timber Harvesting Plans (THPs), EIR's, and EIS's, and should contain the following information:

- a. Project description, including a detailed map of the project location and study area.
- b. A written description of biological setting referencing the community nomenclature used and a vegetation map.
- c. Detailed description of survey methodology.
- d. Dates of field surveys and total person-hours spent on field surveys.
- e. Results of field survey including detailed maps and specific location data for each plant population found. Investigators are encouraged to provide GPS data and maps documenting population boundaries.
- f. An assessment of potential impacts. This should include a map showing the distribution of plants in relation to proposed activities.
- g. Discussion of the significance of rare, threatened, or endangered plant populations in the project area considering nearby populations and total species distribution.
- h. Recommended measures to avoid impacts.
- i. A list of all plants observed on the project area. Plants should be identified to the taxonomic level necessary to determine whether or not they are rare, threatened or endangered.
- j. Description of reference site(s) visited and phenological development of rare, threatened, or endangered plant(s).
- k. Copies of all California Native Species Field Survey Forms or Natural Community Field Survey Forms.
- l. Name of field investigator(s).
- m. References cited, persons contacted, herbaria visited, and the location of voucher specimens.

Sensitivity of Top Priority Rare Natural Communities in Southern California

Sensitivity rankings are determined by the Department of Fish and Game, California Natural Diversity Data Base and based on either number of known occurrences (locations) and/or amount of habitat remaining (acreage). The three rankings used for these top priority rare natural communities are as follows:

- S1.# Fewer than 6 known locations and/or on fewer than 2,000 acres of habitat remaining.
- S2.# Occurs in 6-20 known locations and/or 2,000-10,000 acres of habitat remaining.
- S3.# Occurs in 21-100-known locations and/or 10,000-50,000 acres of habitat remaining.

The number to the right of the decimal point after the ranking refers to the degree of threat posed to that natural community regardless of the ranking. For example:

S1.1 = very threatened
S2.2 = threatened
S3.3 = no current threats known

Sensitivity Rankings (February 1992)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Community Name</u>
S1.1	Mojave Riparian Forest Sonoran Cottonwood Willow Riparian Mesquite Bosque Elephant Tree Woodland Crucifixion Thorn Woodland Allthorn Woodland Arizonan Woodland Southern California Walnut Forest Mainland Cherry Forest Southern Bishop Pine Forest Torrey Pine Forest Desert Mountain White Fir Forest Southern Dune Scrub Southern Coastal Bluff Scrub Maritime Succulent Scrub Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub Southern Maritime Chaparral Valley Needlegrass Grassland Great Basin Grassland Mojave Desert Grassland Pebble Plains Southern Sedge Bog Cismontane Alkali Marsh

- S1.2 Southern Foredunes
 Mono Pumice Flat
 Southern Interior Basalt Flow Vernal Pool
- S2.1 Venturan Coastal Sage Scrub
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 Riversidean Upland Coastal Sage Scrub
 Riversidean Desert Sage Scrub
 Sagebrush Steppe
 Desert Sink Scrub
 Mafic Southern Mixed Chaparral
 San Diego Mesa Hardpan Vernal Pool
 San Diego Mesa Claypan Vernal Pool
 Alkali Meadow
 Southern Coastal Salt Marsh
 Coastal Brackish Marsh
 Transmontane Alkali Marsh
 Coastal and Valley Freshwater Marsh
 Southern Arroyo Willow Riparian Forest
 Southern Willow Scrub
 Modoc-Great Basin Cottonwood Willow Riparian
 Modoc-Great Basin Riparian Scrub
 Mojave Desert Wash Scrub
 Engelmann Oak Woodland
 Open Engelmann Oak Woodland
 Closed Engelmann Oak Woodland
 Island Oak Woodland
 California Walnut Woodland
 Island Ironwood Forest
 Island Cherry Forest
 Southern Interior Cypress Forest
 Bigcone Spruce-Canyon Oak Forest
- S2.2 Active Coastal Dunes
 Active Desert Dunes
 Stabilized and Partially Stabilized Desert Dunes
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 Mojave Mixed Steppe
 Transmontane Freshwater Marsh
 Coulter Pine Forest
 Southern California Fellfield
 White Mountains Fellfield
- S2.3 Bristlecone Pine Forest
 Limber Pine Forest

FAX

To: Ms. Juralynne Mosley

Company: California Public Utilities Commission

Fax: 1.707.795.0902

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From: Community Development

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NOTES:

Please contact David Bobardt at 805.517.6281 to confirm receipt of the attached fax and if you have any questions.

Thank you.



Message

Page 1 of 1

David Bobardt

From: David Bobardt
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 2:59 PM
To: 'presidentalsub@esaassoc.com'
Subject: Notice of Preparation of an EIR for SCE Presidential Substation

Ms. Juralynne Mosley, Environmental Project Manager

California Public Utilities Commission

c/o Environmental Science Associates

1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105

Petaluma, CA 94954

RE: Notice of Preparation of an EIR for SCE Presidential Substation Project

Dear Ms. Mosley,

Please include the City of Moorpark Community Development Department on the notification list for the SCE Presidential Substation Project EIR, with notices addressed to my attention at the address and e-mail address below. The following comments are provided at this time for your consideration in the preparation of the EIR. Additional comments will be provided once the Draft EIR is reviewed by the City.

1. The new transmission lines through the Tierra Rejada Valley would be visible to residents in the Serenata neighborhood and to travelers along Tierra Rejada Road in Moorpark. The City has recently made a substantial investment in enhanced landscaping along the median of Tierra Rejada Road and at the SR-23/Tierra Rejada Road interchange to make this road more scenic. Although the new steel poles would be replacing existing wooden poles, they would be larger in diameter, taller in height, and more visible due to the higher reflectivity of steel over wood, making the new poles a more dominant feature of the landscape. This impact needs to be analyzed and mitigation needs to be identified in the Draft EIR.
2. The exact location of the substation was not clear from the exhibits on the project website. The City is requesting a visual analysis to identify the areas from which the substation would be visible. Appropriate screening and landscaping should be considered as mitigation to minimize visual impacts.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Presidential Substation Project

From: Lily Wu [lilykwu@gmail.com] **Sent:** Tue 3/17/2009 9:00 AM
To: Presidential Substation Project; lily.wu@disney.com
Cc:
Subject: Protest to SCE Presidential Substation Project
Attachments:

Dear Ms. Juralynne Mosley,

We have a large family and don't have enough rooms to accommodate our living needs. We plan to build a guest house at our backyard and are working with a few contractors at the present time on pricing. My aged mother in her 80's living with us and taking her daily walk at our backyard. We have a swimming pool which is close to the power line. I have taught language for many years and plan to open a class at my house when the guest house is finished. Our family is very excited with the many plans and dreams we have with our house, but the large overhead subtransmission lines which SCE proposed next to my property will totally destroy them.

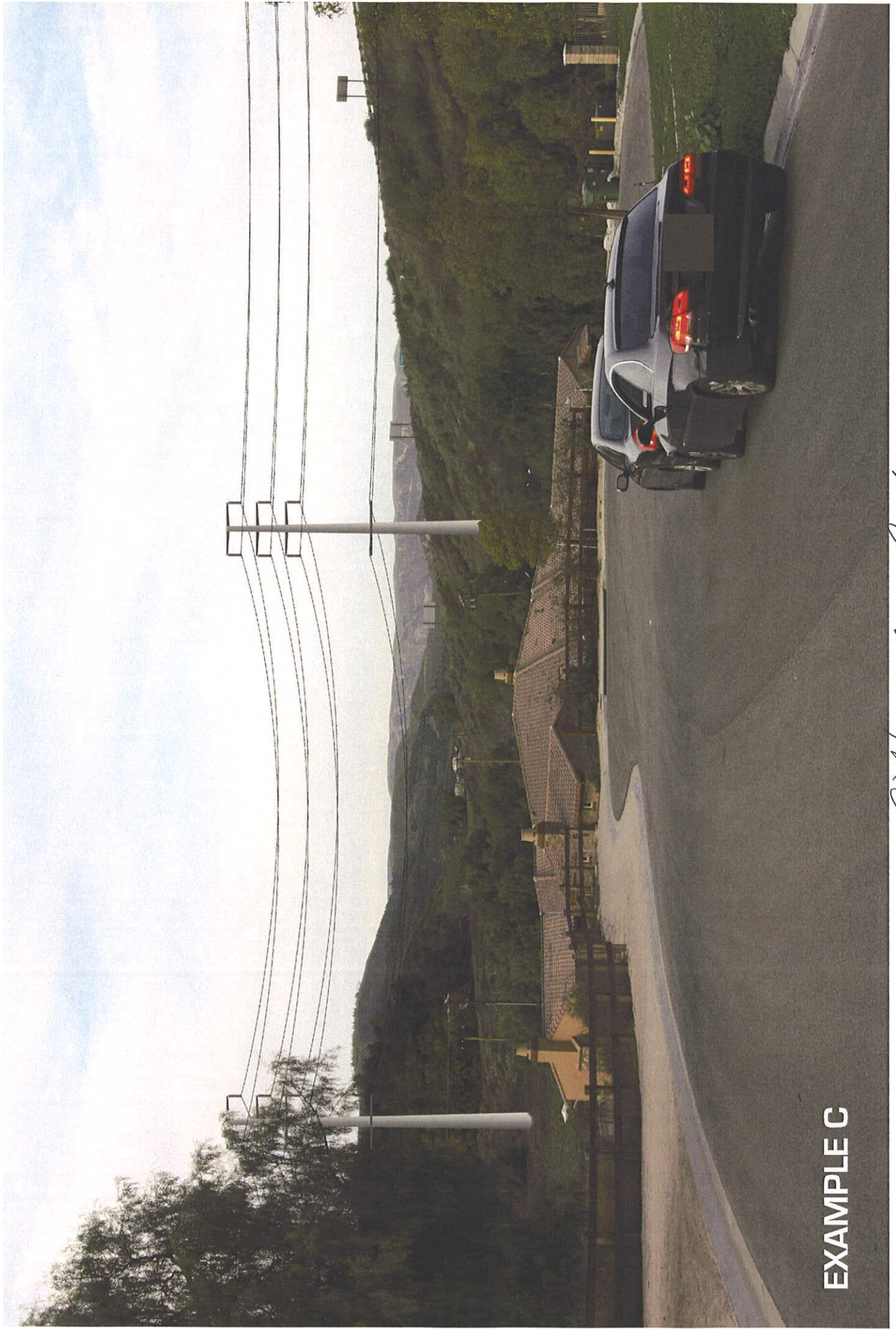
My house is right next to the Underwood Farm, Read Road and 23 freeway. Currently, there are power poles next to the back of my house and the closest one is about 25-30 feet from my property.

If the Presidential Substation Project gets approved, the construction work and future health hazards will bring huge health, mental and financial damages to my family. Please help us stop SCE's project.

As I voiced in our last meeting - let's do things right. The overhead subtransmission line project is a wrong approach for SCE to conduct because the damages it will permenatally bring to our environment and life.

Sincerely,
Lily Wu
Deer Creek Community

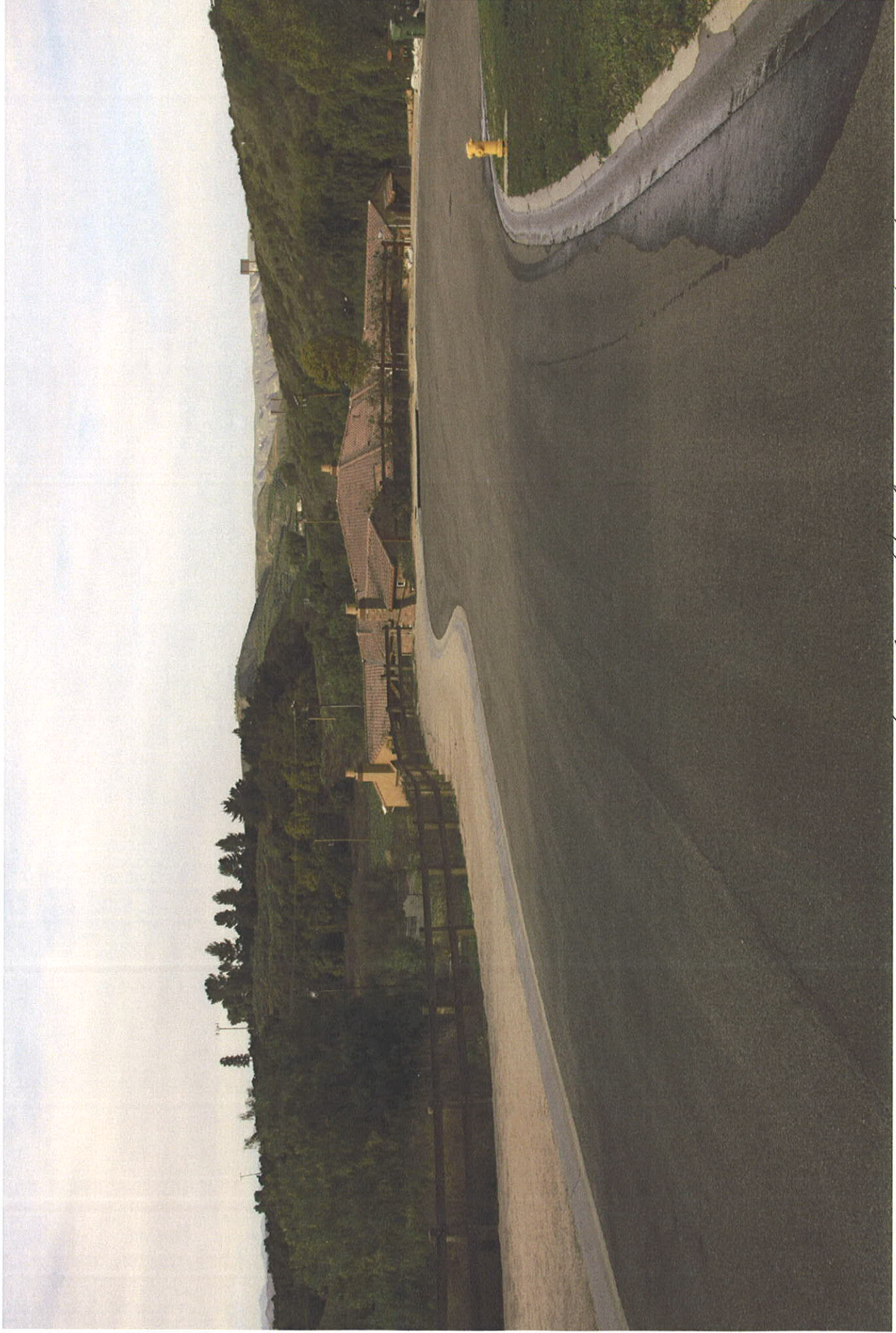
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Lily Wu



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Presidential Substation Project

From: Chris Hansing [chrishansing@earthlink.net] **Sent:** Tue 3/17/2009 9:28 AM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc:
Subject: Ms. Juralynne Mosley (Presidential Substation Project)
Attachments:  [ESA letter.docx\(17KB\)](#)  [Powerpole\(1\).docx\(18KB\)](#)  [Powerpole\(2\).docx\(18KB\)](#)  [Powerpole\(3\).docx\(18KB\)](#)  [SCE Protest.docx\(38KB\)](#)

Ms. Juralynne Mosley,

Thank you for taking the time to review the attached materials.

F. Christopher Hansing.

March 16, 2009

To:

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
C/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Blvd. Suite 105
Petaluma, Ca. 94954

From:

F.Christopher Hansing
4956 Read Rd.
Moorpark, Ca. 93021

Regarding: Presidential Substation Project.

As you read the many letters of protest, listing the many concerns and alternatives for this project, I urge you step back and imagine for a moment why this group of people is so passionate about fighting this project. Ask yourself, why they live in this area, what is so special about Read Rd. in the town of Moorpark, Ca?

The answer will be contained in the numerous letters and pictures that you will see and read. The mere fact that a project of this proportion is possibly going to impact our area has brought many strangers together. Our "Human Environment" has already had a sizable impact on it.

Where we live is one of the few "Environments" we get to choose. We have chosen this area for many reasons and every reason will be impacted by this project. We as humans have a fear of the unknown. Today our state, our country and now our homes are facing unimaginable unknowns. The physical stress that these unknowns are putting on all of our "Human Environments" is substantial.

Please take the time to consider alternatives that will be positive for our "Human Environment". Conservation programs, solar, upgrading existing facilities, or re-location to an area that does not have the negative impact on the "Human Environment".

Once this is done, either way, the impact will be for a long, long time.

Sincerely,

F. Christopher Hansing.

Cc: Senator Tony Strickland, Assemblywoman Audra Strickland, Mr. Peter Foy, Supervisor, County of Ventura, Ms. Kari Finley, County of Ventura, Mr. Jonathan Evans, Center for Biological Diversity, Mr. Thomas P. Glancy, Mayor of the City of Thousand Oaks, Mr. Michael Mania, ESA, Mr. Charles R. Cronin, sTTop, Mr. Mark Towne, City of Thousand Oaks, Ms. Amy Alvan, City of Thousand Oaks.

TO: CPU Commission
Docket Office, Room 2001
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

FROM: F. Christopher Hansing
4956 Read Road
Moorpark, CA 93021
805-553-0239

RE: PROTESTING the application for a permit to construct Presidential Substation Project /
Proceeding # A0812023

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Sincerely,

F. Christopher Hansing

TO: Southern California Edison Co.
Law Dept-Exception Mail
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, Ca. 91770

ATTENTION: Cheryl Lawson

FROM: F. Christopher Hansing
4956 Read Road
Moorpark, CA 93021
805-553-0239

RE: PROTESTING the application for a permit to construct Presidential Substation Project /
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Cheryl Lawson:

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TO: California Public Utilities Commission
Director, Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, Ca. 94102

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Application No. 08-12-023
(Filed December 22, 2008)

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EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL
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F. CHRISTOPHER HANSING
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Pursuant to Rule 2.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), F. Christopher Hansing protests the Application of Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") for a Permit to Construct the Presidential Substation and associated transmission/distribution electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200kV ("the Project").

I. INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

F. Christopher Hansing is concerned with the potential loss of property values. The proposed substation has already led to potential buyers of property in the Read Road area declining to purchase the property. In addition, F. Christopher Hansing is concerned with potential health issues due to the electric and magnetic fields {"EMF"}) impact. F. Christopher Hansing is concerned on the impact on the Natural and Native American resources along the proposed route. Finally, F. Christopher Hansing is concerned about the environmental effects on his neighborhood and community.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

All correspondence, pleadings, orders and notices in this proceeding should be directed to the following:

F. Christopher Hansing
4656 Read Road
Moorpark, Ca. 93021
Telephone: 805-553-0239
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E-Mail: chrishansing@earthlink.net

III. PROTEST

In support of its Protest, F. Christopher Hansing states the following:

SCE has not considered other feasible alternate routes for the Project and compared them to the significant impact that its Project will have on F. Christopher Hansing. SCE's Proponent's Environmental Assessment ("PEA") addresses only three alternative routes. SCE should have studied routes utilizing Tierra Rejada Road which is a four lane highway that is in some places six lanes wide and a far more appropriate location for a significant transmission line and would use an existing transmission corridor. Similarly, SCE should have studied routes utilizing the Route 23 Freeway Corridor, which would allow much of the proposed line to run parallel to the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line and along the freeway right of way which is already a significant disruption of the area. In the course of this proceeding it is likely that other alternatives will be discovered and proposed.

SCE has also failed to analyze the project's impact on the community within its PEA. It has failed to address whether this project is even necessary, especially given that conservation alternative may reduce or eliminate the need for this project.

In addition, SCE's photo simulations are misleading and fail to acknowledge the homes over which many of the subtransmission line poles will abut. These simulations should be

redone to show the visual impact on these homes and the general community.

SCE fails to address other mitigation measures such as undergrounding, especially odd given that there is existing undergrounding in the area that could be utilized.

SCE also fails to address within the PEA the safety hazards imposed by limited emergency access, increased risk of fires, and the traffic hazards imposed by placing poles along a narrow road.

Finally, SCE also fails to address the Native American cultural resources and artifacts that may exist in the direct path of the proposed route of its Project.

IV. Request for Hearing

For these reasons, F. Christopher Hansing believes that a hearing is necessary to address the deficiencies within SCE's PEA for this project and for the Commission to properly make its decision. F. Christopher Hansing respectfully protests this application and requests that the Commission either reconsiders the need for this project proposed by SCE, or designate an alternative route for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 14, 2009

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By

F. Christopher Hansing

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, F. Christopher Hansing, certify that I have on February 14, 2009 caused a copy of the foregoing

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To be served on all known parties to A.08-12-023 listed on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service. I also caused courtesy copies to be hand-delivered as follows:

ALJ Janice L. Grau

California Public Utilities Commission
State Building, Room 5011
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this February 14, 2009 at San Francisco, California.

F. Christopher Hansing

Service List – A.08-12-023
(Updated February 2, 2009)

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RANCHO MADERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

March 17, 2009

Via Regular Mail and Fax (707) 795-0902

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
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Dear Ms. Mosley:

We are the community of Rancho Madera Homeowners Association in Simi Valley, California. Attached please find our Petition to Oppose Southern California Edison (SCE) from Executing Alternative #2 on the Presidential Substation Project.

We have collected one signature per household.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the address below or Bj@RanchoMadera.org.

Sincerely,




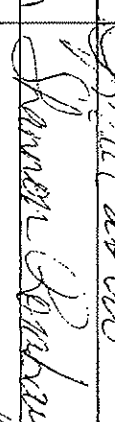
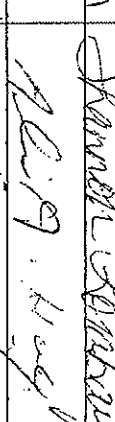
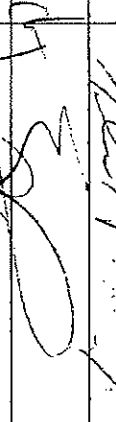
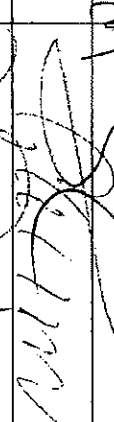


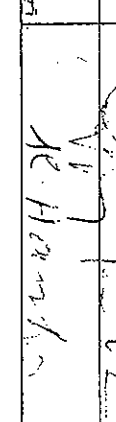
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RANCHO MADERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Alicia Camarillo
Association Manager

c: Board of Directors

Petition to Oppose Southern California Edison(SCE) from Executing Alternative #2 on the Presidential Substation Project

Petition summary and background	This petition opposes SCE Alternative #2 plan that places above ground power lines running into Simi Valley from Olson down Madera to Tierra Rejada. Rancho Madera, a Simi Valley community, located at Wood Ranch Parkway and Madera would be adversely affected by the build out of above ground power lines on this route and does not believe this to be the optimum route for SCE to pursue.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to stop SCE from pursuing alternative #2 as they move forth with the Presidential Substation project.

1.	Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
2.	Marcus L. Castro		721 Eisenhower Hwy	3/11/09
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6.	Alfred Alcala-Hara		777 = =	3/11/09
7.	Juli Schmidt		749 Eisenhower	3/7/09
8.	Carl Johnson		735 Eisenhower	3/7/09
9.	Kimber Davis		742 Eisenhower	3/11/09
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Presidential Substation Project

From: David Bobardt [dbobardt@ci.moorpark.ca.us] **Sent:** Tue 3/17/2009 6:01 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc:
Subject: Notice of Preparation of an EIR for SCE Presidential Substation
Attachments:

Ms. Juralynne Mosley, Environmental Project Manager

California Public Utilities Commission

c/o Environmental Science Associates

1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105

Petaluma, CA 94954

RE: Notice of Preparation of an EIR for SCE Presidential Substation Project

Dear Ms. Mosley,

Please include the City of Moorpark Community Development Department on the notification list for the SCE Presidential Substation Project EIR, with notices addressed to my attention at the address and e-mail address below. The following comments are provided at this time for your consideration in the preparation of the EIR. Additional comments will be provided once the Draft EIR is reviewed by the City.

1. The new transmission lines through the Tierra Rejada Valley would be visible to residents in the Serenata neighborhood and to travelers along Tierra Rejada Road in Moorpark. The City has recently made a substantial investment in enhanced landscaping along the median of Tierra Rejada Road and at the SR-23/Tierra Rejada Road interchange to make this road more scenic. Although the new steel poles would be replacing existing wooden poles, they would be larger in diameter, taller in height, and more visible due to the higher reflectivity of steel over wood, making the new poles a more dominant feature of the landscape. This impact needs to be analyzed and mitigation needs to be identified in the Draft EIR.
2. The exact location of the substation was not clear from the exhibits on the project website. The City is requesting a visual analysis to identify the areas from which the substation would be visible. Appropriate screening and landscaping should be considered as mitigation to minimize visual impacts.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Presidential Substation Project

From: Mercedes Todesco [mtlegal@hotmail.com] **Sent:** Wed 3/18/2009 12:55 PM
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Cc:
Subject: Comments to ESA Re Presidential Substation Project
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Dear Ms. Juralynne Mosley, and To Whom It May Concern,

Please see the attached letter containing our Public Scoping Comments along with a copy of our Protest filed with CPUC Proceeding No. A08-12-023.

Thank you,

Mercedes Todesco

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Deziderio Todesco

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March 18, 2009

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
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Re: Public Scoping Comments in Opposition to the Presidential Substation Project
As Proposed

Dear Ms. Mosley and to Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for considering the public's comments regarding the Presidential Substation Project ("Project"). My family designed, built and owns the custom estate at 4964 Read Road in Thousand Oaks, California. We oppose the Presidential Substation Project ("Project") *as proposed* for the following reasons.

1. We are very concerned with fire and health hazards. Above ground transmission lines are more susceptible to environmental forces, such as high winds and earthquakes. Such threats as downed power lines are a danger to public safety and electric sparks from downed lines would increase the risk of fire. Also, Read Road backs up to open space with natural brush, which could easily catch fire and threaten surrounding neighborhood communities leading to massive property loss and/or worse – loss of human life.
2. Exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) pose serious health hazards and remain a serious concern. Despite SCE's quick dismissal of the risks, there is considerable debate in the medical field such that research in this area is still ongoing.
3. The above ground transmission to feed the substation would be a hideous eyesore. It would destroy the natural scenic view that makes the neighborhood so beautiful and desirable.

4. The increase in demand for electricity is disputable. The cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks are nearly completely built out. The demand projections have not been sufficiently justified to support the Project.
5. An existing electric pole abuts against our home's already narrow driveway. The proposed transmission lines have a much wider base. We are concerned about safety and interference and oppose such a structure so close to our driveway. We would also oppose the placement of any such structure in front of our home.
6. SCE should encourage more energy conservation instead of the proposed Project, even implementing higher tiered rates for high or excessive usage.
7. It would devastate our property values. Despite SCE's position that other economic factors contribute to property value declines, the Project would result in a permanent decrease in property values unrelated to any cyclical housing market or economic environment. The result would be a reduced or inability to sell the property and the assessor would see a flood of challenges to the property tax assessment resulting in a significant decrease of property tax revenue to the state, county and city.
8. The city of Thousand Oaks has moved toward and requires undergrounding. SCE should be progressive and underground the transmission lines.
 - a. Costs to underground versus costs for the proposed project and other alternatives have not been provided or sufficiently addressed. It was stated that the estimated cost to underground was 5 cents per month per household, a reasonable cost for the long-term benefits of undergrounding the transmission lines.
 - b. Even higher undergrounding costs justify the intangible but significant benefits, such as emotional and enjoyment value, of preserving the natural picturesque environment, which would be accomplished by undergrounding the transmission lines along Read Road.
 - c. Undergrounding the transmission lines would significantly minimize exposure and concerns of EMFs.
 - d. Undergrounding may require more labor, time and materials, however this would nonetheless be a worthwhile expenditure and provide good jobs, demand for materials and help stimulate the economy.
 - e. By undergrounding, SCE would act responsibly and make a long-term upgrade, while respecting the concerns of residents and the aesthetics of the area.
 - f. Regardless, SCE is in the best position to bear the cost of placing the transmission lines underground, as it can spread the cost over a larger number of customers and recoup the cost over time.**

In addition to the foregoing, we submit our Protest filed in the Public Utilities Commission Proceeding No. A08-12-023, attached hereto.

My family strongly opposes the Project as presented. While we understand there may be a need to increase capacity to support a possible expected electricity demand, this must be done without compromising the quality of life in the area and neighborhood. Please deny or modify the SCE Presidential Substation Project so that any transmission lines passing through Read Road and our community are placed underground. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mercedes Todesco for:

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Teresa Todesco
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Marco Todesco

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY)
(U338E) FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT)
ELECTRICAL FACILITIES WITH VOLTAGES)
BETWEEN 50 kV AND 200 kV: PRESIDENTIAL)
SUBSTATION PROJECT)
_____)

Proceeding No.: A08-12-023

**PROTEST TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION AND
ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES, REQUEST FOR
HEARING AND REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME BEYOND
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF
TIME TO FILE PROTESTS TO FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

Pursuant to Rule 2.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California
Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Deziderio Todesco, Teresa Todesco,
Mercedes Todesco, Marco Todesco (collectively "Todesco" and "Protestant") protest the
Application of Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") for a Permit to Construct
the Presidential Substation and associated transmission/distribution electrical facilities
with voltages between 50 kV and 200kV ("the Project") and request that a public hearing

be held and that the time to respond and file protests be extended by at least another 30 days beyond the extension already provided in the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting an Extension of Time to File Protests to February 20, 2009.

The Certificate of Service of the Application indicates that the above-captioned Application was filed with the CPUC on December 22, 2008. The Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting an Extension of Time to File Protests to February 20, 2009 was granted on or about February 2, 2009. Therefore, this protest is filed within the time prescribed.

INTRODUCTION

SCE is proposing to construct the Project, which would consist of a new 66/16 kV substation (the Presidential Substation) located on the south side of Olsen Road in Thousand Oaks, California, and the installation of new and larger subtransmission poles and conductor along 3.5 miles of existing right of way in both the City of Thousand Oaks and adjacent unincorporated Ventura County. As stated by SCE in its Notice of Application for Permit to Construct, the intention of the Project is to link the new substation to two existing 66 kV subtransmission lines, (Moorpark-Royal No. 2 and Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No. 2) SCE further states in its Notice that "[t]he purpose of the Proposed Project is to meet forecasted electrical demands in the cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent unincorporated portions of Ventura County.

INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

Protestants are owners and/or have interest in the residential estate located at 4964 Read Road, Thousand Oaks, California located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed subtransmission line along Read Road. Todesco's property lines is one of a number of

residences whose property line lies within 5 feet of the span of the proposed new towers, which are far larger than the existing distribution poles, and all will have substantial visual impact from the new lines. There is limited access to the residents' properties via Read Road and the installation of high voltage subtransmission lines along this emergency access route increases the hazard risk to residents from wildland fires.

Protestants' full name, address and phone number are as follows:

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All correspondence, pleadings, orders and notices in this proceeding should be directed to the following Todesco representative address:

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PROTEST

The Application should not be granted for the following reasons which are based on Todesco's information and belief:

- A. Alternative 4 should be considered which is Moorpark Road to Tierra Rejada Road and east of Route 23. Resubmission to CPUC with Alternatives addressed. Only one (1) mile of new lines is needed versus 3.5 miles under Alternative 3. Simulations are required from various points of location.
- B. Alternative 5 should be considered which is Moorpark Road to Tierra Rejada to Madera to Olsen Road. Resubmission to CPUC with Alternatives addressed. Only 1.2 miles of new lines are required versus 3.5 miles under Alternative 3. Simulations are required from various points of location.
- C. The Native Land summary should be updated due to post-1999 discoveries. Additional finds were located in 2003 which were not covered in SCE's report.
- D. SCE should provide a detailed cost comparison of underground cables along Read Road under Alternative 3.
- E. The lost revenue to the City of Thousand Oaks should be identified with the conversion of the proposed substation of 42 acres to SCE use rather than residential.
- F. SCE should adequately explain the demand increase considering the limited development available in the affected area.
- G. SCE should provide true simulations showing the power towers and proximity to homes of the south side of Read Road and the 100 foot towers over

the 23 Freeway. The perspective of the simulations should be from Read Road, the Regan Library and the homes from Maya Pradera.

H. SCE should provide an environmental impact of utilization of the subtransmission lines along the east side of Route 23 Freeway within Caltrans right-of-way and easement.

I. SCE should explain why the existing tunnel under the Route 23 Freeway cannot be used as an alternative to the 100 foot high subtransmission lines. Please note that when the 100 foot towers are placed on the 50+ foot grade, they are 150 feet above the surrounding homes.

J. The cumulative EMF impact of the homes near the intersection of Sunset Valley and Read Road and the intersection of the line west of Read Road and Read Road should be determined. These two areas are intersections of lines and the EMF impact is greater than with a single line.

K. The EMF diagrams should be updated to show the 3x2 towers cited as the 64kv lines for Section 3. The report to the CPUC only shows the EMF for Sections 1 and 2.

L. Input should be solicited from COSCA on the impact to the open space and the 4.5 acres of land they control at 1919 Maya Pradera. The power towers are on the land of the property line.

M. The 4 foot base of the towers are three to four times the width of the telephone poles along Read Road. Given that Read Road is very narrow and the power towers are so large, the safety impact for cars traveling on Read Road should be determined. Please note that Read Road is the only means of ingress

and egress for 30+ households. Read Road barely accepts two cars in opposite directions, and the power towers will add a considerable safety hazard.

N. The exact location of each power tower including the full size of the base to the trees affected by the construction and the exact proximity to each residence should be developed. The exact EMF impact should be determined.

O. An alternative of specific conservation and incentive programs to the households in the “demand” area should be developed and proposed and used as a prototype for savings throughout California. Such conservation and rebate incentives would have far less negative impact than the power towers’ construction. The defined area would also allow for measurable results; this is Alternative 6.

P. Simi Valley should develop an alternative within their City since the “demand” is based on customers within Simi Valley.

Q. The fire safety of the power towers should be determined given that they will run along the only exit road available to 20 households once the City of Thousand Oaks gates and locks the emergency road.

The granting of the Application would have the following effects upon the Protestants,

1. Health issues due to the EMF impact.
2. Loss of property values. This is particularly evident as potential buyers of property in the Read Road area have declined to purchase because of the proposed substation.
3. Environmental impact to the Read Road and surrounding areas.

In further support of their Protest, Todesco states the following on their information and belief:

The City of Thousand Oaks and the adjacent unincorporated portion of Ventura County in the vicinity of the proposed project contains numerous residences as well as land designated as open space. Both the Route 23 Freeway and Olsen Road, which would be impacted by the proposed route are City-designated scenic highways. In addition, the proposed SCE route passes immediately adjacent to land owned by the Conejo Open Space Conservation Area (COSCA) which holds significant Native American Indian archeological resources. The location and path of these resources make it highly likely that they extend under the path of the right of way SCE seeks to utilize for its project. Todesco is interested in protecting the safety and welfare of its member residents, and preserving the financial value and visual resources of their properties, and has intervened in this proceeding to ensure that all feasible alternate routes for the Project are fully studied and compared to the significant impact that the SCE Project would have on the Todesco estate.

A. SCE Failed to Adequately Consider Alternatives

SCE's filed a Proponent's Environmental Assessment ("PEA") with its Application in this proceeding. The Application and the PEA address only three alternative routes: Alternative 1., which also uses Read Rd. to access the substation and then proceeds north to access the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line at Esperance Drive; Alternative 2., which proceeds from the Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No. 2 line along Olsen Rd. to the substation and thence to the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line along Madera Road; and Alternative 3, the SCE preferred route, which proceeds from the Moorpark-

Thousand Oaks No. 2 line eastward along Read Road to the substation, and then doubles back westward along Read Road before proceeding north to meet the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line along Sunset Valley Road. Several other promising alternative routes appear not to have been studied by SCE, and should be fully considered by the Commission before it selects a final routing for the Project.

1. Alternatives Utilizing Tierra Rejada Road

In particular, as suggested in the protest letter of the City of Thousand Oaks, there was a previous proposal to construct the subtransmission lines east of the City of Thousand Oaks, in the vicinity of the City of Simi Valley, and no such alternative is studied in the SCE PEA. If, as Todesco believes, any forecasted additional electrical demand is primarily due to growth in and around the City of Simi Valley, SCE should be required to study alternatives that locate both the substation and the subtransmission lines in that City. In particular, Todesco notes that the Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No. 2 and Moorpark-Royal No. 2 lines are located only a very short distance apart at the eastern edge of the Project area in the vicinity of Moorpark Road. See Figure 2.1 of the PEA. SCE should be required to study extending a line from Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No. 2 eastward immediately adjacent to the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line to a substation location somewhere in proximity to Simi Valley. Such a line could be built along Tierra Rejada Road. It is important to note that Tierra Rejada Road is a four lane highway, and in some places it is six lanes wide. This is a very heavily traveled road with no residences close by. In addition, SCE already has significant power poles and wires along the highway. In sum, it is a far more appropriate location for a significant subtransmission line. Siting the line in this location would make better use of an existing transmission corridor and

completely avoid the substantial negative impacts of the Project in the Thousand Oaks area.

2. Alternatives Utilizing Route 23 Freeway Corridor

SCE should be required to consider other alternatives for accessing the proposed substation location. As indicated in the preceding section, SCE could construct a subtransmission line along Tierra Rejada Road paralleling the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line eastward from the closest point between the two subtransmission lines. It could then extend the line south along the eastern edge of the Route 23 Freeway and travel a much shorter distance along Read Road to access the substation location. The Freeway right of way is already a significant disruption of the surrounding area. In addition, the raised height of the Freeway in that location means that the subtransmission poles would appear relatively lower in height from the Freeway than they would from grade level elsewhere in the community.

3. Other Alternatives

In the course of this proceeding, allowing for discovery, Todesco may be able to identify other alternatives to the three proposed by SCE. Todesco reserves the right to propose other alternatives.

B. The PEA's Analysis of the Project's Impact on the Community Appears Deficient

Todesco has identified numerous deficiencies in the PEA for the Project. All of these important issues should be addressed in the CEQA analysis of the project, and they may well result in a determination that the proposed Project is not the environmentally preferred project.

1. Need for the Project

SCE has not sufficiently justified the need for the Project. In the PEA, SCE offers Table 1.1 to justify the need, indicating that the Projected Peak Demand for the Electrical Needs Study Area has increased in the last two years. However, SCE's own data suggests that the actual Peak Demand experienced in the Study Area has decreased each year from 2006 to 2007 to 2008. The actual decrease in peak demand is nearly 8% over that period. In light of this, more justification for the Project, and more specificity as to whether any such demand is located in Thousand Oaks or in Simi Valley is required. There is little or no discussion in the PEA of conservation alternatives that could reduce or eliminate the need for the Project. Given the Commission's emphasis on energy efficiency and conservation, the No Project Alternative must be reinforced by a thorough discussion of the potential for energy efficiency investments to obviate the need for the Project, particularly in the light of declining peak demand.

2. The Photo Simulations of the Project Are Misleading and Incomplete and Must Be Revised

SCE's photo simulations of the proposed route have been crafted to carefully exclude any sight of the homes of Todesco's estate or area residents. See PEA, Figure 4.1-4. In fact, the proposed subtransmission line poles will nearly overhang the property line of several residents and, Todesco and all residences will have substantial visual impacts from the Project as designed. The photo simulations should be taken from numerous additional vantage points to illustrate the impact from residences as well as from along Read Road itself. This can be done by taking photographs at right angles to

the highway. In addition, additional photo simulations should be prepared for the other alternatives discussed in this Protest or which may be developed during the proceeding.

3. The PEA is Deficient in Failing to Address Additional Mitigation Measures Such as Undergrounding

SCE does not discuss the fact that some of its existing lines are routed underground where they cross the Route 23 Freeway. Accordingly, SCE should address the cost of undergrounding its proposed line in the vicinity of Todesco's estate and residences along Read Road. Similarly, the use of the existing tunnel for electric facilities should be studied and compared to the cost and impacts of the Project.

4. The PEA's Consideration of Safety Hazards is Inadequate

There is no discussion in the Hazard subsection of the PEA regarding the limited emergency access to Todesco's estate or the other residences along Read Road. See PEA pp. 4-107 to 4-115. Accordingly, the analysis is deficient by not addressing the increased risk of wildland fire danger in an area with limited automobile access. In addition, the replacement of the usual size of electric distribution poles with subtransmission towers that may be between "2-4 feet" in diameter at the base creates substantial additional hazards along a narrow road that can barely accept two cars passing side by side. The additional traffic hazard has not been addressed in the PEA.

5. The PEA Analysis of Cultural Resources is Deficient

Todesco is informed and believes that there are significant Native American cultural resources and artifacts located on the open space property controlled by the Conejo Open Space Conservation Area (COSCA) at 1919 Maya Pradera. This property is located immediately adjacent to the Project route. Todesco is informed that earlier studies showed a pattern of artifacts and resources that would trail in the direction of the SCE

Project right of way. There should be a careful study of the Project route in the area adjacent to the COSCA property to determine if there will be significant impacts on cultural resources at that location.

C. Todesco Requests a Hearing to Address the Factual Deficiencies in the Application and the PEA and to Develop an Appropriate Record Upon Which the Commission Can Act

Based upon all the foregoing, Todesco submits that sufficient material factual issues exist regarding the adequacy of the PEA and the sufficiency of SCE's examination of potential alternative routes for the project and the substation. Therefore, Todesco requests a hearing be held to ascertain the facts and develop an appropriate record for the Commission to use in making a decision in this proceeding.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PROTEST BEYOND FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Todesco requests the time to respond and file protests be extended at least another 30 days beyond the extension already provided in the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting an Extension of Time to File Protests to February 20, 2009 for the following reasons.

First, the only notice Todesco received was the NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION PROJECT Date: December 22, 2008 attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

It specifies in pertinent part the following:

“ All protests must be mailed to the CPUC and SCE concurrently and should include the following:

1. Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number.

2. Reference to the Project Name identified above.
 3. A clear and concise description of the reason for the protest.
- Protest for this Application must be mailed WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS TO.... [CPUC Docket Office..., CPUC Director, Energy Division ... and SCE's Law Dept....:]”

Todesco was *never* provided with notice of the requirement for filing a “formal protest” with the Administrative Law Judge and was never provided with any reference to the instant Proceeding No. A08-12-023 captioned above. Todesco sent letters of protest as directed in the Notice of Application, Exhibit “A.” See Todesco letters of protest attached hereto as Exhibit “B.”

Indeed, Todesco reasonably believed that they had filed a “proper protest.” It was not until Todesco received the Administrative Ruling on or about February 6, 2009 that they learned *only two* protests were filed, neither of which were Todesco’s protests. The CPUC’s public advisor’s office confirmed that Todesco’s written correspondence of protest did not count as a formal protest. Todesco believes that other impacted residents and interested parties also similarly believed that their written correspondence of protest counted, but in reality, their protests *were not counted as “filed protests.”*

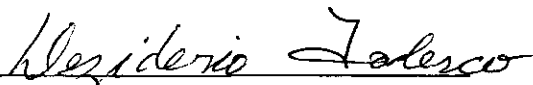
The manner in which to file protests was not sufficiently clear. Therefore, Todesco respectfully requests a further extension in which to file protests be extended by at least another 30 days beyond February 20, 2009 to allow other impacted residents and interested parties fair an adequate opportunity to file formal protests in the instant proceeding.

CONCLUSION

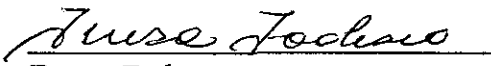
For the reasons set forth above, Todesco respectfully requests that the Commission reject SCE's currently proposed route for the Project, and direct SCE to work with Todesco and other interested residents and the City of Thousand Oaks to reconsider the need for the Project, or, in the alternative, devise an alternate route which will meet SCE's goal to connect the two subtransmission lines; and that public hearings be set so that all who protest the Project can present and develop their grounds for protesting the Application; and that a further extension to file protests be extended at least another 30 days beyond February 20, 2009 to allow other impacted residents and interested parties fair an adequate opportunity to file formal protests in the instant proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 13, 2009


Deziderio Todesco
Protestant

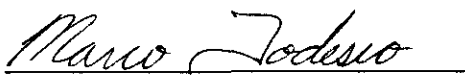
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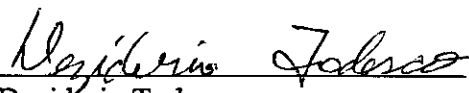
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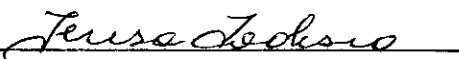
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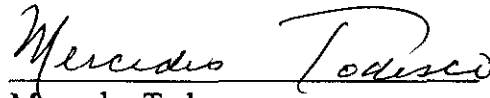
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION PROJECT

Date: December 22, 2008

Proposed Project: Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a permit to construct (PTC) the Presidential Substation Project (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project includes the following elements:

- Construction of a new 66/16 kilovolt (kV), low-profile distribution substation (Presidential Substation) on an approximately four acre site on the south side of Olsen Road in the City of Thousand Oaks, and abuts the City of Simi Valley boundary (please see map on back of this notice).
- Removal of approximately 79 distribution poles and 5 subtransmission poles located within existing rights-of-way, and replacement with approximately 83 subtransmission poles to accommodate a new 66 kV subtransmission line that would feed the proposed substation from two existing 66 kV subtransmission lines (Moorpark-Royal No. 2 and Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No. 2 66 kV subtransmission lines). Construction of the new subtransmission line would occur within approximately 3.5 miles of existing right-of-way. The new subtransmission line route is as follows:
 - The subtransmission line route originates near the intersection of Read Road and Moorpark Road in unincorporated Ventura County, and extends east along the south side of Read Road within the City of Thousand Oaks, crosses State Highway 23, and continues east to the substation site.
 - The subtransmission line route then exits the substation, trends west along the same route, turns north on Sunset Valley Road in unincorporated Ventura County, and continues to the intersection of Tierra Rejada Road and Sunset Valley Road
- Construction of four new 16 kV distribution getaways at the substation.
- Installation of new fiber optic cable and communication equipment along the subtransmission route to connect the Presidential Substation to SCE's existing telecommunication system.

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to meet forecasted electrical demands in the cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent areas of unincorporated Ventura County (Electrical Needs Area). Based on earlier forecasts, SCE had previously stated that projected demand for electrical service in Electrical Needs Area would exceed the capacity at its existing facilities as early as summer of 2010. SCE recently updated its annual electrical forecast for the area, and determined that projected demand for electrical service in the area would instead exceed the capacity at its existing facilities as early as summer of 2011. The region's economic slowdown and overall decline in housing and commercial development has led SCE to a more moderate forecast for electrical demand in the area.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2010. The Proposed Project is planned to be operational by June 2011.

Environmental Assessment: SCE has prepared a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA), which includes an analysis of potential environmental impacts created by the construction and operation of the proposed project. The PEA concludes that the proposed project would not result in any significant environmental impacts.

EMF Compliance: The CPUC requires utilities to employ "no cost" and "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMF). In accordance with "EMF Design Guidelines" filed with the CPUC in compliance with CPUC Decisions 93-11-013 and 06-01-042, SCE would implement the following measure(s) for the proposed project:

1. Placing major substation electric equipment (such as transformers) away from the proposed substation property lines;
2. Using pole heights that meet or exceed the Preferred Design criteria as specified in SCE's EMF Design Guidelines in areas where there are residences near the proposed line route;
3. Using "double-circuit" construction that reduces spacing between circuits as compared to single-circuit construction; and
4. Phasing circuits to reduce the magnetic fields.

Public Review Process: SCE has filed an application with the CPUC for a PTC for the proposed project. Pursuant to the CPUC Rules of Practice and Procedure, any affected party may, within 30 days of the date on this notice, (i.e., no later than January 21, 2009), protest, and request that the CPUC hold hearings on the application. If the CPUC as a result of its investigation determines that public hearings should be held, notice shall be sent to each person or entity who is entitled to notice or who has requested a hearing.

All protests must be mailed to the CPUC and SCE concurrently and should include the following:

1. Your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number.
2. Reference to the Project Name identified above.
3. A clear and concise description of the reason for the protest.

Protest for this Application must be mailed WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS to:

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Docket Office, Room 2001
505 Van Ness Avenue
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For assistance in filing a protest, please call the CPUC's Public Advisor in San Francisco at (415) 703-2074 or in Los Angeles at (213) 576-7055.

To review a copy of SCE's Application, or to request further information, please contact:

For Simi Valley:

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25625 W. Rye Canyon Road
Valencia, CA 91355
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Fax: (661) 257-8297
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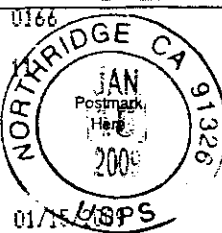
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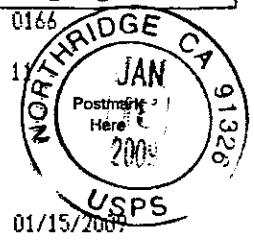
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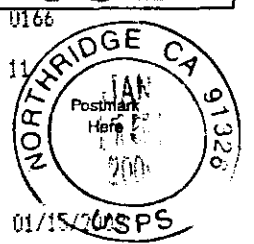
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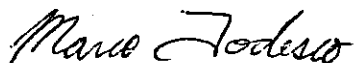
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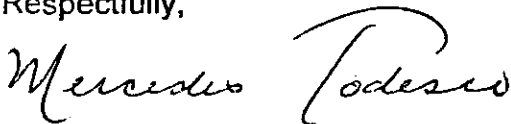
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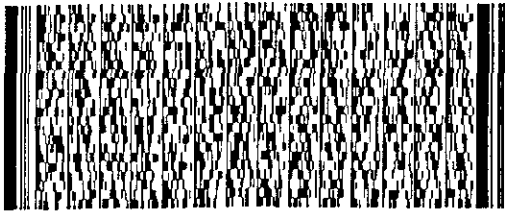
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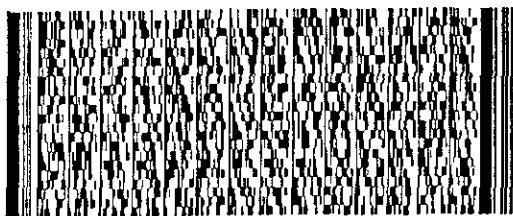


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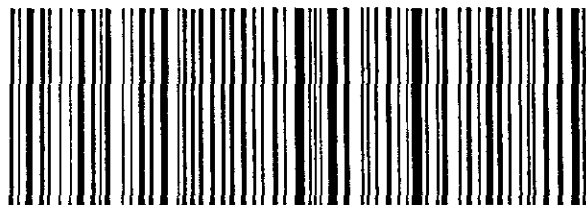


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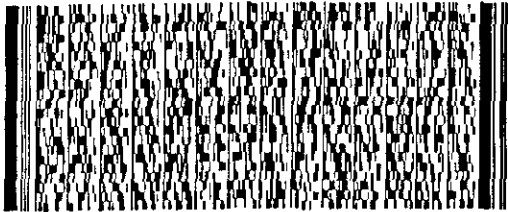
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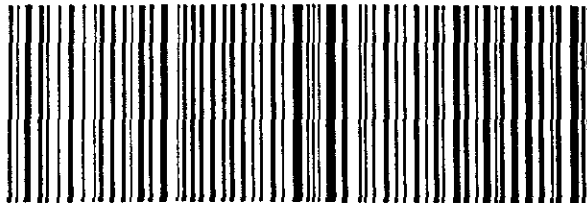
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To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc:
Subject: Presidential Substation Project
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Dear Ms. Mosley,

Attached are my comments on the Presidential Substation Project. Also attached is my original protest letter to the Public Utilities Commission dated January 15, 2009. I will re-fax these documents today as well as sending a signed copy of these documents through the postal service. I attempted to fax them last night, 3/18/2009, but all the pages did not go through.

Thank you,


Martin A. Josephson, M.D.
4906 Read Road
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Ms. Juralynne Mosely

Attached are my comments for your environmental review of the
Presidential Substation Project

Martin A. Josephson, M.D.

March 16, 2009

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
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Dear Ms. Mosley

Enclosed are my comments regarding the proposed presidential substation project. I am also enclosing my protest letter to the CPUC dated January, 15, 2009. I am a 17 year resident of Read Road and will be severely and adversely impacted if this project is completed. I have attended Thousand Oaks City Council meetings where this project was discussed, concerned citizen's meetings and the March 3rd scoping meeting in Thousand Oaks. I have yet to be convinced by SCE of the need to proceed with this project. If the CEQA review process supports SCE's assertions that this project must be built, then I am certain that there are better alternative routes for the subtransmission lines as well as the substation. Read Road is a narrow two lane country road with a number of residential structures. It is scenic corridor, part of the Tierra Rejada greenbelt region. The landscape and vistas will be forever altered if steel poles are placed along Read Road. It would be preferable to place the transmission lines on Tierra Rejada Road. This is a four lane highway with a center turning lane, bicycle lanes on both sides of the highway and a large shoulder on the south side of the road. It already has a set of transmission lines which are set back further from the shoulder. If SCE says there is no room for a second set of poles on the south side of the road, then perhaps larger poles could be used or a second set of poles could be placed on the opposite side of the highway. I travel Tierra Rejada Road frequently and it appears to me that there is ample room for additional transmission lines. The new transmission lines could then course south over uninhabited fields to the proposed substation site. There are no homes on Tierra Rejada as is the case for Read Road. If this project is allowed to go forward cost alone should not decide where the new transmission lines are placed. A longer route, although more costly should still be preferable over the proposed route if it has significantly less adverse environmental effects.

The proposed power lines would run over the Underwood Farms, which are frequented throughout the year by grade school children. It is also the site of Civil War re-enactments which both my grade school children had to attend for social studies credit. The construction of this project would adversely affect one of our areas agricultural resources. I regularly jog and ride my bike from my property along Read Road. The proposed steel power lines would negatively impact my recreation friendly neighborhood. I am concerned regarding the safety of placing large diameter steel poles along a narrow country road. I am also concerned this project will complicate if not preclude the ability to place sewer lines along Read Road at some later time. Read Road

residences are currently on septic systems. I am greatly concerned about noise and dirt pollution during the construction phase as well traffic congestion this project will surely create. It is extremely dangerous trying to turn from Read Road onto Moorpark Road in the mornings when I, or my wife, are taking our kids to school. This problem of left turn to Moorpark Road during peak traffic times was not appropriately planned for when the county re-routed Moorpark Road ten years ago. Construction equipment, trucks and labor crews will certainly make a difficult morning drive significantly more dangerous. I have major concerns regarding health hazards placing transmission lines so close to residences. Although your review does not directly address property values, they will decline for all the reasons mentioned above. For my family, and many of the others of this area, it is unfair for SCE to construct a project, which will so adversely affect so many lives. If the project cannot be postponed until sufficient need is irrefutably demonstrated, or avoided by upgrading other facilities, then certainly a better route can be found.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Josephson, M.D.

Chureeporn Josephson

cc.

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Assemblywoman Audra Strickland

Mr. Peter Foy, Supervisor, County of Ventura

Ms. Kari Finley, County of Ventura

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Mr. Charles R. Cronin, sTTop

Mr. Mark Towne, City of Thousand Oaks

Ms. Amy Albano, City of Thousand Oaks

January 15, 2009

To: California Public Utilities Commission
Director, Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

From: Martin A. Josephson, M.D.
4906 Read Road
Moorpark, CA 93021
Work phone: (805) 496-2994
Mobile phone: (805) 427-1452

Re: Protest of proposed Presidential Substation Project (SCE) and request for hearing

I am protesting the proposed substation project for the following multiple reasons. I will try to be concise in explaining my reasons for protest, however, the SCE proposal approaches 200 pages and, given the importance of this proposal for my future, several pages are required to express my concerns. There are five major concerns I have regarding the SCE proposal. These are the process, health concerns, safety concerns, financial concerns and most importantly environmental concerns.

Background: I moved to Thousand Oaks, CA in 1989 to join a cardiology practice and raise a family. In 1992 I purchased my current residence on North Moorpark Road (street name changed to Read Road by Ventura County in 2001). I have a 14 year old son and 12 year old daughter. My residence borders on the Tierra Rejada greenbelt, an area ranches, agricultural land and residences with most parcels 5 or more acres. It is a rural setting, which serves as a buffer between the cities of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Moorpark. The beauty of this areas vistas and open spaces was what led me to put the majority of my life's savings into remodeling the small ranch home I purchased in 1992. SCE now wants to forever change the landscape of the Tierra Rejada greenbelt by the construction of the Presidential 66/16 Kilovolt Substation Project and the associated subtransmission lines proposed to run along Read Road directly in front of my house.

Process: SCE originally proposed a route for the subtransmission lines to run along Olsen and Madera Roads and not on Read Road. Madera and Olsen Roads are major thoroughfares connecting Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. An open house meeting was held on August 27, 2008 to discuss the proposed lines. I was not informed of nor aware of that meeting which apparently was mentioned in the local paper the day before. An apparent outcry from local residents and city officials at that meeting led SCE to change the route to an alternate route along Read Road. I do not believe any residents of Read Road were notified by Edison of that meeting. On December 23, SCE posted a small, difficult to read notice, on a stake in front of my house notifying me of project and the proposed alternate route in front of my house. I had 30 days to file my protest. I was on vacation for twelve of those days and with the Christmas and New Year's Holidays combined with a busy work schedule this left little time to review and protest the

proposal. I asked Mr. Rudy Gonzales, SCE Region Manager why the route was changed and was told by Mr. Gonzales that the cities (Simi and or Thousand Oaks) were not happy with the project. I also asked Mr. Gonzalez why the lines could not be buried and he said they usually don't underground transmission lines because of cost. I attended the Thousand Oaks City Council meeting January 14, 2009 where it was clear that none of the five city council members were in favor of overhead transmission lines being placed down Read Road. However, they made the point that they were powerless to stop SCE but they would draft a strong letter of protest to the Public Utilities Commission. City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Gillette stated that cost was not an acceptable excuse for not burying these lines. I suggested to Mr. Gonzales that the cost of undergrounding the new transmission lines which run in front of residences be levied on the users of these power lines. Mr. Gonzales response was that SCE doesn't know who the users will be and that would only be determined after the project was completed. He said Edison did not yet know if the new power to be supplied by this project would go to Simi Valley or Thousand Oaks. This is an important question since the city of Thousand Oaks is almost completely built out. It is presumptuous of SCE to propose placing hideous power lines in a sparsely populated rural area of Thousand Oaks to supply unidentified users miles away. Although no-one wants power lines of any type in front of their property, wooden poles, each with a slightly different tilt are a part of the landscape of rural America. Large steel transmission lines have no place in a residential/greenbelt area and must be stopped. This begs the question that SCE needs to re-evaluate the need for this project and future usage requirements given current economic forecasts and area demographics. In their proposal they present simulated pictures of the new steel power lines which are obviously misleading. They deliberately show the power lines over farmland and not in front of houses, which minimizes the adverse environmental effects of these structures.

Health concerns: As a health care provider for nearly forty years, I am probably less concerned about electromagnetic field effects than other Read Road residents. Nevertheless, they are not likely negligible and I am skeptical about SCE's statement that phasing of circuits would decrease field effects. Regardless of the potential health risks these lines may pose, the fact that so many people feel they have detrimental health effects would dramatically decrease property values when placed in front of residences.

Safety Concerns: These lines will likely increase the risk of fires and accidents. The Tierra Rejada corridor is probably the windiest region of Thousand Oaks and a high wildfire risk area on windy days. Numerous wildfires have been caused by sparks from arcing lines and fire risk would be increased by these high voltage power lines. Steel poles have no place on this rural country road and would likely increase the risk of injury from vehicular accidents.

Financial Concerns: SCE's arbitrary decision to place transmission lines on Read Road will unquestionably severely negatively impact property values. Prior to the economic and real estate downturn of 2008, many of the properties on Read Road exceeded \$1,000,000 in value. These power lines will unquestionably and permanently decrease property values in this area. It is as if SCE has the ability to place an irrevocable tax

assessment on property owners in this area. I plan to hold SCE responsible and accountable for any adverse financial impact resulting from their ill conceived proposal.

Environmental: The effects of this project must be significant. The scope of this topic is too vast and beyond my expertise to review adequately. The environmental impact assessment presented to you in the proposal of SCE is not objective and cannot be done fairly by SCE. I am still reviewing this assessment and have areas of disagreement which I hope to be able to present at future public hearings.


In summary, if SCE is allowed to proceed with construction of steel overhead transmission lines on Read Road the character of one of the most beautiful areas of Thousand Oaks will be forever changed. SCE needs to reassess and clarify the need for this project. If new transmission lines need to be built they should be underground or rerouted to avoid being placed on rural county roads which would devastate equity values of the affected residences. SCE has their own agenda on this project and their actions to date on this matter indicate they are not capable of presenting an objective assessment of this proposed project. It seems to me that SCE wants to push their proposal forward along the path of least resistance. That is why I believe they altered the proposed route to Read Road where, because of agricultural lands and larger real estate parcels, there are fewer residents to mount a protest. For all of the above mentioned reasons, the Read Road route is the most inappropriate for the proposed lines. Please conduct public hearings and order a full independent environmental impact report and stop this project as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Martin A. Josephson, M.D.

Chureeporn Josephson

cc. City Council of Thousand Oaks

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Presidential Substation Project

From: Dieter Wolf [4dwolf@gmail.com] **Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 9:45 AM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc:
Subject: Proposed Power lines- Moorpark
Attachments:

Dear SCE,

The proposed power lines are yet another insult to the general public's rights as citizens. If Solar power were used in a similar rate plan as in Germany you would have less need for new, dangerous, costly, ugly power lines. Please think for a moment about the alternatives to degrading our beautiful farm and open space and all the many reasons listed by the STTOP group and work as neighbors not as wall street , big business self serving faceless corporations.

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Dieter Wolf
Moorpark Resident

Presidential Substation Project

From: Aquacon [aquacon@earthlink.net] **Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 10:36 AM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc: crcronin879@sbcglobal.net
Subject: HP lines thru Tierra Rejada Valley- OPPOSITION
Attachments:

To whom it may concern,

I wish to have put on record my opposition to the proposed routing for your High Powered Transmission line project thru the Tierra Rejada Valley, based on your desire to construct above ground power lines.

I ask you to consider alternatives and to ask your self, if the project is even necessary.

At a time when SCE is putting transmsion lines underground (Moorpark Road in Thousand Oaks), you propose to build master poles above ground

I suggest that you look at constructing these lines (if necessary) underground- thereby reducing health concerns and the increased chance of fire damage in our neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Regards

JONATHAN O'RIORDAN
14619 CORKWOOD DRIVE
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From: pemorin@aol.com [pemorin@aol.com] **Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 11:02 AM
To: 4dwolf@gmail.com; Presidential Substation Project; itsmonica@aol.com
Cc:
Subject: Re: Sound Wall and NEW TASK
Attachments:

Dear Mr. Cronin,

We, the homeowners of Upper Shawnee St, appose the high powered tension lines along Reed Road for several reasons. The most important one is that there may be a link between leukemia and electromagnetic tension lines. Also the picture is aesthetically unappealing, especially from our view in Toscana. Lastly it will decrease the value of the surrounding farmland. There is another alternative, that is placing the tension wires underground.

Please keep us updated on further developments.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Morin, MD

-----Original Message-----

From: Dieter Wolf <4dwolf@gmail.com>
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Sent: Thu, 19 Mar 2009 8:53 am
Subject: Sound Wall and NEW TASK

Dear Neighbors,

The sound wall is slowly moving forward. The City will award the contract for permitting and expediting plans through Cal Trans and

other agencies very soon. If there are any questions feel free to contact Mr. Fiss at the City.

Next Subject-

SCE wants to construct large high powered transmission lines and power poles along Reed, Sunset Valley Road, Moorpark Road and Tierra Rejada! (see pix) Please take a moment to get informed and contact Mr. Chuck Cronin crcronin879@sbcglobal.net I met with Mr. Cronin and was impressed with his knowledge and skill with which he is working on this very important issue.

Take a look at the pix - I don't think SCE's plan is good for Moorpark's residents. Mr. Cronin needs people to get informed and show up to the public meeting. He and his team have good alternative ideas BUT the problem is there are very few homeowners under the new proposed development area so we in the City of Moorpark need to get involved.

In addition to being present for the public meeting please send your comments to presidentials@esassoc.com (formal deadline is today at 5pm) and copy Mr Cronin.

I realize that everyone is very busy so I thank you for giving your best effort to keep Moorpark a great place to live.

Best Regards,

Dieter Wolf

14643 Corkwood dr. 805 750-9696----- Forwarded message -----

From: Chuck Cronin <crcronin879@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Wed, Mar 18, 2009 at 4:00 PM

Subject: Dieter thanks for being involved, I appreciate the company

To: Dieter Wolf <4dwolf@gmail.com>

Dieter, here you go. I added a few things if you decide to use the 20 objections in the sTTop document for the email to ESA.

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Dieter Wolf

Presidential Substation Project

From: bogie edwards [bogielama2@yahoo.com]
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc: crcronin879@sbcglobal.net
Subject: SAY IT AIN'T SO, JOE!
Attachments:

Sent: Thu 3/19/2009 11:16 AM

To Whom It May Offend:

I just received an email from a concerned neighbor that "SCE wants to construct large high powered transmission lines and power poles along Reed, Sunset Valley Road, Moorpark Road and Tierra Rejada!" We can only hope that this news and the representative photos are comparable to those emails everybody gets about Why the Ocean is so Salty or the photoshopped pictures of Hercules, The World's Biggest Dog. This has to be a hoax, right?

If there is any truth to this outrageous idea please let me know so I can help spread the outrage in our community before the 5pm deadline today!

Sincerely,
bogie edwards

P.S. nasty letter to follow!

PUBLIC COMMENT CARD
Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Public Scoping Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2009 7:00-9:00p.m.

Commenter Name: Jennifer Crandall, DDS 805-233-0554
Address: 4956 Read Road Thousand Oaks (Moorpark, 93021)

Comment: 1. NEED?: SCE has been advertising heavily on TV, spending millions, to promote their pride in 'a hundred years of service...a company you can trust...' and both points mentioned in the same ad. Their TV ads also boast about their advancements in solar energy and wind power. Rather than spending these millions of dollars on T.V. ads, it would be more prudent to spend it on timely action of prudent alternatives for this Presidential Substation proposal because in ten years, we will REGRET the placement of these steel towers that will destroy the beauty of our rural country road, land, and scenic corridor. In ten years we will be so advanced in our alternative energy sources that we will be saddened that to have spent these dollars irreversibly destroying our beauty. THERE IS NOT PROVEN NEEDS TO DO THIS NOW; factual data from the last two years has shown a consecutive DECREASING demand for power by 10% each year. SCE draws a hypothetical line upward on their SCE demand charts for future years and this is grossly incorrect! There is no more building in Thousand Oaks to warrant this. There has not been the maximum use of the current substations and they can still add onto the Potrero and Royal Station for more power to supply the "needed" areas.. Thus, IF we start seeing an ACTUAL/TRUE rise, rather than an actual decrease, in demand, then let's tap out those substations. Meanwhile, alternative energy and consumer conservation is being developed and promoted. I believe these two areas will advance faster than the hypothetical 'need'. I don't view SCE as trustworthy based on their approach with these facts and their lack of proposed alternatives which there should be SEVERAL proposed (not just two). I suspect they are trying to find monetary projects to do so they can keep themselves employed. This is the wrong tactic for our current economy. The SCE customers will be trying to conserve energy not just because of our economic crisis but because of the growing campaign to conserve energy (i.e.; unplug your chargers, etc.). The need in 2009 will be even less than the falling needs of 2007 and 2008. We are not in a position to have our electric bills jacked up to pay back the 38.5 million needed for this project.

2. ALTERNATIVES: This project is obviously being done in haste as there have only been two or three alternatives. How about 10-15 alternatives prudently presented before the SCE irreversibly spends and builds a monstrosity so hazardous, ugly, costly, and NOT proven to be necessary??? I asked the design engineer for SCE why they can't run a double row of towers down Tierra Rejada Road that already houses these and it is, therefore, already visually polluted. The answer the engineer gave me was that it would cost SCE more because it is 7.3 miles longer than the Read Road run. So what!? But yet the SCE has MILLIONS these days to spend these TV advertisements!?! Millions they

spend on advertising their trustworthiness, BUT THEY WON'T CONSIDER THE BENEFITS of the extra costs to put this underground? I suspect in ten years we will not only find out so much more about the EMF dangers, continue destroying our beauty, plant and wildlife, but also in ten years it will most likely be against the law to build anymore of these lines. It will most likely, regardless of the cost, be mandatory to place these lines underground. THUS, let's do it the best and the right way, not just the quickest and the cheapest without carefully reviewing many more options and considering holding off while technology advances at great speed.

3. PERSONAL HEALTH, WELL BEING, and ENJOYMENT OF OUR PROPERTY: Attached are photos of our 5 acre equestrian estate—the Flying Heart Ranch. I moved here from Atherton, California which is a beautiful suburban area where street signs weren't even allowed to be erected (they were stubbed in the ground 2 feet tall and painted on the wood. It was difficult to leave such a beautiful area, but I fell in love with the country feel of Read Road with its ridgeline and farmland views. As you can see from the attached photos, this beauty will be taken from us if the SCE is allowed to build their steel towers with 3 tiers of lines (6-4-3). We currently have a 35 foot wooden pole only 110 feet from our front door and nursery window of our estate home. It is intertwined with the tree as you can see. I sketched in the proposed four foot width of the steel pole that they are proposing at the front of our property and our views looking out to the farm land. DOES THIS LOOK APPROPRIATE TO YOU? WOULD YOU BE STRESSED, DISTURBED, AND WORRIED IF THEY WERE GOING IN YOUR FRONT YARD? These steel towers belong alongside a freeway or major thoroughfare, NOT in our FRONT yards and feet from our children's windows.

The current horizontal cross members end at our property line. The proposed steel towers will have horizontal members that will extend over that property line and over our front yard where children play. This is absolutely dangerous and unacceptable. BEFORE they continue to consider this plan, it would be prudent to see if they are even allowed to purchase an easement if it creates such a known danger for children's health. Any easement will have to be purchased as the CPUC needs to consider that their plan will be taking away from our property! This is unlawful in itself. This is a huge detriment to my well-being.

4. The SCE engineer warned me that the bases for these steel poles are sitting 30 feet below ground. I was warned by this engineer that a 30 foot deep trenching extending over 6 feet wide will destroy the root systems of our 75 plus year old trees lining our front yard and along Read Road. The engineer explained that SCE will be willing to replace these with saplings for us!!!! Imagine saplings next to these 4 feet wide, 100ft tall steel towers?! The loss of these 75+ year old trees not only take away the beauty, shade, and privacy that we enjoy, but they house many species of birds including but not limited to: Cooper Hawks, Red tail hawks, and a family of owls that have lived in them all the years that we have been here.

5. DANGERS AND HAZARDS TO THE EQUESTRIANS. We train young horses a few yards from the fence line. A year of MAJOR construction, noise, vibration, erecting and stringing these high voltage lines will make create severe danger for myself and the equestrians along Read and Sunset Valley Road.. Read Road is actually a road used by Equestrians to connect to the public trails that travel in front of the Enclave's (the housing development at the end of Read Road) front yards. Where will the equestrians have their right of way during this year plus of construction that will invade the entire width of our narrow country road-Read Road???? If we warn the SCE and the CPUC of the extreme danger it poses, and they still proceed, then we will rally to hold them liable for any accidents or deaths as all of this will greatly unsettle our horses and make them unsafe. This project will take away our beauty, safety and quiet enjoyment of our home-life and animals.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. Below the main signature, there are some smaller, less distinct markings that appear to be initials or a date, possibly '3/18/11'.

4956 READROAD
NARROW TREE-

LINE ROAD

Current pole is
110 feet front from
our front door
and bed room
windows.

The horizontal section



This current pole is less than 18 inches a new 4 foot base will
destroy the beauty of our front yard view

4 foot base, 30ft deep,
70 100 foot tall steel
towers with three
tiers of wires will
destroy the beauty
off our country road
affect our curb appeal
to our 5 acre
EQUESTRIAN ESTATE

current horizontal
member goes to our
property line. Proposed
wider horizontal
members with high
voltage lines will
hang over our
front yard and be
dangerous for children
playing in front yard.

These proposed poles (4ft wide) will
have 30 foot deep trench bases
and will destroy these trees as
it will kill the root systems.

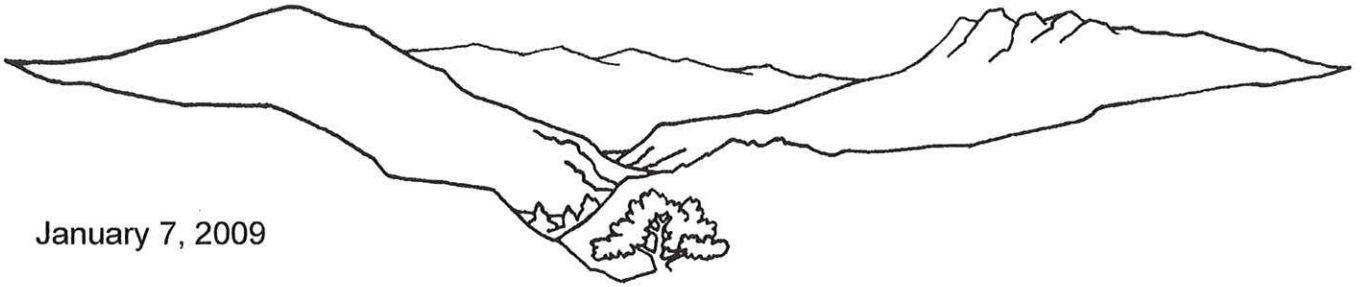
These trees house owls, red tail
and cooper hawks.

THIS TYPE OF PROPOSED ELECTRICAL HWY HAS
NO PLACE RUNNING DOWN
THE FRONT YARDS OF ESTATE
PROPERTIES!

proposed 4 foot
width



CONEJO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AGENCY



January 7, 2009

Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, the land abutting your property is public open space owned or managed by the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA).

This land has been preserved for its important scenic, habitat and recreational values, and is an important part of the quality of life we all enjoy in the Conejo Valley. Enclosed is a brochure describing COSCA and the City's open space system.

An important aspect of open space protection is avoiding encroachments onto public open space from adjacent properties. Such encroachments—which may include the construction of improvements, landscaping, landform modification, vegetation removal, or storage of materials—compromise resources and are not permitted on public land. If an encroachment is discovered, COSCA will request that the improvements be removed at the encroaching landowner's expense.

Before making any improvements next to the open space, please be sure to check property lines carefully to be sure those improvements are entirely within your lot. To review the approximate location of property boundaries, you may view parcel boundaries overlaid on aerial photos using the free mapping program available on the City's web page at www.toaks.org. From the "Living in T.O." menu, select "Online Mapping" and follow the instructions.

COSCA appreciates the vital role that public support has played in the creation of our outstanding open space system. Please help us continue to protect our natural resources by respecting property boundaries when making improvements near open space. Should you have any questions regarding COSCA or open space encroachments, please call me at (805) 449-2339 or visit our website at www.conejo-openspace.org.

Sincerely,

Shelly Austin
Associate Planner

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A Joint Agency
City of Thousand Oaks/Conejo Recreation and Park District
2100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

(805) 449-2100

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copy of my information protest to the 3 phases reviewed

ADDENDUM LETTER WITH MY PHONE NUMBER AND PARCEL #

TO: California Public Utilities Commission
Director, Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
January 16, 2009

FROM: Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS
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Moorpark, CA 93021
Parcel #: APN592-0-101-065
Phone: 805-233-0554

RE: PROTESTING the application for a permit to construct Presidential Substation
Project / Proceeding # A0812023

To: CPU and its Director/Energy Division:

I am a residential property owner on Read Road and I am protesting the above permit to construct the Presidential Substation Project/Proceeding #A0812023 for the following reasons:

I chose to live on Read Road for its rural environment, farm views, and trees out my front door. Read Road is a NARROW two lane road and the current distribution poles are wooden poles, one which is 110 feet from our front door and our bedroom window. I traveled the route of the existing TRANSMISSION TOWERS that SCE wishes to connect to and see found that they are all located in large clearance areas of 2-5 acres around their bases with mowed down grass and no trees. The simulation of the pole in the report is incorrect and misleading; the STEEL TOWER that SCE wants to replace the wooden pole in front of our front door does not have a 2foot base, but rather a FOUR foot steel base. THERE IS NOT THE PROPER EASEMENT IN FRONT OF OUR HOME FOR THESE TYPES OF TRANSMISSION TOWERS. THE EASEMENT IS FOR WOODEN DISTRIBUTION POLES, NOT TRANSMISSION TOWERS. For the base of the proposed replacement to have the same easement as the current towers they are trying to connect, the SCE would have to remove our house which is 100 feet from these lines and all the trees in our front yard and along the road. (See enclosed photos) In addition, the current pole with the less than 2 foot base is 8 feet from the white edge line along our narrow road. The 4 foot base would pose a serious impediment to our narrow road and; therefore, the towers would be a serious road hazard to traffic. THESE TOWERS BELONG ALONGSIDE A HIGHWAY NOT A RESIDENTIAL ROAD PLACED IN FRONT OF RESIDENCES FRONT DOORS.

These towers will be an eyesore for this rural road and especially since the current pole is hidden behind a tree that we can't see looking out our front porch. The tree(s) will most likely be removed. The SCE needs to specifically tell us the exact location of the proposed TOWERS because it is impossible to replace the existing poles at the exact same spot as the TOWERS will be built first and the poles THEN removed.

The 95% of the power that these lines will carry will be serving SIMI VALLEY.

Therefore, the burden of these towers, the health issues, the ugliness of them, should be on the responsibility of Simi Valley, not us. I am very upset that Simi Valley protested them in the original plan, and they got them moved to Thousand Oaks, when Simi Valley is the benefactor of this power. How can that happen??? They were proposed down a major thoroughfare on Olsen Road where they were going to run down a four lane plus two bike lane freeway exit road and not in front on anyone's front door. How does it make sense to change the route to have them run in 110 feet in front of our front door and in the FRONT YARDS of the Read Road residents?

There is Native land along this route as well. Did the legal department contact the Native Americans affiliated with this land?

We insist that a cost comparison be done to move all these lines underground.

If the new lines are placed along Moorpark Road to Tierra Rejada under a NEW PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE and then to Madera to Olsen, then only 1.2 miles of new lines are required versus the 3.5 miles under this current proposal.

Our property is for sale currently, and the NOTICE from SCE was STAKED TWO FEET IN FRONT OF OUR FOR SALE SIGN (See attached photo). THIS APPLICATION NEGATIVELY AFFECTS OUR ABILITY TO SELL OUR PROPERTY IN THESE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES ALREADY. THIS PROPOSAL HAS SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ON OUR PROPERTY VALUES AS WELL. Would any of you be interested in buying a 5 acre rural equestrian property that has this notice posted in front of it? (See enclosed photo).

CASE IN POINT:

On Sunday, January 4th, I drove home and noticed a man standing outside his car reading the notice on one of the 3 poles in front of my home. I introduced myself and asked if he was a neighbor. He said he was a passerby who was interested in buying the home in foreclosure at the end of Read Road. He made two important points: one that he worked for SCE and he would be the one placing these high voltage lines. He was surprised they moved to a road like Read Road and had found Olsen Road to be more appropriate. He also told me that these represent an electrical highway and he would have no more interest in pursuing the purchase of the property at the end of our road knowing now that these lines were going in. He also told me that in moisture and fog (which we have a lot of in the morning and late night) that these lines will make high pitch hissing noises! In addition he told me that it is very difficult to accurately assess their health hazards. THUS, IF MY \$3MILLION EQUESTRIAN ESTATE IS WORTH THAT OR "X" WITH WOODEN DISTRIBUTION POLES, AND IT'S WORTH SUBSEQUENTLY WORTH \$700,000 LESS OR "Y" BECAUSE OF STEEL TRANSMISSION TOWERS, THEN UNDER THE 5TH AMENDMENT DOES THE SCE PAY US THE LOSS IN VALUE BECAUSE THEY HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE VALUE OF \$700,000??? OR "Y"??? ESPECIALLY IF THEY CURRENTLY HAVE AN EASEMENT IN OUR DEED FOR 35 FT WOODEN DISTRIBUTION POLES WITH 6 FOOT HORIZONTAL

ARMS BUT NOT EASEMENT FOR 70 FOOT TRANSMISSION TOWERS WITH 10 FEET HORIZONTAL ARMS?

I am also concerned about the FIRE SAFETY as there is not a second means of egress for me along our narrow road and the towers will be in front and across our driveway.

In the 400 page application by the SCE, there is data showing that the energy needs of the areas are actually less the last two years. So, if our energy needs are less two years in a row, then why are we increasing the power supply especially when Thousand Oaks is already completely built except 6 lots? THIS DATA LEADS ME SUSPECT THAT THE SCE IS DOING THIS TO KEEP ITS PEOPLE EMPLOYED AND TO INCREASE ITS REVENUES, NOT BECAUSE THERE IS PROOF OF INCREASE DEMANDS (WHICH THERE IS NOT!)

Many of the landowners on the affected line were not mailed the information packet from the legal department. The Native Americans, nor the subdivision at the end of Read Road, were not mailed the legal packet.

We have not been properly informed about the project and the simulations are incorrect. The SCE starts a 30 day period to protest on December 22nd, they didn't have the signs posted until the 23 and I received my packet on the 24th. When I called all the numbers on the notice document, EVERYONE I tried to call on the notice was gone on holiday break until January 5th. Some of my neighbors are JUST getting home. If I can't even speak to someone about this until the 5th, how is a 30 day period from December 22 proper? On the 5th, there wasn't even a proceeding number assigned yet!

Thus, the information needs to be delivered to the all affected parties ACCURRATLEY. This proposal affects our well being, enjoyment of our property while we still live here, negatively affects the ability and value of our home to sell, and poses a SERIOUS health and safety risk.

We need to get input from COSCA as well as from the Native Americans.

Finally, and most importantly, the burden of the project property should negatively impact Simi Valley, not Thousand Oaks.

This ELECTRICAL HIGHWAY belongs alongside a 4 pluslane main thoroughfare or freeway, NOT WITHIN 110 FEET IN FRONT of my front door, nor down our narrow rural one egress road in front of neighbors' front doors as well.

PLEASE FIND AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE THAT DOES NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR HOME, its BEAUTY and VALUE, and our SAFETY AND WELL BEING.

Sincerely, Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U-338-e) for a
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Between 50 kV and 200 kV: Presidential Substation
Project

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EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL
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Date: February 14, 2009

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Pursuant to Rule 2.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS protests the Application of Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") for a Permit to Construct the Presidential Substation and associated transmission/distribution electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200kV ("the Project").

I. INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS is concerned with the potential loss of property values. The proposed substation has already led to potential buyers of property in the Read Road area declining to purchase the property. The equestrian estate, 4956 Read Road, of Jennifer L. Crandall has been for sale at a price of \$2,995,000 and has multiple offers between 2,450,000 and 2,630,000 before the placement of the "Notice of Application For A Permit to Construct Presidential Substation Project" on December 23, 2008. SCE staked their notice within 2 feet of the for sale sign at 4956 Read Road (see attached exhibit #1). A potential buyer that had visited the said property in the fall, came back after the staked notice by SCE and were no longer

interested in considering the property since the tower lines might be installed especially because the wooden distribution pole, that is slated to be replaced with a steel tower having a 4 foot base, is currently 110 feet from the front door and master bedroom window of 4956 Read Road . Much of the value and appeal of owning a home on Read Road is that Read Road is a country road with ridgeline and farm views out the front doors of the homes on that Road. These transmission towers would not be alongside a suburban subdivision traveling down a major thoroughfare; instead these towers would be literally in the front yards and a few feet in front of the front doors of the estate homes along this country road. The SCE's proposed route will be recklessly destroying the already shrinking beauty of the countryside curb appeal of Thousand Oaks. If the SCE is allowed to start and continue with their two year project, and the decision to do so takes away the value of the estate homes on Read Road, then there must be a repayment or at the commencement to the homeowners on Read Road to repay them the dollar value for the amount the project lowers their property values under the assurance of the Constitution.

Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS is concerned with potential health issues due to the electric and magnetic fields {"EMF"} impact.

Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS is concerned about the safety issues and the current easements that the SCE has alongside Read Road. Read Road is a narrow two lane road with absolutely no shoulder and no center dividing line. There is no second means of egress (see exhibit 2).

Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS is concerned on the impact on the Natural and Native American resources along the proposed route.

Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS is concerned about the environmental effects on her neighborhood and community.

Finally, and most importantly, Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS is most concerned about the proper

due diligence of this project especially with the fact that the energy requirements in the data studies show a decreased demand for the last two consecutive years (see exhibit 3). Alternative energy, energy conservation, installation of rebate programs, and more alternative measures and routes need to be explored and considered before the SCE spends forty million dollars and adds the cost onto the bills of its customers who will already be having trouble over the next two to five years in this economy. Thus, Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS, has great concern that this is the wrong time and the wrong hastily made plan.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

All correspondence, pleadings, orders and notices in this proceeding should be directed to the following:

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4956 Read Road Moorpark, California 93021
Telephone: 805-233-0554
Facsimile: 805-553-0269
E-Mail: jlcdds@earthlink.net

III. PROTEST

In support of its Protest, Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS states the following:

SCE has not considered other feasible alternate routes for the Project and compared them to the significant impact that its Project will have on Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS. SCE's Proponent's Environmental Assessment ("PEA") addresses only three alternative routes. SCE should have studied routes utilizing Tierra Rejada Road which is a four lane highway that is in some places six lanes wide plus large shoulders and a far more appropriate location for a significant transmission line and would use an existing transmission corridor. There are no front yards or front doors within hundreds of yards of Tierra Rejada versus 110 feet and less along

Read Road. Similarly, SCE should have studied routes utilizing the Route 23 Freeway Corridor, which would allow much of the proposed line to run parallel to the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line and along the freeway right of way which is already a significant disruption of the area. In the course of this proceeding it is likely that other alternatives will be discovered and proposed.

If The State of California is in such a dire financial situation, then it would behoove the State of California to sell or co-own some of its Cal Trans property to the SCE alongside the Route 23 Freeway Corridor.

SCE has also failed to analyze the project's impact on the community within its PEA. It has failed to address whether this project is even necessary, especially given that conservation alternative may reduce or eliminate the need for this project. The United States has been making a major theme of conserving energy, alternatives, solar energy, replacing old equipment with more energy efficient equipment. The energy demands for this substation proposal has diminished significantly the last two years, and the drive should be to continue decreasing the demand than making more energy available. Is the SCE just looking for a way to increase its revenue and secure its employees at the expense of the existing customers and the expense of the beauty, safety, and property values of the existing home owners?

In addition, SCE's photo simulations are misleading and fail to acknowledge the homes over which many of the subtransmission line poles will abut. These simulations should be redone to show the visual impact on these homes and the general community.

SCE fails to address other mitigation measures such as undergrounding, especially odd given that there is existing undergrounding in the area that could be utilized.

SCE also fails to address within the PEA the safety hazards imposed by limited emergency access, increased risk of fires, and the traffic hazards imposed by placing poles along

a narrow road two lane country road with no center line along its entire length , no bike lanes, no shoulders, and no second means of egress.

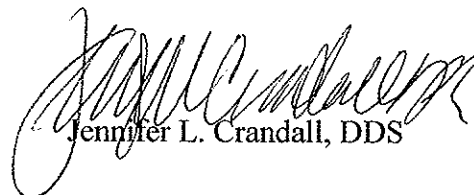
The SCE has failed to provide a proposal to reimburse the homeowners, especially those whose front doors are within a few yards of the proposed steel towers, for there subsequent decrease in property value during and after the placement these towers and transmission lines. Certified Property Appraisers should be hired to evaluate the current value of the affected properties before, during and after the construction since it will create great disturbance for two years. Certified Property Appraisers have plug in factors for what value these towers and lines take away from properties. Those factors and equations must be used and the SCE needs to have monies in their project set aside to reimburse the value that they are taking away from the affected property owners if they are allowed to continue with their project.

Finally, SCE also fails to address the Native American cultural resources and artifacts that may exist in the direct path of the proposed route of its Project.

IV. Request for Hearing

For these reasons, Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS believes that a hearing is necessary to address the deficiencies within SCE's PEA for this project and for the Commission to properly make its decision. Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS respectfully protests this application and requests that the Commission either reconsider the need for this project proposed by SCE, or designate an alternative route for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

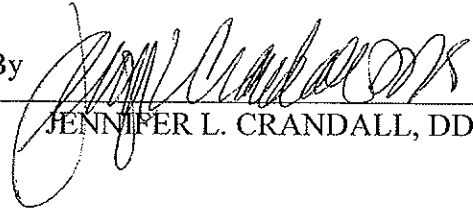

Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS

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Dated: February 14, 2009

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4956 Read Road Moorpark, CA 93021
Telephone: 805-233-0554
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E-Mail: jlcdds@earthlink.net

By

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'JL Crandall', is written over a horizontal line.

JENNIFER L. CRANDALL, DDS

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS, certify that I have on February 14, 2009 caused a copy of the foregoing

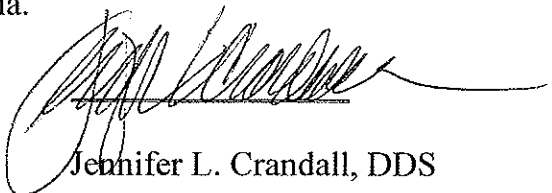
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to be served on all known parties to A.08-12-023 listed on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service. I also caused courtesy copies to be hand-delivered as follows:

ALJ Janice L. Grau

California Public Utilities Commission
State Building, Room 5011
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 14th day of February 2009 at San Francisco, California.


Jennifer L. Crandall, DDS

Service List – A.08-12-023
(Updated February 2, 2009)

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EXHIBIT 1



APPLICATION SIGN
POSTED 2 FEET FROM
"FOR SALE" SIGN AT
4956 READ ROAD
DETERRING PROSPECTIVE
BUYERS!

LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUE

EXISTING DISTRIBUTION POLE
WITH LESS THAN 2 FT BASE
AND 110 FEET FROM FRONT
YARD OF 4956 READ ROAD
VEGETATION



TO BE REPLACED WITH 4 FOOT
BASED STEEL TOWER!

EXHIBIT 2
READ ROAD - NARROW COUNTRY ROAD



LINES LESS THAN 90 FEET FROM NEIGHBORS FRONT PORCH

ONLY ONE MEANS OF INGRESS/EGRESS

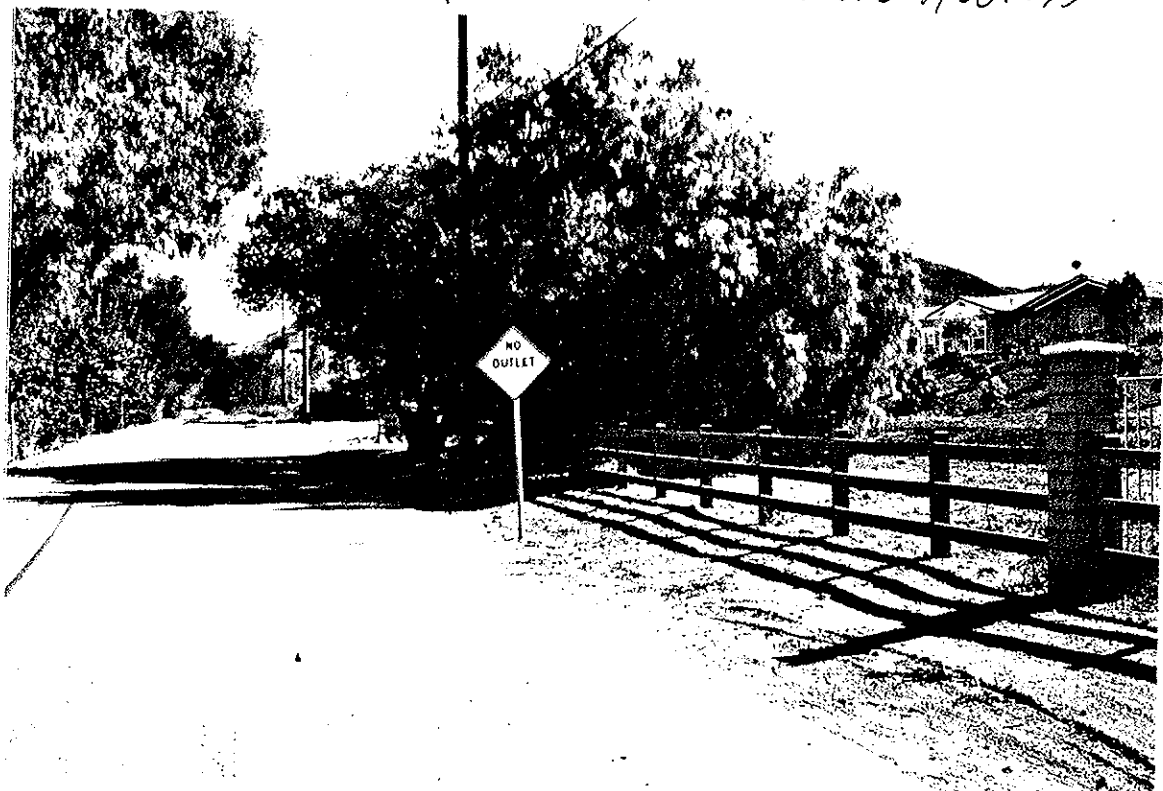


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1.0 PURPOSE AND NEED

The Electrical Needs Area is presently served by three of the 66/16 kV distribution substations that are fed by the Moorpark 66 kV System¹, as shown on Figure 1.1, Electrical Needs Area. These three substations (Thousand Oaks Substation, Potrero Substation, and Royal Substation) (Electrical Needs Area Substations) provide electrical service to approximately 60,000 metered customers. The Electrical Needs Area Substations are presently at or near their operating capacity.

As shown in Table 1.1, Electrical Needs Area Substations Capacity and Peak Demand, the 2008 combined maximum operating capacity of the Electrical Needs Area Substations is presently limited to 400 mega-volt amperes (MVA). SCE's present forecast shows that demand in the Electrical Needs Area would exceed the operating limits of the Electrical Needs Area Substations as early as the summer of 2011. Table 1.1 shows the existing capacity limits and forecasted peak demand projections for both normal and 1-in-10 year heat storm conditions. Data presented in Table 1.1 are graphically represented in Figure 1.2, Electrical Needs Area Substations Capacity and Peak Demand.

Table 1.1 Electrical Needs Area Substations Capacity and Peak Demand

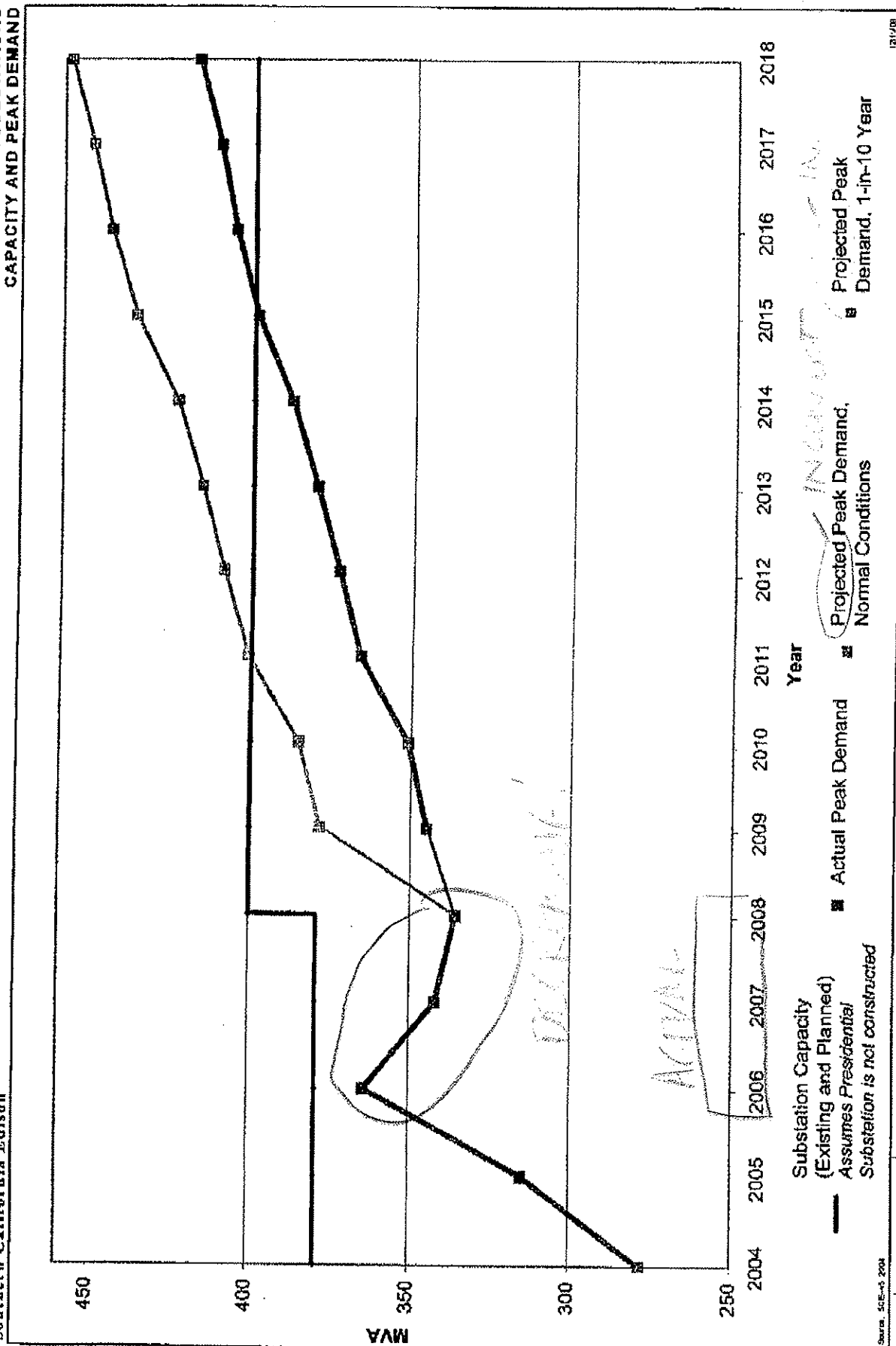
Actual	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Maximum Operating Limit (MVA)	379	379	379	379	400
Peak Demand (MVA)	278	315	364	342	336
Planned Capacity and Projected Demand					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Planned Maximum Operating Limit (MVA)	400	400	400	400	400
Projected Peak Demand Normal Conditions (MVA)	345	351	366	373	380
Projected Peak Demand 1-in-10 Year Heat Storm (MVA)	378	385	401	409	416
Planned Capacity and Projected Demand					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Planned Maximum Operating Limit (MVA)	400	400	400	400	400
Projected Peak Demand Normal Conditions (MVA)	388	399	406	411	418
Projected Peak Demand 1-in-10 Year Heat Storm (MVA)	426	437	445	450	458

Note: In 2008, SCE added 16 MVA of nameplate capacity to Thousand Oaks Substation.

¹ The Moorpark System is comprised of the 220/66 kV Moorpark Substation, eleven 66/16 kV distribution substations, three 66 kV customer substations, and various 16/4 kV pole-top substations. The Moorpark System also includes various 66 kV lines, 16 kV distribution circuits, and various 4 kV and 2.4 kV circuits. The Moorpark System serves customers located in the communities of western Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Westlake Village, Agoura, Oak Park, Hidden Hills, Topanga Canyon, Calabasas, Malibu, and portions of eastern unincorporated Ventura County and portions of western unincorporated Los Angeles County.

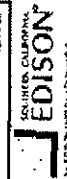
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FIGURE 1.2
ELECTRICAL NEEDS AREA SUBSTATIONS
CAPACITY AND PEAK DEMAND



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POINT: BUILDING-6 DEVELOPMENT IS NOT CONTINUING



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Mark and Deborah Cassar
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805-529-6359

March 16, 2009



Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
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Re: Proposed installation of the Presidential Substation Project
Proceeding #A0812023 Application

This letter is to notify all parties of our disapproval of the installation of the proposed Substation and transmission lines.

The proposal for the installation of a Substation and transmission poles is currently being protested!

The proposal to replace the current wooden electrical poles with steel structures 20 – 30 feet taller that carry huge currents will create not only an eyesore to our rural roads but generate unsafe large and dangerous electromagnetic fields, create high pitched buzzing noise in the common moisture and foggy conditions and ultimately affect the values of our neighborhood.

The installation of the 100' tall transmission poles that would cross over the 23 freeway will be an awful eyesore in our beautiful valley. It will also transmit dangerously high levels of EMF to the connecting transmission lines.

We live on Sunset Valley Road, a proposed placement of the transmission lines are to pass directly in front of our property. We have lived in this valley for 23 years; we have 3 young children, many animals and moved here because it was as close to living in the country as you could get in our community. This would change completely with your transmission lines. We do not want to live near these huge, energy emitting transmission lines. We are a working horse ranch with approximately 100 horses and the pasture turn-outs for these horses are within 25ft of the proposed transmission lines are in use for over 12 hours each day.

We see many problems with these EMF emitting lines and I will list a few below;

We live on a 100 acre farm located adjacent to Sunset Valley Road, this property has been designated by SOAR as an open range area to keep the rural agriculture in Ventura County.

We have been working with Ventura County to establish a wildlife corridor that would follow the 23 freeway to help migratory animals pass through this rural valley, the area that they would pass through is by these transmission lines.

Our property is in the Williamson Act, an Act that was developed for agriculture land owners to aid in taxes on large parcels of land. It is offered to land owners who are zoned for OS (Open Space) and AE (Agriculture). Ventura County has spent many years to keep our community as rural as possible and this proposal is the complete opposite of everything Ventura County has fought so hard against. Ventura County Zoning and Planning Department should be contacted during your due diligence for this EIR Report.

The Aesthetics of our area will be greatly affected if not ruined, please note the picture included with a mock up of the proposed lines running in front of our property line. It will be affecting the scenic corridor over Highway 23 and through the valley.

We are very concerned about the noise and air quality. We have recently visited similar transmission lines such as the proposed ones and there is a constant buzzing that intensifies with moisture. This would be awful. This valley is very quiet and serene and this noise pollution would change our entire way of life. There is no amount of money they could pay us to compensate.

It is my understanding that there are Tract agreements for Sunset Valley and Read Roads that have declared these roads as scenic and rural routes. In your EIR Report I am requesting you clarify this very important issue.

We have a fear of earthquakes and the danger that is present with a potential catastrophe, should these lines and poles fall it would be DEADLY.

We are concerned that it could have effects in hydrology, water quality and mineral resources. With the foundations going as deep as 25ft it will affect the water table, affecting animals, plants and people.

Sunset Valley Road is a Class 3 Bike Route which runs directly under these proposed poles and lines.

Our valley is considered the premier recreation area for thousands of people in the communities of Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Simi Valley as well as the surrounding areas. The portion of our farm nearest the transmission lines have been used as an Equestrian Center and Riding School for over 35 years. The same is true for our neighbor at 3566 Sunset Valley Road; every day children and adults ride their horses within extremely close proximity to these proposed transmission lines.

Every year the Moorpark Rotary reenacts the Civil War. This is a one week long event in which over 10,000 people attend during this period. This is a family event and there are many young children that will be within close proximity of these transmission lines.

Our Neighbors at Underwood Farms have children and adults there everyday of the week with U-Pick vegetables, a Farmers Market and Play area for young children.

The health impact is one of our greatest concerns; primarily for ourselves and our children but also for the 100+ horses that spend much of there day within 30 feet of the proposed transmission lines.

We would like you to look into the Californian Environmental Quality Act for this area.

We feel confident that these proposed lines will directly effect the future of housing and population in our entire community; housing will need to be abandoned in some areas and others not built.

We have researched the SCE regulations regarding setback of lines from home schooled children. We have a high school student being home schooled on our property within SCE setback of 100ft (See Moorpark High School document enclosed).

The installation of the proposed transmission lines will effect transportation and traffic; currently it is unsafe driving on this rural road with the small poles that are currently in place. It will be less safe during construction and after installation of the 6ft wide foundations. The construction will cause the road to be reduced down to a one lane road significantly increasing the danger as well as causing increased traffic and congestion for the morning and afternoon commutes to work and schools.

The Utilities and Service System will potentially eliminate sewer lines and other services for Sunset Valley and Read Roads.

Should the project proceed we are extremely concerned about the construction, this is extremely hazardous to both the horses and the riders. A horse that gets scared because of a loud noise could run off with its young or old rider. If a horse does this you can risk injury as well as death to both horse and rider.

Please note that I have included copies of letters sent to the CPUC stating our protest and concerns.

Very Concerned,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mark and Deborah Cassar', written in dark ink.

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Cc: Senator Tony Strickland
Assemblywoman Audra Strickland
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Ms. Kari Finley, County of Ventura
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March 3, 2009

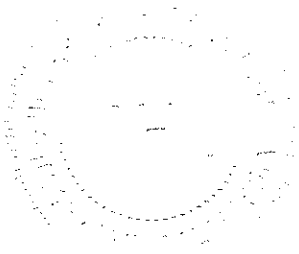
To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to confirm that Kayla Sues of 3678 Sunset Valley Road, Moorpark, CA, is a full-time Independent Study/Home-Schooled high school student. Kayla participates in this Independent Study/Home-School program as a part of the Moorpark Unified School District. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or our school registrar.

Thank you,



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January 16, 2009

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Re: Proposed installation of the Presidential Substation Project
Date: December 22, 2008
Proceeding #A0812023 Application

This letter is to notify all parties listed above of our disapproval of the installation of the proposed Substation and transmission lines.

Your proposal for the installation of a Substation and transmission poles is hereby being protested!

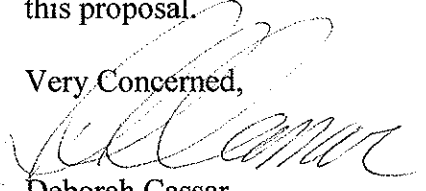
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We are in the process of hiring an attorney in coalition with our neighbors and will fight this proposal.

Very Concerned,



Deborah Cassar
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN
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Between 50 kV and 200 kV: Presidential Substation
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Pursuant to Rule 2.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Mark and Deborah Cassar protests the Application of Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") for a Permit to Construct the Presidential Substation and associated transmission/distribution electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200kV ("the Project").

I. INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

In addition, Mark and Deborah Cassar are concerned with potential health issues due to the electric and magnetic fields {"EMF"} impact. Mark and Deborah Cassar are concerned on the impact on the Natural and Native American resources along the proposed route. Mark and Deborah Cassar are concerned about the environmental effects on our neighborhood and community. Mark and Deborah Cassar have approximately 100 acres of land which is there

residence and business (equestrian center and farming operations). Mark and Deborah Cassar have owned and lived on this property for over 20 years. Mark and Deborah Cassar are currently raising their three young children ages 4, 5 and 7 on this property. Mark and Deborah Cassar have chosen this area to live because of Ventura Counties stance on slow grow, rural development living, and this location's open undeveloped and environmentally safe history. Mark and Deborah Cassar operate Southern California Riding Club and Equestrian Center, Inc. located at 3678 Sunset Valley Road, Moorpark Ca 9321. The major portion of our riding arenas are located approximately 50 – 75 feet from the proposed High voltage transmission towers. Southern California Riding Club and Equestrian Center has been in existence for over 20 years as a primary teaching equestrian school for children ages 5 through adulthood. Mark and Deborah Cassar, are concerned for the health and safety of the students and the horses that are turned out approximately 25 feet from the proposed high voltage transmission towers. Mark and Deborah Cassar and our children, Rachel, Grace and Marco Cassar, all ride horses within 50 - 75 feet of these proposed high voltage transmission tower. Mark and Deborah Cassar are gravely concerned about the health effects on not only ourselves, our children but the approximately 80 to 100 horses that rotate into the turn-outs located just 25' from the proposed electric lines everyday. Finally, Mark and Deborah Cassar are concerned with the potential loss of property values. The proposed substation has already led to potential buyers of property in the Read Road/ Sunset Valley Road area declining to purchase the affected properties.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

All correspondence, pleadings, orders and notices in this proceeding should be directed to the following:

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III. PROTEST

In support of its Protest, Mark and Deborah Cassar states the following:

SCE has not considered other feasible alternate routes for the Project and compared them to the significant impact that its Project will have on Mark and Deborah Cassar. SCE's Proponent's Environmental Assessment ("PEA") addresses only three alternative routes. SCE should have studied routes utilizing Tierra Rejada Road which is a four lane highway that is in some places six lanes wide and a far more appropriate location for a significant transmission line and would use an existing transmission corridor. Similarly, SCE should have studied routes utilizing the Route 23 Freeway Corridor, which would allow much of the proposed line to run parallel to the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line and along the freeway right of way which is already a significant disruption of the area. In the course of this proceeding it is likely that other alternatives will be discovered and proposed.

SCE has also failed to analyze the project's impact on the community within its PEA. It has failed to address whether this project is even necessary, especially given that conservation alternative may reduce or eliminate the need for this project.

In addition, SCE's photo simulations are misleading and fail to acknowledge the homes

over which many of the subtransmission line poles will abut. These simulations should be redone to show the visual impact on these homes and the general community.

SCE fails to address other mitigation measures such as undergrounding, especially odd given that there is existing undergrounding in the area that could be utilized.

SCE also fails to address within the PEA the safety hazards imposed by limited emergency access, increased risk of fires, and the traffic hazards imposed by placing poles along a narrow road.

Finally, SCE also fails to address the Native American cultural resources and artifacts that may exist in the direct path of the proposed route of its Project.

IV. Request for Hearing

For these reasons, Mark and Deborah Cassar believe that a hearing is necessary to address the deficiencies within SCE's PEA for this project and for the Commission to properly make its decision. Deborah Cassar respectfully protests this application and requests that the Commission either reconsider the need for this project proposed by SCE, or designate an alternative route for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 14, 2009

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

We, Mark and Deborah Cassar certify that I have on February 14, 2009 caused a copy of the foregoing

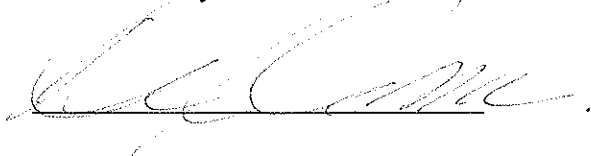
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to be served on all known parties to A.08-12-023 listed on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service. I also caused courtesy copies to be hand-delivered as follows:

ALJ Janice L. Grau

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this February 14th, 2009 at San Francisco, California.



Mark and Deborah Cassar

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March 17, 2009

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Dear Ms. Mosley:

We are the community of Rancho Madera Homeowners Association in Simi Valley, California. Attached please find our Petition to Oppose Southern California Edison (SCE) from Executing Alternative #2 on the Presidential Substation Project.

We have collected one signature per household.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the address below or Bj@RanchoMadera.org.

Sincerely,











FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RANCHO MADERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Alicia Camarillo
Association Manager

c: Board of Directors





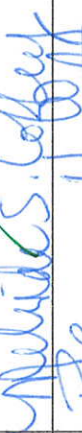


Petition to Oppose Southern California Edison(SCE) from Executing Alternative #2 on the Presidential Substation Project

Petition summary and background	This petition opposes SCE Alternative #2 plan that places above ground power lines running into Simi Valley from Olson down Madera to Tierra Rejada. Rancho Madera, a Simi Valley community, located at Wood Ranch Parkway and Madera would be adversely affected by the build out of above ground power lines on this route and does not believe this to be the optimum route for SCE to pursue.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to stop SCE from pursuing alternative #2 as they move forth with the Presidential Substation project.

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42.	Randy Kaplan	Randy Kaplan	776 Roosevelt Ct	3-7-09
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44.	Christen Branch		6017 Eisenhower Way	3-8-09
45.	Kenneth A. Johnson		544 Roosevelt Ct	3/2/09
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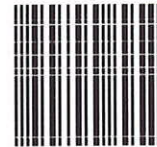
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IN THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS

COUNTY OF VENTURA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN BOOK 26 OF PARCEL MAPS
AT PAGE 71 AT REQUEST
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ROBERT L. HAMM
COUNTY RECORDER

Ray Wilson, Esq. d.s.
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ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECTION AND WAS COMPILED FROM RECORD DATA IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AT THE REQUEST OF DEZIDERIO TODESCO ON MARCH 12, 1978. I HEREBY STATE THAT THE PARCEL MAP PROCEDURES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND THAT THIS PARCEL MAP CONFORMS TO THE APPROVED TENTATIVE MAP AND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL THEREOF WHICH WERE REQUIRED TO BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO THE FILING OF THE PARCEL MAP.

Richard Finnstrom
RICHARD FINNSTROM
RCE 11780



CITY ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP CONFORMS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AND LOCAL ORDINANCES.

J. Louis Scherer DATE 9-8-78
J. LOUIS SCHERER CITY ENGINEER

OWNER'S CERTIFICATE

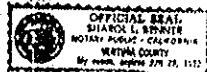
WE THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE ARE OWNERS OF THE LAND INCLUDED WITHIN THIS SUBDIVISION ENTITLED PARCEL MAP L.D. 361 SHOWN ON THIS MAP AND THAT WE ARE THE ONLY PERSONS WHOSE CONSENT IS NECESSARY TO PASS A CLEAR TITLE TO SAID LAND AND CONSENT TO THE MAKING AND RECORDATION OF SAID MAP AND THE SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN WITHIN THIS PARCEL MAP BOUNDARY LINES.

Deziderio Todesco
DEZIDERIO TODESCO

Ray Wilson, Esq. d.s.
RAY WILSON, ESQ. D.S.

On this 18 day of August 1978
before me, Sheril Benigno, Notary
Public in and for said State personally
appeared Deziderio Todesco known to me
to be the person whose name subscribed
to the within instrument and acknowledge
that he executed the same

Witness my hand and official seal
Sheril Benigno, Notary Public
My Commission Expires 6-28-80



STATE OF CALIFORNIA } 53
COUNTY OF VENTURA }

On this 21 day of August 1978
before me, Sheril Benigno, Notary
Public in and for said State personally
appeared Teresa Todesco known to me
to be the person whose name subscribed
to the within instrument and acknowledge
that she executed the same

Witness my hand and official seal
Sheril Benigno, Notary Public
My Commission Expires Aug 9, 1981



The signatures of the below listed owners of Rights
and Interests herein are certified in accordance with
Section 4446 (b) of the Subdivision Map Act as
their interests are shown on the map

1. T. M. C. INC. A California Corporation TRUSTEE
under a deed of trust recorded in book 4881 pg 811
of official records

2. PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO
(BASEMENT OWNER) Book 149 pg 470 of
official records

3. TITHE INSURANCE AND TRUST CO. A CALIFORNIA
CORPORATION. OWNER of a one half interest in and
to all Oil Gas and other Hydrocarbon Substance and minerals
with but, however, no right to go upon, explore or drill
upon a portion of said land without joining in consent with
the owner of the remaining one half interest therein
recorded in Book 488 pg 842 of official records

EXIST. HOMES

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Lot A
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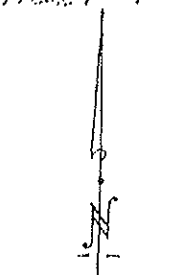
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BASIS OF BEARINGS

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This Parcel Map reflects
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by City of Thousand Oaks
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11270-72.

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Public Comment Card

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Scoping Period: February 17 - March 19, 2009



Commenter Name: John Tanner, owner - 310-377-6115
Address: 7255 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca. 90275

Comment: 10 AC. Pl. at 4960 Read Rd. (vacant)
Read Rd. is a residential street. Edison Co.'s
vertical photo of the proposed pole route is
outdated and does not show all of the homes
affected by these monstrous poles.
These proposed monstrous poles will create health,
view and development hazards as well as lower
the value of the property.
Referencing page no. 1 showing the proposed division
of Lot A, Pm LD 361, the home site on Lot 1 will
suffer from the proposed monstrous poles that will
not fit into the existing trees and community and
be less visible, but will stand out like a sore
thumb. They may also create a health hazard
from extremely high voltage and possible humming.
The home site on lot 2 will suffer from all of the above
plus it will be elevated above Read Rd. ~~and~~
and the view of these monstrous poles will
have a higher negative impact on its value.
I urgently recommend re-routing the system in
undeveloped areas or go underground.
Respectfully,
John Tanner
C: a response is requested



Tanners 10 AC.^s
South Side of Read Rd. Looking South



South Side of Read Rd. Looking East

P.O. BOX 596
SOMIS, CA 93066



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PHONE (805) 389-7305
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March 12, 2009

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Blvd. Suite 105
Petaluma, California 94954



Dear Ms. Mosley;

I spoke of my concerns at the meeting on March 12, 2009, but I want to comment further and include pictures showing the type of activity that we have on our farm. It is 50 acres bordered by Read Rd. and Sunset Valley Rd. The farm has evolved into a destination for families with young children and schools that bring their students out to learn about agriculture, growing plants, and the source for their food. About 40,000 children come on scheduled tours and many more come during the week and weekend. During the month of October the farm hosts about 60,000 or more that come to be entertained, learn, and pick pumpkins.

I think there are both long term and short term problems with this project, for which I question the need. During the construction phase, Sunset Valley Rd, which is not very wide, will be heavily compromised. There is quite a bit of traffic as schools come to the farm in the mornings and the traffic is intense on weekends during October. The shoulder of the road is often used by customers for supplemental parking. That is going to have a tremendous impact on the farm during our busy seasons. Customers and schools are coming to pick produce and learn. I believe the farm has become a valuable community asset.

In the longer term, I don't know what the effects of EMF are, but I do know there are fears. That may translate into a problem for our schools because of the proximity of high voltage power lines to the tours and outside classroom. Perception can become reality. Our classroom where the children meet in October is only 100 feet from the property line which is adjacent to Sunset Valley Rd. Pumpkin picking by the children occurs right up to the property line.

The Tierra Rejada Valley is in a greenbelt and protected by SOAR. SOAR is a voter passed initiative that requires there be no change in land use within its boundaries without a vote of the people. To find out more about this very important law which governs the land use of thousands of acres of Ventura County land go to <http://www.soarusa.org/contact.html>. We are in negotiation with the Nature Conservancy to create an agricultural easement on 120 acres of ours and the Brecuniers' property. There would also be a wildlife corridor associated with it. We do not want any project that would have a negative impact on our viability to remain in agriculture as an agritourism destination.

There surely are more environmentally sound solutions to the growth scenario that SCE has painted, if it is indeed accurate. I would argue that the investment in regional solar would be far more cost effective and less environmentally damaging.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Underwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Craig Underwood

Cc: Senator Tony Strickland

Assemblywoman Audra Strickland

Mr. Peter Foy, Supervisor, County of Ventura

Ms. Kari Finley, County of Ventura

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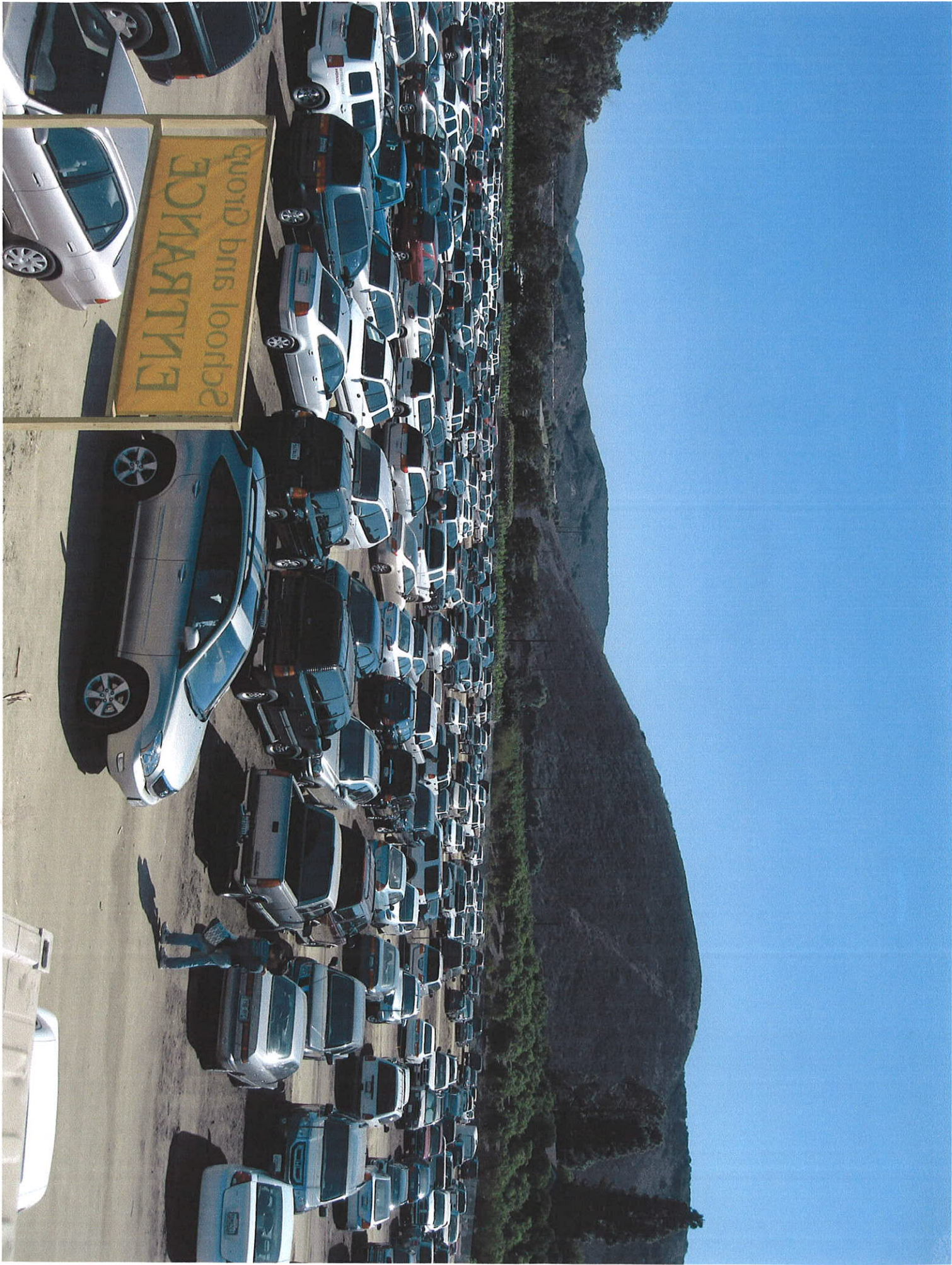
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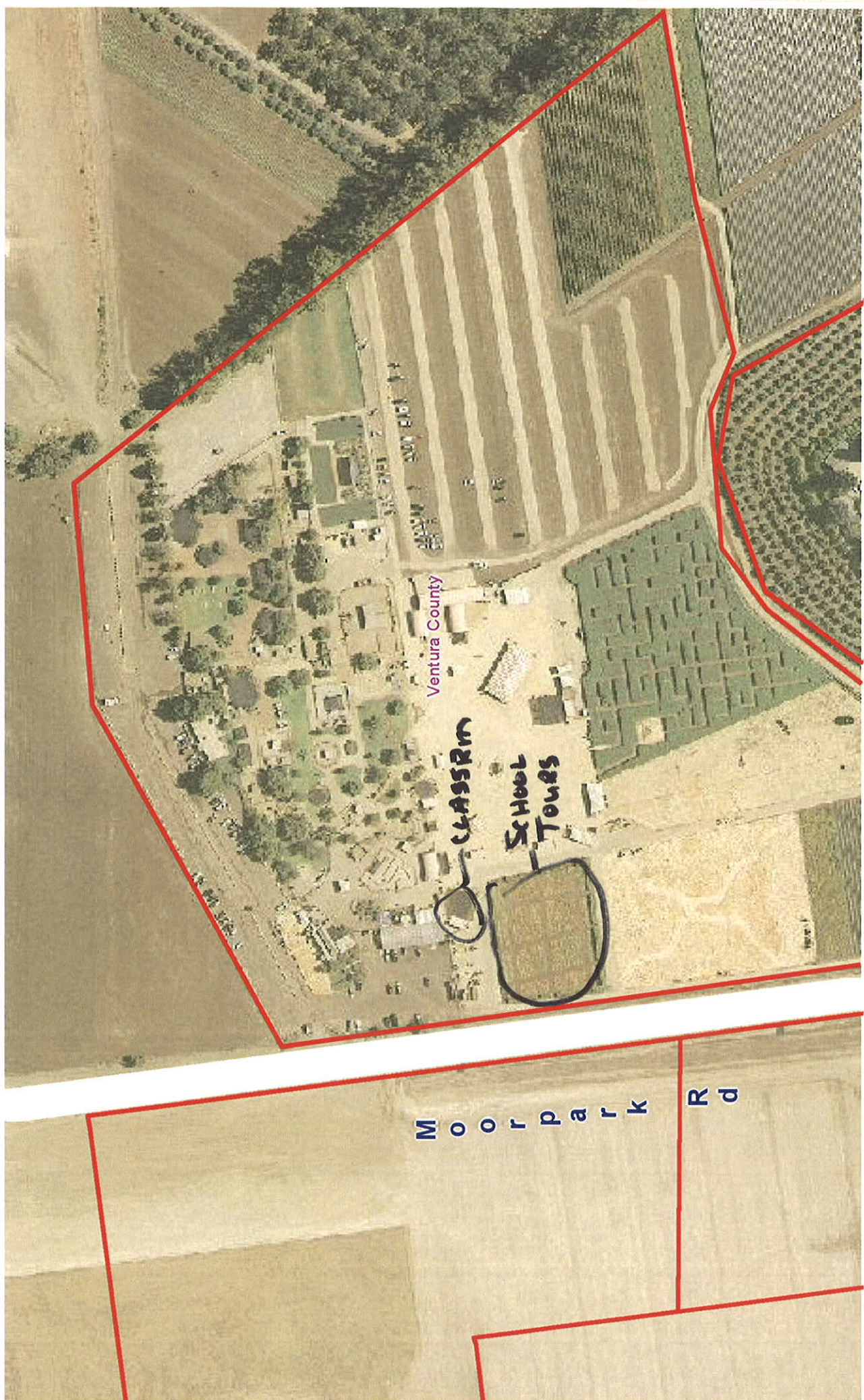








Craig Underwood



Moorpark Rd

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SCHOOL TOURS

Ventura County

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Thousand Oaks, March 12, 2009

Ms. Juralynne Mosley

Presidential Substation Project

C/o Environmental Science Associates

1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105

Petaluma, CA. 94954



Re: Public comments, Presidential Substation Project

Following the Scoping Meeting of March 3, 2009, I would like to reinforce my comments and suggestions that I presented at that meeting.

My understanding of Rule 20A definitely prohibits the overland of high transmission wires by a utility company because our area falls into this category. Sunset Valley Road constitutes a RECREATION area because of all the activities associated with the Underwood Farm complex. Over 50,000 school children visit the farm annually plus the regular family oriented activities during the year which bring in thousands of families to visit and spend the day at the farm.

Following the development of the Enclave residential area on Read Road, the City of Thousand Oaks wants to keep that area as pristine and rural as possible. The route 23 area at the entrance to the City of Thousand Oaks has been designated a SCENIC CORRIDOR by the City of Thousand Oaks. The installation of these transmission lines steel poles would be a visual blight and an eye sore and would destroy the scenic beauty of the area. Read Road is also classified as a (cont'd)

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"Class 3 bicycle road" and is one only two roads that can be used by bicyclists between the cities of Moorpark and Thousand Oaks.

The construction of the foundation for these poles which are to be 30 feet deep and the installation of these poles will create a definite safety hazards. Read Road is a very narrow country road and the only ingress and egress for us. This is the only in and out road for most of us who live on Read Road. It would cause delays, confusion and a construction mess with dust affecting air quality for several months with the possibility of valley fever. Plus a definite hazard for the fire department and public services if an accident happens. The length of the construction project, which is estimated to be 18 months, would create an environmental mess and a negative impact on the residents of our area both psychologically and financially.

If this alternative route is chosen, then undergrounding must be mandated according to the CPUC Rule 20A. There is also the question of a major gas supply line that is buried next to the present poles on Read Road. What will happen if SCE has to dig 30 feet down to install the cement base for these poles? Move the gas line? Or move the transmission line? This will be a major undertaking.

This project will definitely affect the environment and the aesthetics of our area with the destruction of trees and landscaping. We have been told by SCE that the entire flora within 10 feet of the base of each pole will be cleared. This will destroy the rural look, feel, character and aspect of our scenic corridor.

I am enclosing a copy of my protest letter to the CPUC as reference and some photos illustrating the potential mess that these poles would create on our beautiful scenic corridor.

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With a project of this size, other alternatives should be considered. With power demand decreasing there should not be a need for this substation nor these transmission lines. Emphasis on solar and renewable energy should be a priority and must be looked at. SCE should be mandated to look at these alternatives before going ahead with a project of this size.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Monast', with a stylized, flowing script.

Gaston A. Monast

5006 Read Road

Thousand Oaks, CA. 93021-8765

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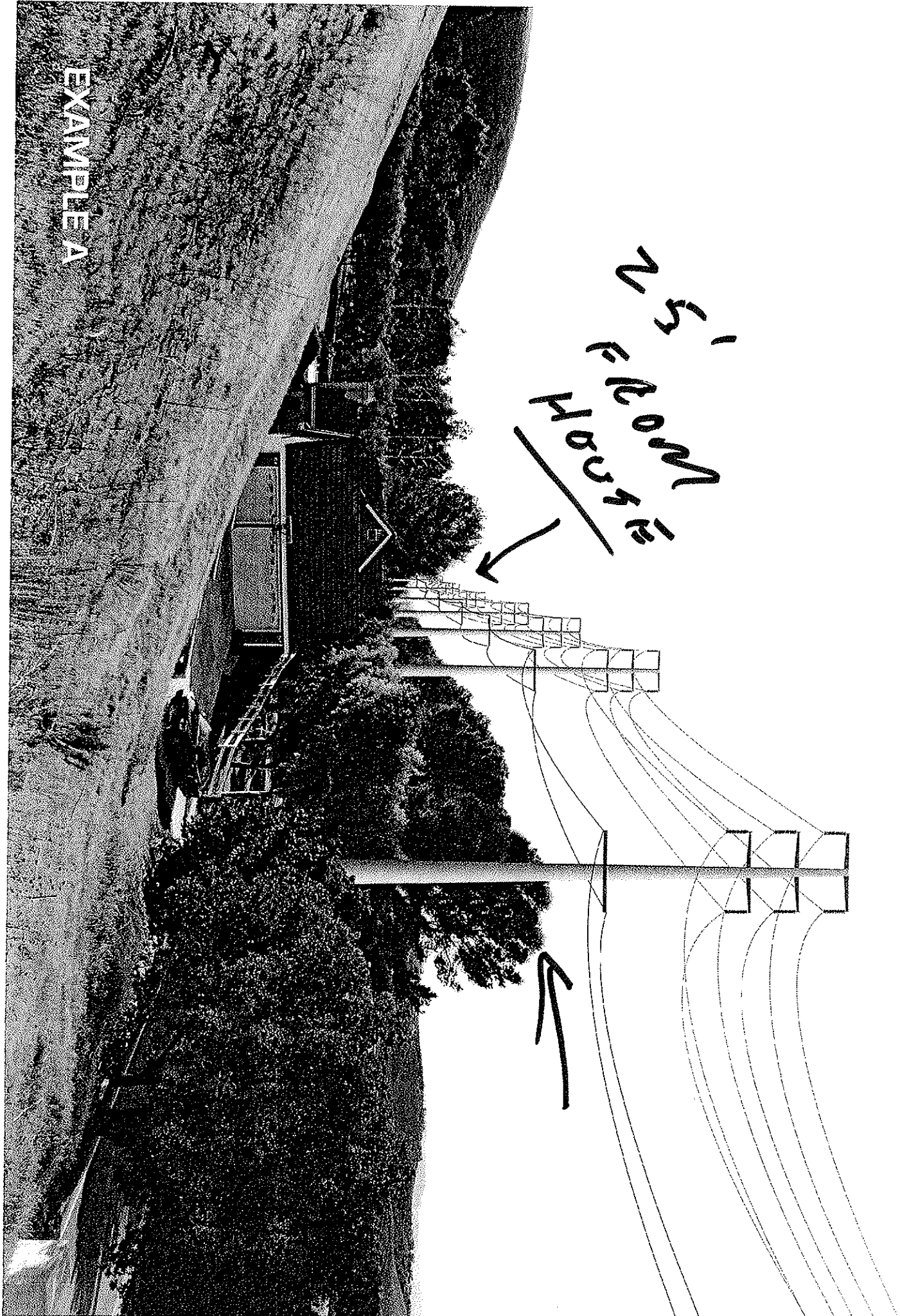
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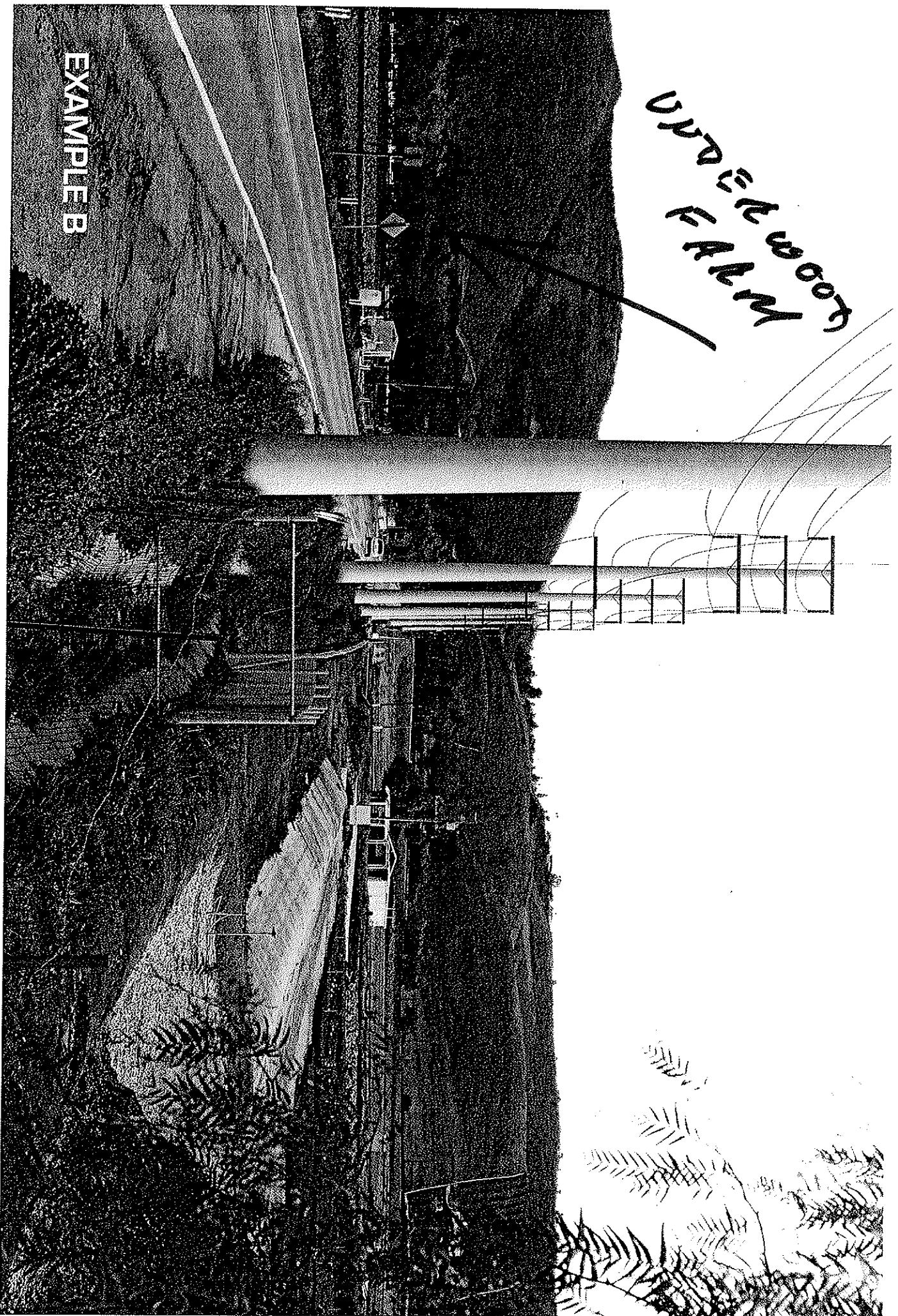


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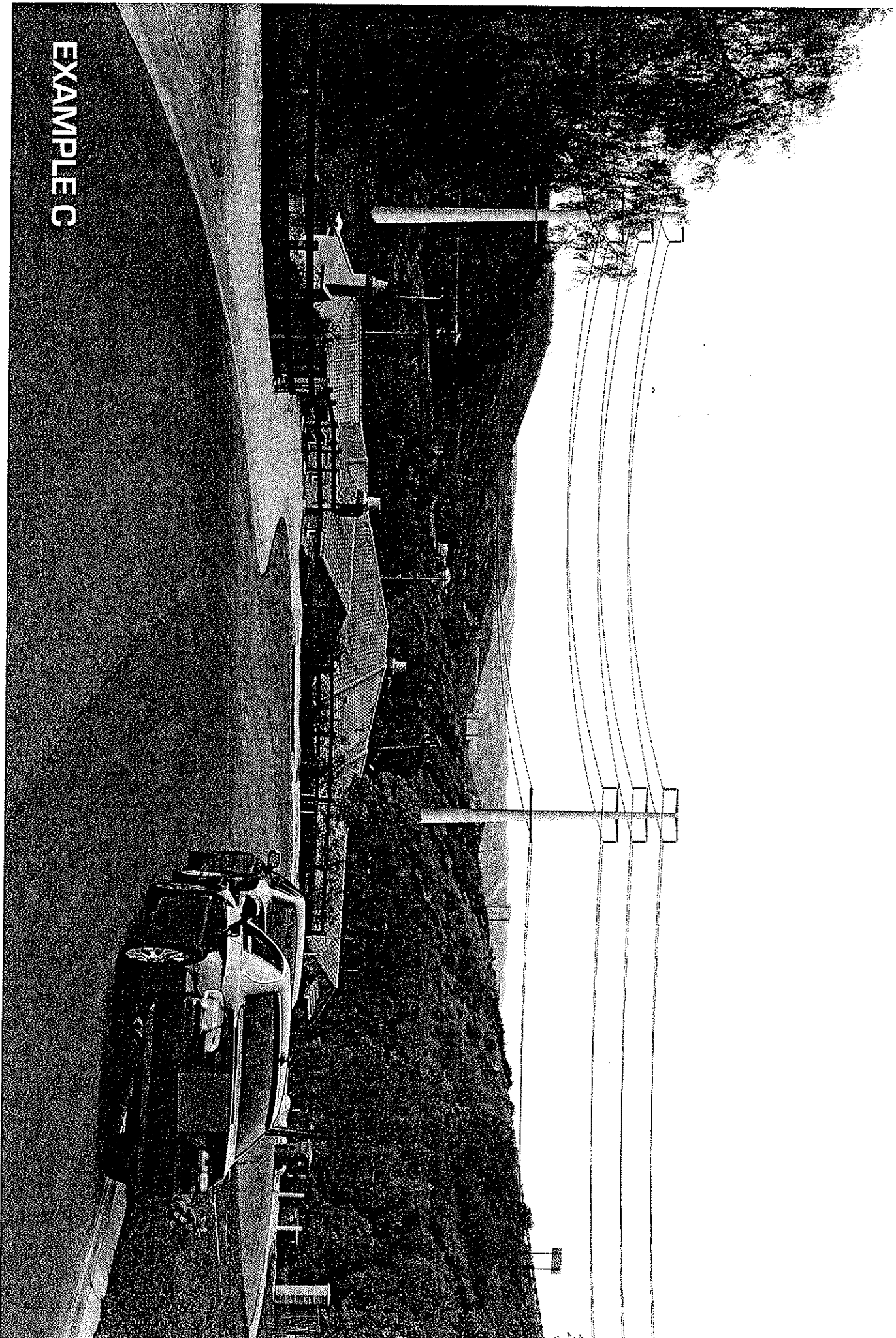
Sunset Valley South

Goodwood Farm



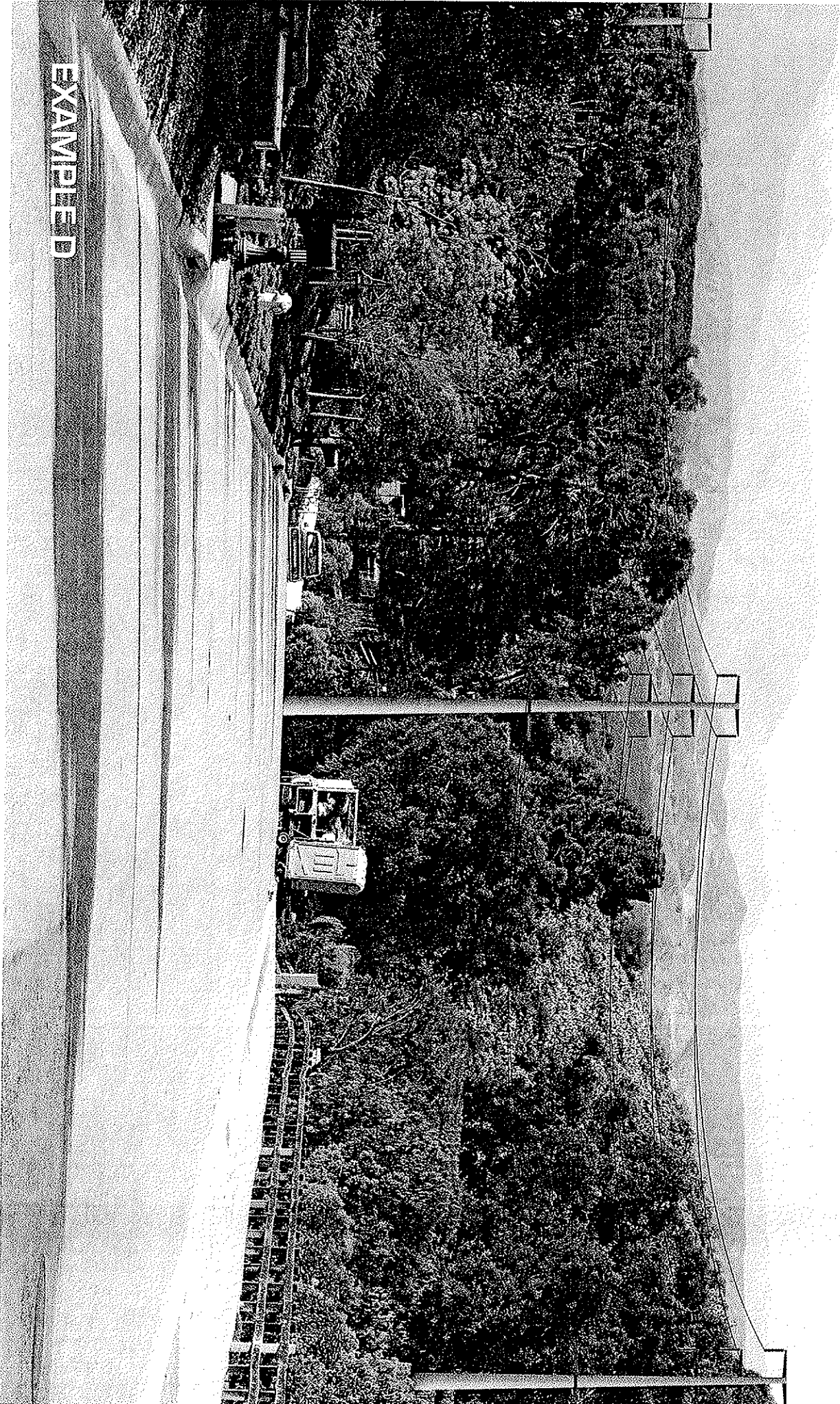
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11111th Pleasant Circle - North



EXAMPLE C

New Kent Rd North



EXAMPLED

KT 23 Freeway Crossing North

RESIDENT AREA



EXAMPLE

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U-338-e) for a
Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities With Voltages
Between 50 kV and 200 kV: Presidential Substation
Project

Application No. 08-12-023
(Filed December 22, 2008)

**PROTEST OF GASTON. MONAST TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S
APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL
SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES**

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THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA
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Date: February 11, 2009

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GASTON. MONAST already has transmission lines along his backyard and by SCE adding the additional lines on Read Road, and along the freeway would put his family in the middle of a grid of transmission lines.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

All correspondence, pleadings, orders and notices in this proceeding should be directed to the following:

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III. PROTEST

In support of its Protest, GASTON. MONAST states the following:

SCE has not considered other feasible alternate routes for the Project and compared them to the significant impact that its Project will have on GASTON MONAST and his family. SCE's Proponent's Environmental Assessment ("PEA") addresses only three alternative routes. SCE should have studied routes utilizing Tierra Rejada Road which is a four lane highway that is in some places six lanes wide and a far more appropriate location for a significant transmission line and would use an existing transmission corridor. Similarly, SCE should have studied routes utilizing the Route 23 Freeway Corridor, which would allow much of the proposed line to run parallel to the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line and along the freeway right of way which is already a significant disruption of the area. In the course of this proceeding it is likely that other alternatives will be discovered and proposed.

SCE has also failed to analyze the project's impact on the community within its PEA. It has failed to address whether this project is even necessary, especially given that conservation alternative may reduce or eliminate the need for this project.

In addition, SCE's photo simulations are misleading and fail to acknowledge the homes over which many of the subtransmission line poles will abut. These simulations should be redone to show the visual impact on these homes and the general community.

SCE fails to address other mitigation measures such as under grounding, especially odd given that there is existing under grounding in the area that could be utilized.

SCE also fails to address within the PEA the safety hazards imposed by limited emergency access, increased risk of fires, and the traffic hazards imposed by placing poles along a narrow road.

Finally, SCE also fails to address the Native American cultural resources and artifacts that may exist in the direct path of the proposed route of its Project.

IV. Request for Hearing

For these reasons, GASTON MONAST believes that a hearing is necessary to address the deficiencies within SCE's PEA for this project and for the Commission to properly make its decision. GSTON. MONAST respectfully protests this application and requests that the

Commission either reconsiders the need for this project proposed by SCE, or designate an alternative route for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 11, 2009

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By

GASTON. MONAST

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, GASTON MONAST certify that I have on February 11, 2009 caused a copy of the foregoing

**PROTEST OF GASTON. MONAST TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL
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to be served on all known parties to A.08-12-023 listed on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service. I also caused courtesy copies to be hand-delivered as follows:

ALJ Janice L. Grau

California Public Utilities Commission
State Building, Room 5011
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this February 11, 2009 at Thousand Oaks, California.

GASTON MONAST

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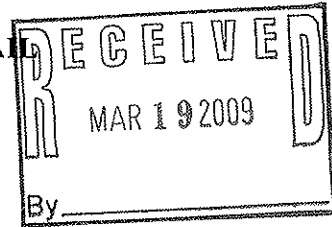


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March 19, 2009

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RE: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Presidential Substation Project, SCH# 2009021059; CPUC proceeding A.08-12-023.

Dear Ms. Mosley,

These comments are submitted on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity ("Center") on the Notice of Preparation ("NOP") of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the Presidential Substation Project. The Center is very concerned that the Preferred Alternative is the most biologically damaging alternative for the Project. The Draft EIR must fully analyze the project's impacts to sensitive species and all reasonable and prudent alternatives for adoption. Importantly the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") must ensure that the substantive mandate of CEQA is fulfilled because "public agencies should not approve projects as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen" a Project's significant environmental effects. Pub. Res. Code § 21002; CEQA Guidelines 15021; *see also* Pub. Res. Code 21002.1(b).

The Center for Biological Diversity ("the Center") is a non-profit, public interest environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law. The Center has over 60,000 members throughout California and the United States, including Los Angeles County. The Center's members and staff seek to protect the native species and habitats of southern California.

On February 19, 2009 the Center submitted a Protest to Southern California Edison's ("SCE") Application for a Permit to Construct the Presidential Substation and Associated Transmission/Distribution Facilities ("Protest"). The Protest is attached at Exhibit 1 in order to provide input and comments to guide the development of an EIR for this Project. Among other items the Protest raised several concerns regarding the Proponent's Environmental Assessment's ("PEA's") failure to adequately disclose and analyze the Project's biological impacts, improper
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segmentation and piecemeal environmental review of the SCE system upgrades, and the failure to analyze a reasonable range of alternatives. Some of these issues are reiterated below, but the Protest is provided as more detailed guidance on issues and concerns that must be addressed due to the proposed Project's impacts to the physical environment. The EIR process must also ensure that rigorous environmental review occurs prior to the project approval to fully disclose and analyze all of the potentially significant environmental effects that were not addressed in the PEA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As described in the Protest the PEA included an incomplete description of the project construction and fuel modification components as it relates to the establishment of an upgraded powerline route through sensitive wildlife communities, including critical habitat. CEQA emphasizes that an accurate, stable, finite project description is an essential element of an informative and legally sufficient EIR. *County of Inyo v. City of Los Angeles* (1977) 71 Cal.App.3d 185.; discussion following CEQA Guidelines § 15124. The EIR must ensure that the Project fully describes all of the Project components including the following that were omitted from the PEA: staging of construction equipment along the powerline route; the physical footprint required to anchor new, taller powerline poles; the construction and maintenance access requirements along the powerline route; the area of fuel modification that would be employed for wildfire protection or other project needs; and any other construction related impacts to open space areas. The PEA fails to describe what type of disturbance will occur in the "50-foot buffer on both sides of the Proposed Project subtransmission source line." PEA at 4-41. It also fails to describe the "operation and maintenance plan" that would impact sensitive wildlife communities through "[r]outine maintenance activities, such as road maintenance, tree trimming, and structure repairs." PEA at 4-68.

THE EIR MUST CONSIDER DIRECT AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS TO THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND SENSITIVE SPECIES AND MOVEMENT

The EIR must address the direct and cumulative impacts from both construction and operation of the proposed Project to threatened, endangered, and sensitive species within the project site and in the surrounding areas (including ecological reserves). The powerline component of the project goes through critical habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher and runs adjacent to critical habitat for the Lyon's pentachaeta and Riverside fairy shrimp. Nine special status plant species have the potential to occur in the project vicinity, which includes four listed plant species. The project also has the potential to impact several sensitive wildlife species, such as the borrowing owl, raptors, and the San Diego woodrat, and the listed coastal California gnatcatcher and Riverside fairy shrimp.

The Project disturbs a regionally important wildlife linkage that provides for wildlife movement through the Tierra Rejada valley. The Project is located within a wildlife corridor that connects habitats in the in the Santa Monica Mountains to the Sierra Madre Mountains as identified in the "South Coast Missing Linkages Project: A Linkage Design for the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Connection." (Penrod et al 2006).

In partnership with over a dozen governmental and non-governmental organizations South Coast Wildlands produced a series of reports addressing the biological needs and design for wildlife corridors in the South Coast Ecoregion. The South Coast Wildlands report examines key linkages required for wildlife conservation between the Santa Monica and Sierra Madre Mountains based on careful scientific studies of key species and habitat requirements. The Linkage Design takes a scientific, conservation based, approach to the landscape and has determined several key areas that are critical to preservation and conservation of the biological resources in the area.

Among the impacts that must be analyzed are direct harm to individual plants and animals and their habitats. The EIR must analyze the impacts on this corridor due to blockage, constriction, habitat fragmentation, edge effects, introduction of pets and non-native, invasive plants, as well as indirect effects of humans, such as traffic, lighting, and noise. The EIR should address both individual and intergenerational movement of species in the corridor, and should cover multiple taxonomic groups, large and small mammals, birds and plants. Habitat corridors are most effective when adjacent uses are compatible with suitable wildlife habitat. (Beier and Loe, 1992. Perault and Lomolino, 2000).

Intrusion by development into wildlife corridors impedes the migration of species within the corridor and increases the adverse "edge effects" of fragmented habitat. (Bond, 2003). The project's elimination of wildlife habitat, development over the life of the Project, and increase in disturbance is incompatible with wildlife habitat. The Project's encroachment and elimination of Wildlife Dispersion Corridors will create a significant adverse effect upon wildlife migration within the area. These biological effects must be fully analyzed in the EIR to determine the alternative that best suits the needs of the community and existing biological constraints.

IMPROPER SEGMENTATION AND PIECEMEAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF SCE SYSTEM UPGRADES

SCE has attempted to limit the definition and analysis of its system upgrades for the cities of Moorpark and Thousand Oaks by segmenting the upgrades into different smaller components. SCE is contemporaneously proposing another transmission line upgrade for the general service area supporting the cities of Moorpark and Thousand Oaks, the new Moorpark-Newbury 66 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line, 2272-E (U 338-E).¹ SCE has improperly segmented the environmental review for these two projects in order to move one forward under an advice letter and the lesser environmental review, public comment, and alternative analysis requirements that exist under General Order 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4.

This approach violates CEQA's prohibition on piecemealing. CEQA Guidelines define project to mean "the whole of an action" that may result in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. CEQA Guidelines § 15378(a). "'Project' is given a broad interpretation in order to maximize protection of the environment." *McQueen v. Board of Directors of the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District* (1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 1136. Both system upgrades are proposed by the same project applicant for the same

¹ Available at <http://www.sce.com/NR/sc3/tm2/pdf/2272-E.pdf>

area. Both system upgrades increase the electrical capacity for the City of Moorpark and Thousand Oaks. They are simply placed apart to service the cities from different directions. They have been submitted contemporaneously. The Moorpark-Newbury 66 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line was submitted to the CPUC via an advice letter on October 2, 2008 and was recently approved by the CPUC, while the Project was submitted on December 22, 2008 and is also currently under consideration by the CPUC.

SCE's attempts to establish a narrowed legal interpretation contrary to CEQA should be rejected and the entire system upgrades should be analyzed as one project. Similar to the facts in the case of *Arviv Enterprises Inc. v. South Valley Area Planning Commission* (2002) 101 Cal.App.4th 1333 SCE has submitted a series of system upgrades for the same area over a short period of time. Taken together these projects represent a major system upgrade for the cities of Thousand Oaks and Moorpark, yet SCE is attempting to avoid any environmental review for the Moorpark-Newbury 66 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line, and is limiting its environmental review for the Project to exclude the Moorpark-Newbury line. As the Court in *Arviv* notes environmental considerations should not become submerged by chopping a large project into many little ones. *Arviv*, 101 Cal.App.4th at 1346.

THE APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY ANALYZE A REASONABLE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES

SCE's preferred alternative runs contrary to CEQA's requirement to avoid the significant impacts posed by a Project when feasible alternatives exist. The "policy of the state" reflected in CEQA is that projects with significant environmental impacts may not be approved "if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen the significant environmental effects..." Pub. Res. Code § 21002; CEQA Guidelines § 15021(a)(2). In discussing the alternatives the "EIR shall include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison with the proposed project." CEQA Guidelines § 15126.6(d).

A Project should not be approved if environmentally superior alternatives exist "even if these alternatives would impede to some degree the attainment of the project objectives, or would be more costly." Pub. Res. Code §§ 21002; CEQA Guidelines §§ 15021(a)(2), 15126.6. The Project must be rejected if an alternative available for consideration would accomplish "most [not all] of the basic objectives of the project and could avoid or substantially lessen one or more of the significant effects." CEQA Guidelines § 15126.6(c).

The EIR must consider a reasonable range of alternatives that includes non-transmission and substation alternatives that could meet the Project's purpose to "maintain safe and reliable electrical service to SCE's customers in the Electrical Needs Area." PEA at 1-1. The Protest describes in detail several alternatives that should be considered. Additionally, SCE also has the ability to implement the Edison SmartConnect program within the Project vicinity to reduce the overall peak power consumption.² The EIR must consider the reasonable range of alternatives

² For more information on the SCE SmartConnect program visit <http://www.sce.com/PowerandEnvironment/smartconnect>

that include system upgrades that avoid the unnecessary and costly construction of the Project. Indeed, the Project with its numerous significant environmental impacts, including impacts to biological resources and critical habitat for protected species, must be avoided if there are feasible alternatives.

THE EIR MUST DISCLOSE AND ANALYZE THE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The environmental analysis for this Project must make a good faith effort at full disclosure and avoid minimizing or discounting the severity of global warming's impacts. See CEQA Guidelines § 15151; *San Joaquin Raptor/Wildlife Rescue Center v. County of Stanislaus*, 27 Cal.App.4th 713 (1994). The world's leading authority on climate change—the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—now states with “very high confidence” that most of the warming observed over the past 50 years is the result of human generation of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide.³ Some of the types of impacts to California and estimated ranges of severity – in large part dependent on the extent to which emissions are reduced – are summarized as follows:

- A 30 to 90 percent reduction of the Sierra snowpack during the next 100 years, including earlier melting and runoff.
- An increase in water temperatures at least commensurate with the increase in air temperatures.
- A 6 to 30 inch rise in sea level, before increased melt rates from the dynamical properties of ice-sheet melting are taken into account.
- An increase in the intensity of storms, the amount of precipitation and the proportion of precipitation as rain versus snow.
- Profound impacts to ecosystem and species, including changes in the timing of life events, shifts in range, and community abundance shifts. Depending on the timing and interaction of these impacts, they can be catastrophic.
- A 200 to 400 percent increase in the number of heat wave days in major urban centers.
- An increase in the number of days meteorologically conducive to ozone (O3) formation.
- A 55 percent increase in the expected risk of wildfires (Cayan et al. 2007).

By providing details as to the ranges of proposed impacts, and indicating that the higher-range of impact estimates are projected if greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase under a “business as usual” scenario, decision-makers and the public will be better informed of the magnitude of the climate crisis and the urgency with which it must be addressed.

³ IPCC, 2007: *Summary for Policymakers*, in CLIMATE CHANGE 2007: THE PHYSICAL SCIENCE BASIS, CONTRIBUTION OF WORKING GROUP I TO THE FOURTH ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE at 4 (Susan Solomon et al. eds., Cambridge Univ. Press 2007) at 2-3. “Very high confidence” is defined at “at least a 9 out of 10 chance of being correct.” *Id.* at 3 n.7.

1 The EIR Must Include an Inventory and Analysis of the Project's Projected Global Warming Pollution

The first step in determining a project's global warming pollution impact is to complete a full inventory of all emissions sources that contribute to global warming. In conducting such an inventory, all phases of the proposed project must be considered. CEQA Guidelines § 15126. The greenhouse gas inventory for a project must include a complete analysis of all of a project's substantial sources of greenhouse gas emissions, from building materials and construction emissions to operational energy use, and vehicle trips. Importantly, the California Office of Planning and Research—the state agency charged with oversight of CEQA documents and development of CEQA guidelines—has also stated that “lead agencies should make a good-faith effort, based on available information, to calculate, model, or estimate the amount of CO₂ and other GHG emissions from a project, including the emissions associated with vehicular traffic, energy consumption, water usage and construction activities.” (California Office of Planning and Research 2008).

A greenhouse gas inventory for the project must include the project's direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions. CEQA Guidelines § 15358(a)(1) (Indirect or secondary effects may include effects related to induced changes in the pattern of land use, population density, or growth rate, and related effects on air and water and other natural systems, including ecosystems.). Consequently, a complete inventory of a project's emissions should include, at minimum, an estimate of emissions from the following:

- Fugitive emissions of greenhouses gases, such as sulfur hexafluoride, from the proposed project;
- Emissions during construction from vehicles and machinery;
- Manufacturing and transport of building materials;
- Electricity generation and transmission for the project;
- Vehicle trips and transportation emissions generated by the project; and
- Outsourced activities and contracting.

Methodologies are readily available to inventory the emissions from the proposed project. In its white paper, CEQA & Climate Change, Evaluating and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Projects Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Jan. 2008), the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) sets forth methodologies for analyzing greenhouse gas pollution (CAPCOA 2008) (See Table 1. CEQA and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Methodologies). In its Guidance, OPR also provides references to methodologies to quantify greenhouse gas emissions (OPR 2008).

It is incumbent on the Lead Agency “disclose all it can” about project impacts and educate itself on methodologies that are available to measure project emissions. *Berkeley Keep Jets Over the Bay Comm. v. Board of Port Comm'rs* (“*Berkeley Jets*”), 91 Cal. App. 4th 1344, 1370 (2001). Without a complete inventory, the EIR cannot adequately inform the public and decision-makers about the Project's impacts. Similarly, without a complete inventory and

analysis of greenhouse gas emissions that will result from the project, there is simply no way that the EIR can then adequately discuss avoidance, and mitigation measures to reduce those impacts.

2 The EIR Must Determine the Cumulative Significance of the Project's Greenhouse Gas Pollution on Global Warming impacts

After fully quantifying Project emissions, the EIR must determine the cumulative significance of the Project's greenhouse gas pollution. CEQA requires the Lead Agency to determine the significance of the Project's emissions with or without established significance thresholds. CEQA Guidelines § 15064. Importantly, a universally adopted methodology is *not* necessary to analyze project impacts. *Berkeley Keep Jets*, 91 Cal. App. 4th at 1370 (“the fact that a single methodology does not exist...requires the [respondent] to do the necessary work to educate itself about the different methodologies that *are* available.”). As OPR has noted, “[l]ead agencies should not dismiss a proposed project's direct and/or indirect climate change impacts without careful consideration, supported by substantial evidence.” (OPR 2008 at 6.)

The greenhouse gas emissions generated by the project scope will have a significant cumulative impact. An impact is considered significant where its “effects are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.” CEQA Guidelines § 15065(a)(3). Climate change is the classic example of a cumulative effects problem; emissions from numerous sources combine to create the most pressing environmental and societal problem of our time. *Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Diversity v. NHTSA*, 508 F.3d 508, 550 (9th Cir. 2007), (“the impact of greenhouse gas emissions on climate change is precisely the kind of cumulative impacts analysis that NEPA requires agencies to conduct.”); *Kings County Farm Bureau v. City of Hanford*, 221 Cal. App. 3d 692, 720 (1990) (“Perhaps the best example [of a cumulative impact] is air pollution, where thousands of relatively small sources of pollution cause a serious environmental health problem.”). While a particular project's greenhouse gas emissions represent a fraction of California's total emissions, courts have flatly rejected the notion that the incremental impact of a project is not cumulatively considerable because it is so small that it would make only a *de minimis* contribution to the problem as a whole. *Communities for a Better Env't v. California Resources Agency*, 103 Cal. App. 4th 98, 117 (2002); *see also Kings County Farm Bureau v. City of Hanford*, 221 Cal. App. 3d 692, 720 (1990) (“Perhaps the best example [of a cumulative impact] is air pollution, where thousands of relatively small sources of pollution cause a serious environmental health problem.”).

Under CEQA, “[t]he determination of whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment calls for careful judgment on the part of the public agency involved, based to the extent possible *on scientific and factual data*.” CEQA Guidelines § 15064(b) (emphasis added). Accordingly, a significance threshold for greenhouse gases must reflect the grave threats posed by the cumulative impact of additional new sources of emissions into an environment where deep reductions from existing emission levels are necessary to avert the worst consequences of global warming. *See Communities for Better Env't v. California Resources Agency*, 103 Cal. App. 4th 98, 120 (2002) (“the greater the existing environmental problems are, the lower the threshold for treating a project's contribution to cumulative impacts as significant.”).

The failure to immediately and significantly reduce emissions from existing levels will result in devastating consequences for the economy, public health, natural resources, and the environment. Based on the scientific and factual data, thresholds that are not highly effective at reducing emissions are inadequate in the face of the profound threats posed by global warming. Moreover, CEQA requires that a Lead Agency must “still consider any fair argument that a certain environmental effect may be significant” even where a project complies with a regulatory threshold. *Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency*, 116 Cal. App. 4th 1099, 1109 (2004). CAPCOA provides various means by which a Lead Agency can determine the significance of project emissions (CAPCOA 2008). Reliance on a threshold that is not highly effective at reducing greenhouse gas emissions or is inconsistent with mandated emission reductions leaves projects open to legal challenge under the fair argument standard because there is a fair argument that application of a threshold with limited effectiveness at reducing emissions would still result in environmental effects. Therefore, thresholds that are not highly effective in reducing emissions or are inconsistent with mandated emissions reductions still create a significant impact.

Under CAPCOA’s own analysis, the only two thresholds that are highly effective at reducing emissions and highly consistent with AB 32 and Executive Order S-3-05 are a threshold of zero or a quantitative threshold designed to capture 90 percent or more of likely future discretionary projects (a 900-ton CO₂ Eq threshold). (CAPCOA 2008 at 56-57.) While the emissions from these projects might ordinarily seem minor enough to ignore, the challenges posed by climate change are far from ordinary. Given the extreme losses in arctic sea ice, scientists at the National Snow and Ice Data Center have concluded that “the observed changes in the arctic indicate that this feedback loop is now starting to take hold.”⁴ Even the ambitious emissions reduction targets set by Executive Order S-3-05 in 2005, which were consistent with contemporaneous science indicating that reductions of 80% below 1990 levels by developed countries were sufficient to stabilize the climate,⁵ are now believed to be insufficient. Based on the alarming and unpredicted rate of loss of Arctic sea ice and other recent climate change observations, leading scientists now state that “humanity must aim for an even lower level of GHGs.”⁶ As our current scientific understanding now calls for even greater reductions and indicates that we already may have passed a climactic tipping point, the Lead Agency should

4 National Snow & Ice Data Center, *Arctic Sea Shrinks as Temperatures Rise*, Oct. 3, 2006 available at http://nsidc.org/news/press/2006_seaiceminimum/20061003_pressrelease.html Loss of sea ice is subject to a tipping point because, as sea ice melts in response to rising temperatures, it creates a positive feedback loop: melting ice means more of the dark ocean is exposed, allowing it to absorb more of the sun’s energy, further increasing air temperatures, ocean temperatures, and ice melt.

5 Cal. EPA, Climate Action Team Report to Governor Schwarzenegger and the Legislature (Mar. 2006) at 18.

6 Hansen, J. et al., *Target Atmospheric CO₂: Where Should Humanity Aim?* (April 2008) available at <http://www.columbia.edu/~jeh1>. In *Target Atmospheric CO₂: Where Should Humanity Aim?*, James Hansen, the premier NASA climatologist, now concludes that “[i]f humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed, paleoclimate evidence and ongoing climate change suggest that CO₂ will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm to at most 350 ppm.” An emissions pathway whereby developed countries would reduce emissions to 80% below 1990 levels as envisioned under Executive Order S-3-05 would cap atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ at approximately 450 ppm. See, e.g., UNDP, Human Development Report 2007/2008, *Fighting climate change: Human solidarity in a divided world* (2007) at 46-50 available at <http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2007-2008/chapters/>

apply a threshold of zero in order to ensure that new projects do not have a cumulatively significant impact on global warming.

3 The EIR Must Analyze and Adopt All Feasible Mitigation Measures and Alternatives to Reduce the Project's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

CEQA requires agencies to adopt feasible mitigation measures or feasible environmentally superior alternatives in order to substantially lessen or avoid the otherwise significant environmental impacts of a proposed project. Pub. Res. Code §§21002, 21081(a); CEQA Guidelines §§ 15002(a)(3), 15021(a)(2), 15091(a)(1). CEQA requires that agencies “mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment of projects that it carries out or approves whenever it is feasible to do so.” Pub. Res. Code § 21002.1(b). Mitigation of a project's significant impacts is one of the “most important” functions of CEQA. *Sierra Club v. Gilroy City Council*, 222 Cal.App.3d 30, 41 (1990). Therefore, it is the “policy of the state that public agencies should not approve projects as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures which will avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects of such projects.” Pub. Res. Code § 21002. Importantly, mitigation measures must be “fully enforceable through permit conditions, agreements, or other measures” so “that feasible mitigation measures will actually be implemented as a condition of development.” *Federation of Hillside & Canyon Ass'ns v. City of Los Angeles*, 83 Cal.App.4th 1252, 1261 (2000).

To the extent that the project moves forward as planned, there are many mitigation measures the Lead Agency can consider, as described below. This is not an exhaustive list and the EIR should explore these and all other feasible mitigation measures that will reduce the project's greenhouse gas emissions (CAPCOA 2008; California Office of the Attorney General 2008). Reducing greenhouse gas pollution through the following mitigation measures can also yield numerous corollary benefits, such as reductions in criteria pollutants and mitigating significant impacts to air quality.

Energy Conservation Measures

The EIR should consider mitigation measures that will ensure the energy is used both efficiently and conservatively in order to avoid the wasteful spending that the Project construction contemplates. The Project contains a range of energy conservation, renewable energy generation, and technological upgrades that can create the energy conservation needed to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce project costs.

Mitigation Related to Project Construction

The EIR should consider the following mitigation measures in order to reduce the carbon footprint of construction of the Project.

- Utilize recycled, low-carbon, and otherwise climate-friendly building materials such as salvaged and recycled-content materials for building, hard surfaces, and non-plant landscaping materials;
- Minimize, reuse, and recycle construction-related waste;
- Minimize grading, earth-moving, and other energy-intensive construction practices;
- Landscape to preserve natural vegetation and maintain watershed integrity;
- Utilize alternative fuels in construction equipment and require construction equipment to utilize the best available technology to reduce emissions.

Carbon Offsets

After all measures have been implemented to reduce emissions in the first instance, remaining emissions that cannot be eliminated may be mitigated through offsets. Care should be taken to ensure that offsets purchased are real (additional), permanent, and verified, and all aspects of the offsets should be discussed in the EIR. As stated by CAPCOA, a potential cost-effective offset and verifiable offset could include an energy-efficient retrofit of existing building stock in the Project area to offset the remainder of the Project's emissions. (CAPCOA 2008 at 80.) As demonstrated by the Office of the Attorney General offsets are a feasible CEQA mitigation measures. In a recent settlement with the Attorney General regarding the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from a proposed refinery expansion, ConocoPhillips Co. agreed to make a one-time payment of \$7 million to a carbon offset fund created by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District "to achieve verifiable quantifiable reductions in GHG emission, with priority given to projects near" the project area.⁷ The Settlement also provided \$2.8 million to fund reforestation and conservation projects and \$200,000 for restoration of the San Pablo Bay wetlands.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the DEIR for the Presidential Substation Project. Please do not hesitate to contact the Center with any questions at the number listed above. Please place us on the mailing list for all subsequent documentation regarding this project.

Sincerely,



Enclosures

⁷ Settlement Agreement between ConocoPhillips Co. and the California Attorney General, Sept. 10, 2007.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: PROTEST OF THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES, Filed February 19, 2009.

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Pursuant to Rule 2.6 of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("CPUC") Rules of Practice and Procedure and Administrative Law Judge Grau's February 2, 2009 ruling in this matter, the Center for Biological Diversity respectfully submits this Protest to Southern California Edison's ("SCE") Application for a Permit to Construct ("Application") and Proponent's Environmental Assessment ("PEA") for the Presidential Substation Project ("Project"). The SCE application (Application No. 08-12-023) was filed with the Commission on December 22, 2008. This protest is timely as it is filed by the February 20, 2009 deadline provided in the February 2, 2009 ruling by Administrative Law Judge Grau.

I. INTRODUCTION

As described below the Application and PEA fail to inform the public and decision makers of the whole of the Project including the total destruction and modification of wildlife habitat, and the accompanying system upgrade for the electricity service area. The Center further protests SCE's

unnecessary destruction of habitat for protected wildlife species when other environmentally superior alternatives are available that were not properly considered. For these reasons the Application and PEA must be rejected until SCE provides a complete Project description.

II. INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

The Center is a nonprofit, public interest environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law. The Center's membership of over 60,000 includes individuals near the Project site who will be adversely affected by the Project. The Center is concerned about the negative environmental effects on wildlife habitat that will result from the project, including impacts to critical habitat for species protected under the Endangered Species Act ("ESA").

The Project threatens a host of protected wildlife species, including several protected species that the Center has worked diligently to protect under Federal and State laws. The Project will impact the coastal California gnatcatcher by running the proposed route directly through its critical habitat that has been designated under the ESA. The Center and its members have worked for over fifteen years for the protection of the coastal California gnatcatcher and its critical habitat including requiring increased protection under regional Habitat Conservation Plans, and protection of coastal California gnatcatcher habitat from development that threatens its habitat. The Project may also impact the Riverside fairy shrimp because the Project is proposed adjacent to critical habitat for that species. The Center has worked to protect the Riverside fairy shrimp and its critical habitat by filing a number of suits forcing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate adequate critical habitat to protect the species.

III. PROTEST ISSUES

The Project will definitively and negatively impact sensitive vegetation communities, sensitive wildlife communities, and critical habitat. The Project proposes to construct approximately a mile of upgraded powerlines through designated critical habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher, which is protected under the ESA. The Project also threatens several sensitive and protected plants and animal communities. Due to the vague project description in the PEA the magnitude of impacts to sensitive wildlife habitats is unclear. Furthermore, the vague and deferred mitigation fail to provide the public and decision makers with any substantive information regarding how the Project proponent will mitigate the significant impacts to wildlife.

The PEA also improperly segments the environmental review for system upgrades within the immediate area by omitting the accompanying Moorpark-Newbury transmission line system upgrade. Finally, the PEA also avoids several environmentally superior alternatives to the proposed Project and substation. This failure to identify the project, its environmental impacts, and consider the full range of alternatives renders the PEA and Application deficient.

A. THE APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY DISCLOSE AND ANALYZE THE PROJECT'S BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS

The powerline component of the project goes through critical habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher and runs adjacent to critical habitat for the Lyon's pentachaeta and Riverside fairy shrimp. Nine special status plant species have the potential to occur in the project vicinity, which includes four listed plant species. The project also has the potential to impact several sensitive wildlife species, such as the borrowing owl, raptors, and the San Diego woodrat, and the listed coastal California gnatcatcher and Riverside fairy shrimp.

The vague and undefined nature of the PEA makes it impossible to determine the magnitude of impact to sensitive wildlife communities or even which species will be impacted. Because of the

PEA's incomplete description of the project construction and fuel modification components as it relates to the establishment of an upgraded powerline route through sensitive wildlife communities, including critical habitat, the PEA violates the substantive requirements of the Public Utilities Commissions General Order 131-D § IX.B.1.a. General Order 131-D § IX.B.1.a. requires an adequate description of the proposed powerline route, which is improperly vague and incomplete in the PEA.

There is no discussion about how much habitat will be cleared for construction and fuel modification associated with the powerline component of the Project. Many environmentally damaging and inherent components of the project were ignored. For example, there is no discussion about the area required for the staging of construction equipment along the powerline route; the physical footprint required to anchor new, taller powerline poles; the construction and maintenance access requirements along the powerline route; the area of vegetation modification (a.k.a. fuel modification) that would be employed for wildfire protection or other project needs; and any other construction related impacts to open space areas. For example, the PEA fails to describe what type of disturbance will occur in the "50-foot buffer on both sides of the Proposed Project subtransmission source line." PEA at 4-41. It also fails to describe the "operation and maintenance plan" that would impact sensitive wildlife communities through "[r]outine maintenance activities, such as road maintenance, tree trimming, and structure repairs." PEA at 4-68.

Fuel reduction zones need to be included as part of the development "footprint", and analyzed as such. No fire clearance/thinning should occur within the boundaries of any open-space, natural area or wildlife movement corridor, but should occur and be analyzed as part of the proposed project activities, because of the degradation that fire clearance/thinning activities have on natural resources.

The PEA also fails to describe to what degree the construction and fuel modification will result in long term degradation of sensitive habitat, such as coastal sage scrub, even though it recognizes the

impacts are potentially significant. PEA at 4-65, 6-11. Coastal Sage Scrub is classified as a sensitive plant community requiring special protection, as it is being lost at an alarming rate locally, regionally, and state-wide.

The PEA similarly proposes to alter existing jurisdictional drainages associated with the project but fails to describe where those drainages are located, how they would be impacted, and how they would be re-routed. PEA at 4-66, 6-11.

Moreover, several important components of the biological resources analysis have been deferred such as jurisdictional waterways surveys, sensitive plant surveys, focused surveys for the coastal California gnatcatcher and Least Bell's vireo within the entire Project area, burrowing owl surveys, and protected tree surveys. In one such example the PEA notes that "[f]ocused surveys for special status plant species have not been conducted due to the biological surveys occurring outside the blooming period, therefore, it is unknown which, if any, special status plant species occur in the areas affected by the Proposed Project." PEA at 4-62

Because many of the surveys were deferred the mitigation is also deferred. The mitigation mostly relies upon consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and United States Army Corps of Engineers to address impacts. PEA at 4-66, 4-67, 4-70, 6-11. The PEA itself doesn't propose anything concrete beyond consultation and later mitigation development. This is particularly troubling because the Project's Biological Consultant, Bonterra Consulting, provided a list of numerous mitigation measures that should be adopted. PEA at Appendix D.¹ These mitigation measures were largely ignored. It is impossible for the public and decision makers to adequately evaluate the project because of this vague and deferred analysis.

¹ December 8, 2008 letter to SCE RE: Biological Constraints Survey for the Presidential Substation Project, at p. 16.

B. IMPROPER SEGMENTATION AND PIECEMEAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF SCE SYSTEM UPGRADES

The PEA should be rejected because it fails to describe the systemwide upgrades proposed by SCE. SCE is contemporaneously proposing another transmission line upgrade for the general service area, the new Moorpark-Newbury 66 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line, 2272-E (U 338-E).² SCE has improperly segmented the environmental review for these two projects in order to move one forward under an advice letter and the lesser environmental review, public comment, and alternative analysis requirements that exist under General Order 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4. This approach masks the true nature of the overall system upgrade proposal and its environmental impacts, and also runs contrary to the project application and description requirements under General Order 131-D, § XI.B.1. This type of segmented or piecemeal review is also forbidden by the California Environmental Quality Act. “There is no dispute that CEQA forbids ‘piecemeal’ review of the significant environmental impacts of a project. This rule derives, in part, from section 21002.1, subdivision (d), which requires the lead agency ... to ‘consider[] the effects, both individual and collective, of all activities involved in [the] project.’” *Berkeley Keep Jets Over the Bay Committee v. Board of Port Com'rs*, 111 Cal. Rptr. 2d 598, 608 (Cal. App. 1 Dist. 2001).

The description and analysis of a related system upgrade for the City of Moorpark is omitted from the cumulative impacts analysis and relegated to a footnote in the PEA because it is “approximately 3 miles away from the western terminus of the Presidential Substation Project.” This assertion cannot withstand scrutiny. Both system upgrades are proposed by the same project applicant for the same area. Both system upgrades serve the City of Moorpark. They are simply placed on opposite sides of the City to both service the City of Moorpark from different direction. They have

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been submitted contemporaneously. The Moorpark-Newbury 66 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line was submitted to the CPUC via an advice letter on October 2, 2008 and is currently under consideration at the CPUC, while the Project was submitted on December 22, 2008 and is also currently under consideration by the CPUC.

SCE's failure to properly describe the whole of the project by including the total system upgrade consisting of both the Presidential Substation Project and Moorpark-Newbury subtransmission line project violates both the requirements of the CPUC's Rules and Regulations and the California Environmental Quality Act. SCE must revise and resubmit the Application and PEA to cure this deficiency and analyze the entirety of the system upgrades within the electrical service area.

C. THE APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY ANALYZE A REASONABLE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES

SCE has failed to properly propose and consider a reasonable range of alternatives in their PEA. SCE proposes one alternative substation site that is a vacant and abandoned County sheriff station, one system alternative that is an upgrade of existing substation facilities, and two alternative power line routes (one along Esperance and Read Rd and one along Madera-E. Olsen Rd). This limited analysis omits a range of viable alternatives that would have eliminated many of the environmental impacts of the Project, and provided for long term conservation and energy supply benefits. Furthermore, SCE improperly dismisses the environmentally superior substation alternative and powerline route alternative that it proposed in the PEA.

1. SYSTEM ALTERNATIVES

SCE fails to consider several non-transmission and substation alternatives that could meet the Project's purpose to "maintain safe and reliable electrical service to SCE's customers in the Electrical

Needs Area.” PEA at 1-1. These alternatives could both reduce environmental impacts and provide for long term cost and energy conservation within the electrical service area.

a. Energy Conservation and Substation Upgrade

The Project purpose could be achieved for a greatly reduced cost through a series of energy efficiency initiatives within the project area combined with Substation Upgrades to the Royal, Thousand Oaks, and Moorpark substations.³ California currently has the lowest per capita energy use in the Country, and there are additional opportunities to further reduce that energy demand through a host of mechanisms and incentives. For example, SCE could sponsor initiatives within the electrical needs area that would provide incentives for consumers such as the following: weatherization of homes; installation of energy efficient lighting such as compact fluorescent or LED lighting; installation of energy efficient heating and cooling systems, appliances and equipment, and control systems; or provide education programs for energy efficiency.

Resources abound on how SCE could work to implement and provide incentives for such programs:

- The California Public Utilities Commission issued a report entitled California Long Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan in September 2008. The report serves as a road map for achieving maximum energy savings across all major groups and sectors in California. The report includes numerous specific suggestions for energy efficiency to reduce energy use. The report is available at <http://www.californiaenergyefficiency.com/index.shtml>.
- The California Energy Commission summarizes the energy-related efforts of Humboldt County, City of Pleasanton, City of Pasadena, City and County of San Francisco, the Los Angeles area, City of Chula Vista, the San Diego region, City of San Diego, City and County of San Luis Obispo, and City of Santa Monica, in the 2006 Integrated Energy Policy Report at pp. 82-87, available here: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2006publications/CEC-100-2006-001/CEC-100-2006-001-CMF.PDF>
- The California Local Energy Efficiency Program (CALeep) has available on its website, <http://www.caleep.com/default.htm>, various resources and documents, including an energy “Workbook.” The Workbook lays out a process for instituting local energy efficiency programs

³ SCE fails to mention the existence of the Moorpark Substation in the System Alternative analysis, improperly narrowing the range of alternatives and withholding information of this potential upgrade from the public and decision makers.

based in part on information developed in six California pilot projects (Inland Empire Utilities Agency, City of Oakland, San Joaquin Valley, Sonoma County, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance). The Workbook can be used to initiate, plan, organize, implement, and assess energy efficiency activities at the local and regional level.

These energy conservation programs could be implemented in concert with the System Alternative 2—Increase Capacity at Two of the Electrical Needs Area Substations (Royal and Potrero). The System Alternative 2 would add 16.8 MVA of additional capacity and would meet the forecasted need into the next decade. Additionally, SCE could upgrade the Moorpark substation to provide for more additional capacity. Unfortunately, SCE uses an improperly inflated energy demand to justify this project that does not take into account existing demand reduction even prior to the initiation of the increased energy efficiency measures outlined above.

b. Photovoltaic Alternative

SCE also fails to analyze a renewable energy component that would provide for increased energy production at the end user through the installation of photovoltaic cells on rooftops. This would reduce the energy demand by individual consumers from SCE's distribution system while helping SCE meet its renewable energy portfolio standards, support the California Solar Initiative, and comply with AB32—The Global Warming Solutions Act. SCE could provide incentives and work to install solar energy panels and solar hot water heaters on customer locations, carports, or parking areas within and adjacent to the electricity needs area. Programs such as those offered by SunEdison, www.sunedison.com, allow businesses, governments, and utilities to install solar panels with no capital expenses, no operating expenses, and no ongoing maintenance costs. SCE could work to establish such a similar system to provide incentives for the development of solar energy production within its service area.

c. Smart-Grid Alternative

SCE could also implement Smart-Grid technology within the service area to meet the Project purpose while reducing environmental and social impacts. A smart grid delivers electricity from suppliers to consumers using digital technology to save energy and cost. Such a modernized electricity network can both optimize current operations, as well as open up new markets for alternative energy production. SCE itself has developed smart-grid technology within its service area.

In October 2007 SCE announced it had designed and installed the nation's most advanced neighborhood electricity circuit it labeled as Avanti.⁴ SCE's "Circuit of the Future" now delivers power to 1,400 residential and business customers in the Inland Empire. SCE smart grid engineers built five integrated technologies into the circuit that give customers surer electricity service, fewer outages with faster service restoration and lower future costs than would otherwise occur. SCE provides no explanation why such a program was not proposed in lieu of this Project.

2. SUBTRANSMISSION ALTERNATIVES

SCE fails to consider several subtransmission alternatives that could meet the Project's purpose while reducing environmental impacts. The most environmentally damaging component of the Proposed Project is the transmission line component east of Read Rd through open space and critical habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher. The following alternatives avoid that significant impact to wildlife.

a. Tierra Rejada Road Upgrade

The PEA avoids an analysis of an upgrade of existing power transmission along the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line along Tierra Rejada Road. The Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line could then be connected to the Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No.2 line in the west side of the Project area through existing connections or a minimal extension of new powerlines. See Exhibit A. The environmental impacts

⁴ For more information visit SCE's smart grid webpage: <http://www.sce.com/PowerandEnvironment/smartgrid/>

associated with upgrading existing powerlines along a four to six lane road would be greatly minimized compared to the Proposed Project.

b. Proposed Route-Critical Habitat Avoidance

As described in Exhibit B a subtransmission line could be developed that would bypass the impacts to critical habitat by making a 90 degree turn south at the intersection of Read Rd and Highway 23 then heading north-eastbound from the intersection of Highway 23 and Madera Road to new substation on the alternative substation site (the vacant Sheriff's office). This alternative would meet all of the project needs while avoiding the most environmentally damaging component of the Project.

3. ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR ALTERNATIVE

SCE improperly rejects an environmentally superior alternative that it outlined in the PEA consisting of siting the substation on Alternative B (the abandoned Sheriff's station) combined with subtransmission lines along E. Olsen and Madera Rd. By placing the substation on previously disturbed lands that are already publicly owned SCE would avoid any disturbance to sensitive wildlife communities through the construction of a new substation. Placing the powerline component of the project along an existing public thoroughfare that is 4 lanes wide would avoid the negative environmental impacts of constructing new lines through critical habitat.

SCE dismisses this alternative because it would require SCE to "specially engineer and configure the substation", its is approximately 2 miles longer than the preferred alternative, and would be placed along a thoroughfare that is not currently an SCE right of way. PEA at 2-8, 2-12. These conclusory assertions are merely straw man arguments to avoid the environmentally superior alternative. All new development requires special engineering and configuration to address the physical constraints of a construction site. Additionally, placing the powerline along an existing

thoroughfare will avoid many environmental impacts and logistical problems with construction, access, and repairs. This is a positive aspect of the project not a drawback. While the Olsen-Madera powerline component is longer and will require additional right of way acquisition this does not permit SCE to avoid an environmentally superior alternative.

4. OTHER ALTERNATIVES

In the course of this proceeding, allowing for discovery, the Center may be able to identify other alternatives to those proposed above and reserves the right to propose other alternatives at a later date.

D. THE APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY DISCLOSE AND ANALYZE THE PROJECT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Based on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment the Center has a number of outstanding concerns regarding the environmental effects of the proposed Project, including the following:

- The Applicant's failure to provide an adequate survey of affected biological resources, including special status plant and animal species.
- The Applicant's failure to provide a stable definition of the project.
- The Applicant's failure to demonstrate that the project is necessary.
- The Applicant's failure to propose and objectively evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives to the project.
- The project will result in significant adverse impacts to biological resources, including rare, threatened, and endangered plants and wildlife.
- The project will result in significant impacts to recreational and aesthetic resources, such as the nearby Reagan Library.

The Center believes that the Application must be rejected because it fails to meet the statutory and procedural requirements for a complete and adequate Application and PEA. The Center nonetheless provides this preliminary outline of their environmental concerns and objections, and will provide additional information on these matters when the Commission addresses environmental matters at the hearing stage and during review of the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

IV. Request for Hearing

For these reasons, the Center submits that material factual issues exist regarding the adequacy of the PEA and Application and the sufficiency of SCE's examination of potential alternative routes for the project and the substation. At that time the Center can present information related to biological impacts, project segmentation, and alternatives. The Center believes that a hearing is necessary to address the deficiencies within SCE's PEA and Application for this project, to develop an appropriate record, and for the Commission to properly make its decision.

The Center proposes no specific schedule at this time because the PEA and Application remain seriously deficient. Until such time that SCE addresses these deficiencies, it is premature to adopt a procedural schedule for this proceeding. However, the Center will defer to the determination of the CPUC and ALJ should they determine that Hearings are accordingly scheduled at this time.

V. Communication

Please address all correspondence, pleadings, orders and notices in this proceeding to the address below and on the cover page of this protest.

VI. Conclusion

The Center respectfully protests this application and requests that the Commission either reconsider the need for this project proposed by SCE, designate an alternative route for the project, or

at a minimum require a legally adequate Application and PEA.

WHEREFORE, the Center requests that the Commission consider the issues set forth above and reject this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

Center

for Biological Diversity

Date: February 19, 2009

By: /s/ Jonathan Evans

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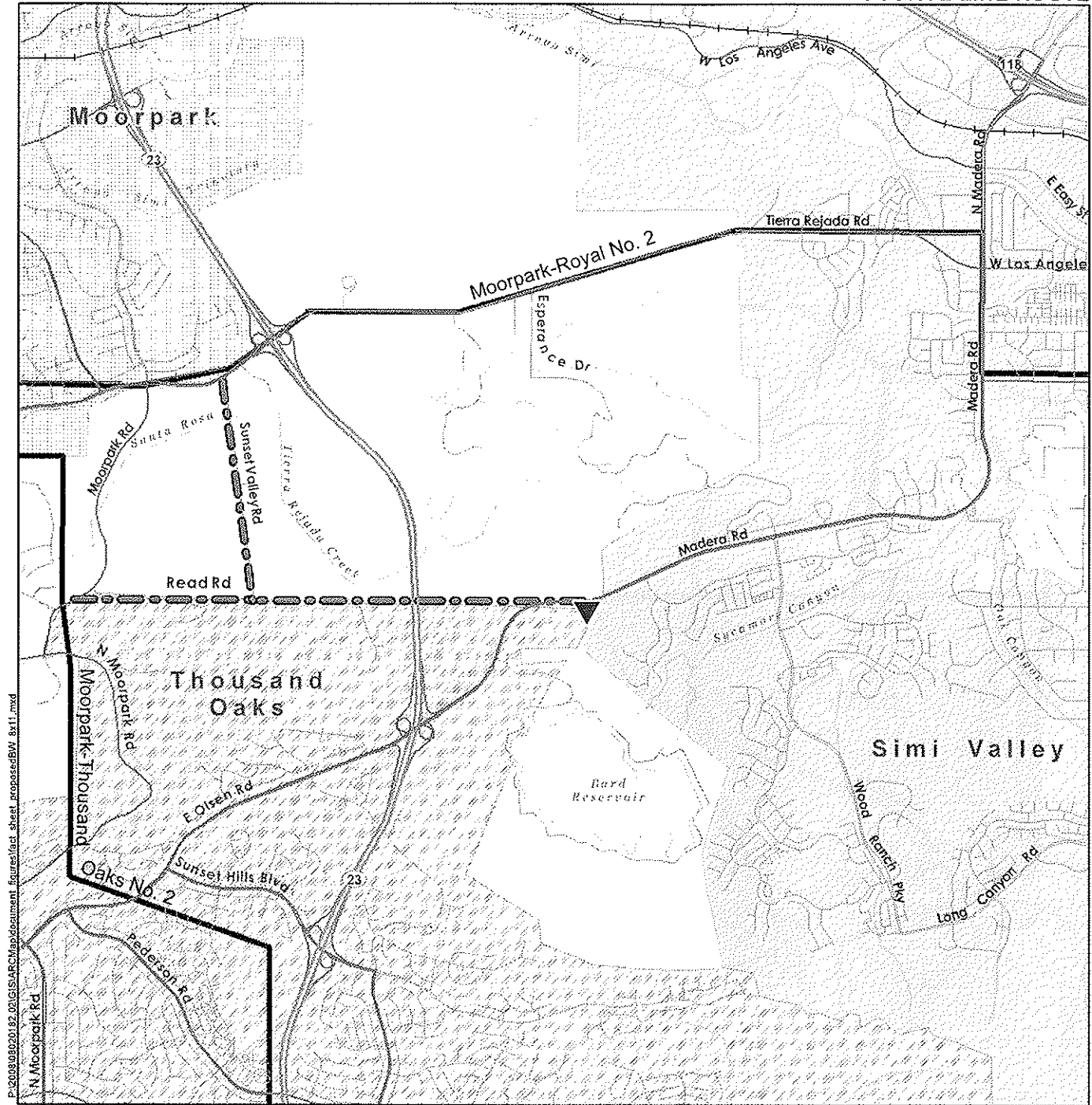
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PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION PROJECT

Southern California Edison

SUBSTATION AND SUBTRANSMISSION SOURCE LINE ROUTE



Substation Source Line Route

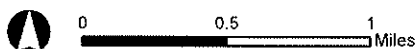
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Existing Features

- Existing SCE 66 kV Line

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- City of Simi Valley
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EXHIBIT A

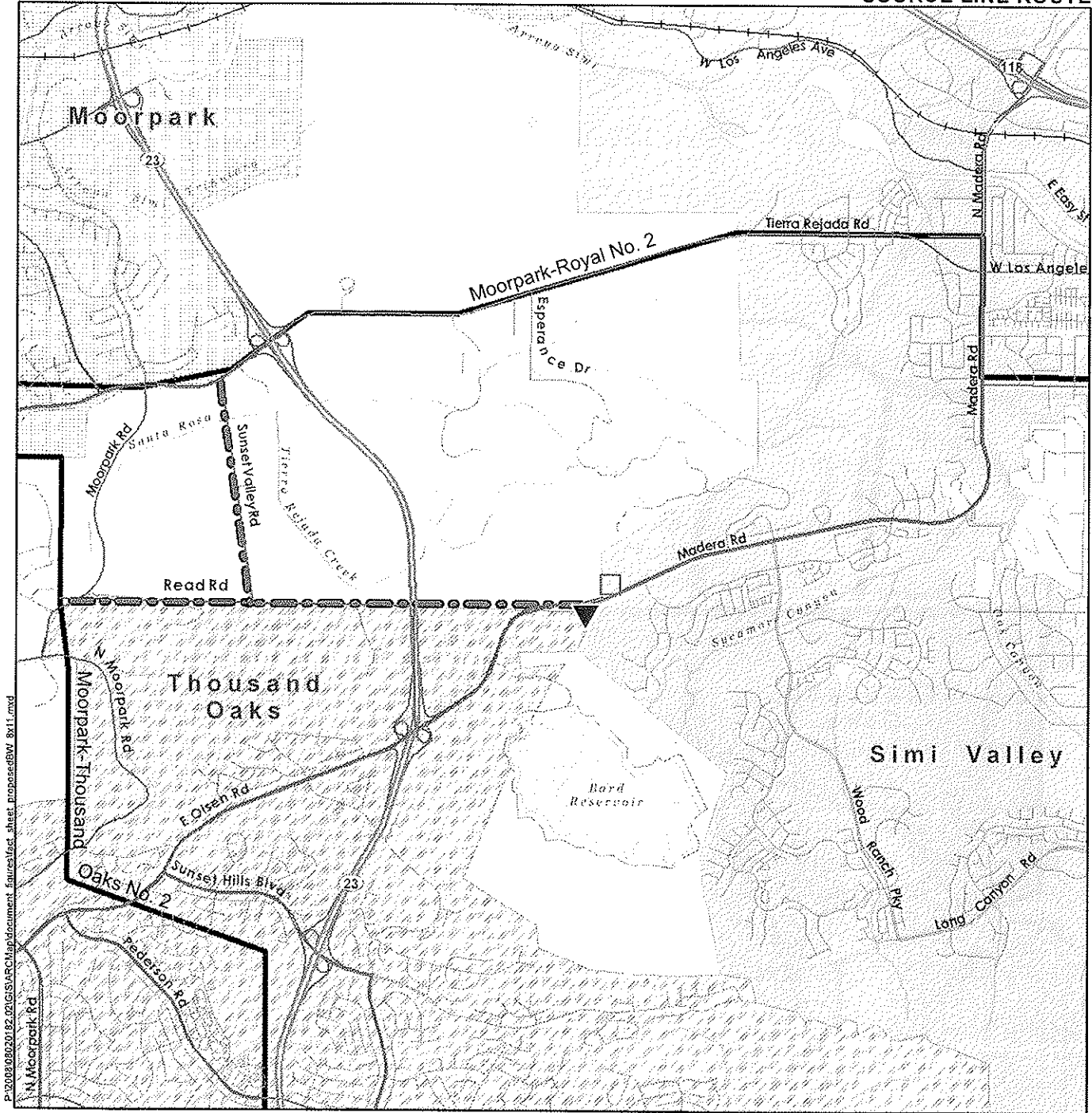
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EXHIBIT B

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I have served a true copy of the PROTEST OF THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES on the following parties and persons identified on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website Application number 08-12-023, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this February 19, 2009 at San Francisco, CA.

/s/ Jonathan Evans
Jonathan Evans

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Presidential Substation Project

From: Mark Towne [MTowne@toaks.org]
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc: Amy Albano; Greg Smith; John Prescott
Subject: City of Thousand Oaks EIR Scoping Comments
Attachments:  20090319151529.pdf(356KB)

Sent: Thu 3/19/2009 3:27 PM

Ms. Mosley,

Please see attached City of Thousand Oaks EIR scoping comments for the Presidential Substation Project. Please be advised that a confidential attachment is being sent under separate cover with the hard copy of our comments. Questions and subsequent correspondence should be sent to Greg Smith, Senior Planner, Environmental Services Section, at 805-449-2329, or gsmith@toaks.org.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2009

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Re: EIR Scoping – Southern California Edison (SCE)-Proposed Presidential Substation Project

Dear Ms. Mosley,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments relative to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Presidential Substation Project (Project) that is proposed by Southern California Edison (SCE).

These written comments are in addition to verbal statements made by City of Thousand Oaks Staff at a public scoping meeting that was held at Park Oaks Elementary School on March 3, 2009. The comments in this letter also reflect previous concerns regarding potential environmental impacts associated with the Presidential Substation Project that were contained in a formal protest letter filed by the City of Thousand Oaks (City) with the California Public Utilities Commission on February 13, 2009.

We are respectfully requesting that each issue identified below be thoroughly evaluated in the Draft EIR in order to ensure its adequacy and completeness.

Environmental Setting Information

It should be noted in the Draft EIR that numerous single-family homes along Read Road are located in close proximity to the proposed above-ground 66 kV subtransmission lines that are associated with the Presidential Substation, which is proposed in the northeastern portion of Thousand Oaks. It should also be noted that both State Highway 23 and Olsen Road are City-designated scenic highways and would be significantly impacted by this project. In addition, the proposed SCE subtransmission route is located adjacent to two lots of record that are deed-restricted for open space purposes, one of which contains a significant archeological site [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As a result, potential construction impacts to these cultural resources are considered adverse and unavoidable. Lastly, at least two endangered plant species are known to exist in the vicinity of SCE's preferred Presidential Substation site alongside Olsen Road and may be adversely impacted.

Overview of Issues Requiring Analysis

It is the City's position that the Draft EIR needs to thoroughly evaluate the following: a) the proposed substation location and its potential visual impact on the community, b) the proposed subtransmission poles and their potential visual impact on the community, c) the potential construction impacts on sensitive cultural resources known to exist within the preferred subtransmission right-of-way, d) the potential construction impacts on endangered plant species known to exist with the vicinity of the proposed substation site, e) the potential levels of EMF exposure to residents living within 200 feet of Read Road, f) other technically feasible alternatives not addressed in SCE's Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) that may be "environmentally superior" to the proposed project, and g) to what degree the proposed Project does, or does not, comply with the adopted policies of the City of Thousand Oaks General Plan and its related Elements.

Demonstration of Project Need

Substantive information should be provided in the draft EIR in order to document the need for the substation and related subtransmission lines. This information should include, but not be limited to, an analysis of population growth trends, as well as an evaluation of approved projects and vacant parcels zoned for future development that are located within Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and unincorporated portions of Ventura County to be served by the Project. Such information is critical in order to determine how the need for the Project is derived. As an example, Figure 1.2 in the PEA, actually shows a reduction in peak demand for electrical power at substations within the Electrical Needs Area from 2006-2008. Although a meeting was held on January 29, 2009 to discuss this particular issue and as well as other concerns, no satisfactory answers were provided with regard to the methodology used by SCE to estimate peak energy demand projections for the proposed substation's service area.

Evaluation of Additional Substation Site Alternatives

SCE has identified its preferred substation site on the south side of Olsen Road in the northeast portion of Thousand Oaks. The only other alternative site identified in the PEA is at a previous Sheriff's Station located within the City of Simi Valley, approximately 1,000 feet northeast of SCE's preferred site.

The City believes that additional, technically feasible substation sites should be evaluated in the draft EIR, including the western and northern portions of the nearby

Tierra Rejada Valley, where a substation would still meet the purported service area needs in Simi Valley, unincorporated portions of Ventura County and Thousand Oaks. Of particular relevance is land that is: a) located on the south side of Tierra Rejada Road east of the State Route 23 Freeway, and b) generally defined to the north by Tierra Rejada Road, on the south by the intersection of Read Road and Moorpark Road, on the east by Moorpark Road, and on the west by the existing Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No. 2 66kV Subtransmission Line. Potential sites in these areas were previously identified by SCE, as indicated in an exhibit dated 01/18/2008 that is entitled "Simi B Substation Siting: Potential Sites" (Site numbers 1, 13 and 14) that were previously provided to City Staff by SCE and is submitted under separate cover¹.

Substations in these areas are all located immediately adjacent to existing 66 kV subtransmission lines. On the other hand, both substation sites identified in the PEA require a major southeastward extension of these subtransmission lines from their present terminus on Moorpark Road, across the Route 23 Freeway to a terminal point on Olsen Road, beyond which there is no apparent connection to any existing 66 kV facilities. Since two separate circuits will interconnect the preferred Presidential Substation site with a network of existing 66 kV lines, one of which flanks the south side of Tierra Rejada Road and serves Simi Valley and another in Moorpark Road that serves Thousand Oaks, the City believes that such alternative sites previously identified by SCE would better meet the purported future demand for increased electrical capacity within the service areas of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and unincorporated portions of Ventura County. The principal benefits of these alternatives are listed as follows: a) fewer residents would be adversely affected by the project, b) each of the substations would be much closer to both the Moorpark-Thousand Oaks No. 2 66 kV Subtransmission Line and Moorpark-Royal No. 2 66 kV Subtransmission Line, thereby reducing the number of new poles and linear extent of new subtransmission line, and c) the substation and poles would not be located adjacent to a City-designated scenic highway.

Substation Site Plan and Related Exhibits

It is requested that the Draft EIR include the following exhibits drawn to scale: 1) a site plan of the proposed substation with driveway and acceleration and deceleration lanes on Olsen Road 2) elevations depicting various substation components and their relationships to proposed perimeter walls and adjacent graded slopes, 3) a grading plan depicting daylight cuts and fills, manufactured slope heights and manufactured slope gradients, 4) a topographic map of the substation site depicting natural hillside terrain exceeding 25% gradient that is proposed to be graded, and 5) a delineation of any brush clearance around the facility that would be required for wildfire management purposes.

¹ The referenced exhibit is marked "Confidential" and therefore it has been attached under separate cover for ESA's review only in order to maintain this status.

Photo-simulation of Proposed Substation

Confirmation is needed that the photo-simulation provided in Figure 4.1-3 of the PEA is technically accurate and complete in the event this exhibit is used again in the Draft EIR. It appears that this photo-simulation is inaccurate based on the maximum height of components such as the switchracks, which are 17 feet in height, in comparison to the height of the perimeter wall, which is 8 feet.

"Environmentally Superior" Subtransmission Route Alternative

The PEA prepared for the Project only identifies alternative subtransmission line routes from Madera Road to Esperance Drive (Alternative 1), and along Olsen Road/Madera Road (Alternative 2). The City believes that two additional potential 66 kV subtransmission routes should be evaluated in the Draft EIR. One would utilize an existing culvert that crosses underneath the Route 23 Freeway, which is located approximately 650 feet north of the easterly terminus of Read Road. It is considered to be an "environmentally superior" alternative since it would eliminate the need to suspend 66 kV subtransmission lines across the Route 23 Freeway, which is identified by the City as a scenic highway.

If the substation were located on the south side of Tierra Rejada Road east of the State Route 23 Freeway, then the existing 66 kV subtransmission lines located along Tierra Rejada Road could be diverted southward following a more direct alignment with a connection to Olsen Road, in the event that this is an absolutely necessary service area requirement. This would not only eliminate potentially significant viewshed impacts associated with the proposed suspension of 66 kV subtransmission lines above the freeway, but would also avoid impacting numerous residents living along Read Road.

Subtransmission Poles

The Draft EIR needs to clarify the actual width and height of proposed tubular steel poles at all locations along the subtransmission route, as this could have a significant bearing on the visual impact of the poles. As an example, Table 3.2 of the PEA states that pole diameters range between 2 feet and 4 feet. No maximum height is identified for the two poles located on either side of the Route 23 Freeway.

The Draft EIR should also include accurate photo-simulation of these poles and subtransmission lines where they are proposed to cross Olsen Road and the State Route 23 Freeway, both of which are City-designated scenic highways and gateways to Thousand Oaks. It is also requested that similar photo-simulations be prepared for SCE's originally preferred subtransmission route from Madera Road to Esperance Drive (Alternative 1). Such photo-simulations would enable a more complete evaluation of the visual impacts of various alternative subtransmission line routes. Photo-simulations should depict that actual proposed width of the poles and state their width.

Undergrounding of 66 kV Subtransmission Lines

The Draft EIR should analyze the feasibility of undergrounding any proposed 66 kV subtransmission lines, particularly in the vicinity of Olsen Road and Read Road in order to minimize potential visual and EMF impacts to the community. This analysis should not only include estimated costs and technical feasibility, but also address the possible opportunity for re-use of the existing drainage culvert under the State Route 23 Freeway that is located approximately 650 feet north of Read Road.

Exposure to Elevated Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)

Appendix F of SCE's application for a permit to construct the Project identifies potential EMF fields associated with the proposed design. Both the City, as well as residents living adjacent to Read Road, have expressed concern regarding possible health risks associated with long-term exposure to EMF radiation generated by the proposed 66kV transmission lines. Due to the proximity of single-family residences to the preferred subtransmission line route in the vicinity of Read Road, this impact could be considered potentially significant and unavoidable. Therefore, alternative pole locations and undergrounding options should be thoroughly studied. It is the City's understanding that "prudent avoidance" in the form of a minimum separation of 200 feet is used by SCE between transmission lines and schools. The City required a similar separation of 200 feet between existing transmission lines and residential areas within the Dos Vientos Specific Plan Nos. 8 and 9 (Reference: Final EIR No.148).

Protocols for Rare Plant Surveys

The PEA acknowledges that rare plant species are known to be present on the proposed substation site. It should be noted that the standard protocol period established by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) for spring surveys involving Lyon's pentachaeta extends from March through June. For Conejo dudleya, it is April through July. The known presence of both of these species on-site requires that field surveys be completed prior to the release of the Draft EIR in order to make an impact determination.

Sensitive Archeological Resources

As noted in the PEA, a previously-recorded archaeological site [REDACTED] exists along [REDACTED]. This archaeological site has been preserved by the City as a permanent open space lot [REDACTED]. In keeping with the recommendations of the California Indian Council (Chumash) [REDACTED] in order to prevent any future disturbance to a significant intact subsurface component. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Proposed replacement of existing wooden poles that are located within this easement with larger steel poles will directly impact [REDACTED] Mr. Richard Angulo,

who was the Native American Monitor participating in the Phase II testing of this archeological site, has expressed concern that excavation within this easement is likely to encounter artifacts and has therefore recommended avoidance, if at all possible.

Conclusion

This completes the City's written response to the CPUC's request for public input regarding the scope of a Draft EIR that is to be prepared for Southern California Edison's proposed Presidential Substation Project. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (805) 449-2329 or cdgrsmith@toaks.org.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Greg Smith, Senior Planner
Environmental Services Section

Confidential Enclosure (1)

I/CDD/Presidential Substation/SCE Scoping Letter-2

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Public Comment Card

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Public Scoping Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2009 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Commenter Name: Lehua CusterAddress: 4956 Read Rd.

Comment: I recently moved to this beautiful house and have enjoyed the peace and comfort here. I am greatly concerned by the plans to put power lines here. I train young horses on the property and it will be dangerous for me to ride and train with load construction so close. This will negatively affect my business.

I am also concerned about the beauty of the area to be marred by huge power lines. I specifically chose to move here for the peace and beauty. This should not be occurring so close to my home.

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Public Comment Card

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Commenter Name: Teresa Chu

Address: 1320 Miravalle Ave Los Altos CA 94024

Comment: My family & I represent the owners of 2 lots on
READ RD. We are strongly opposed to the construction
of transmission towers on Read Rd. The transmission towers
will destroy the scenic drive along Read Rd; exit for
the road will become unsafe with the installation
of 6' wide foundation. The foundation will obstruct
the bike path easement and make driving on Read
Road less safe.

SEE Set back of 100' will affect the housing construction
on our lots. The deep foundation may affect sewer
line and other service for our future houses on our
lots. The deep foundation will have a negative impact
on water table, nearby plants & trees.

The unsightly view of the massive transmission towers will
impact property value. The buzzing and electromagnetic
field generated by the high current transmission
lines will make it undesirable for building
otherwise very nice houses on our lots.

We cannot emphasize enough of our extreme unhappiness
with this transmission tower project.

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To: Juralynne Mosley From: Ingrid + Jay Brewer

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4991 Read Road
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March 19, 2009

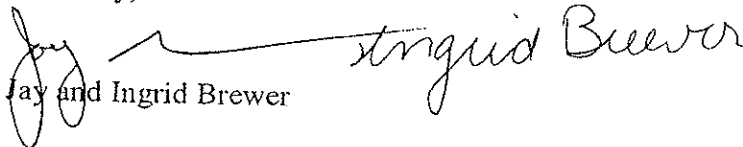
Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Blvd. Suite 105
Petaluma, CA 94954

Dear Ms. Mosley:

Enclosed please find our public comment card stating our concerns about Southern California Edison's proposed Presidential Substation Project. Also included is our protest letter to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the same matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,


Jay and Ingrid Brewer

Enclosure

cc: Senator Tony Strickland
Assemblywoman Audra Strickland
Mr. Peter Foy, Supervisor, County of Ventura
Ms. Kari Finley, County of Ventura
Mr. Jonathan Evans, Center for Biological Diversity
Mr. Thomas P. Glancy, Mayor of the City of Thousand Oaks
Mr. Michael Manka, ESA
Mr. Charles R. Cronin, sTTop
Mr. Mark Towne, City of Thousand Oaks
Ms. Amy Albano, City of Thousand Oaks

PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Scoping Period: February 17-March 19, 2009

Commenter Name: Jay and Ingrid Brewer
Address: 4991 Read Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 93021
Telephone: (805) 523-2807

Comment:

Jay and I purchased our home on Read Road because of the rural tranquility, aesthetic beauty, and surrounding wide open space it offered to us and our daughters. The proposed transmission towers for the Presidential Substation Project would completely alter our environs on a permanent level and cause a major disruption while being constructed. We vehemently object to the building of such towers; they are unsafe and an eyesore to our community.

Read Road is a very narrow, rural road. The building of the transmission towers will be a safety hazard, causing traffic delays and further restricting our already limited access in and out of our development. Emergency services to the area and evacuation routes in case of wildfire would be impeded. Read Road is a designated biking route and horse trail. These forms of recreation would not be possible to enjoy during the construction phase due to the noise and obstructions, and once the towers are in place the high voltage transmission lines will create an irritating buzzing noise and expose all those riding or walking below them to a strong magnetic field, the health risks of which are unknown. (Not to mention the noise pollution and health risk to those families living within a few hundred feet of the towers.)

The colossal size of the transmission towers will completely destroy the rural beauty of our area. The monoliths will obstruct our panoramic views; stark modern sentinels juxtaposed against fields and sky. They will further cramp the Read Road corridor and deprive us of the country road ambiance as we approach or leave our homes by way of either Read Road or Sunset Valley Road. Thousands of people come to enjoy the U-pick, animal petting farm, and special events at Underwood Family Farms on Sunset Valley Road. The towers will defile the lovely agricultural atmosphere of this fun family attraction.

At the time we purchased our home, we were told Read Road was to remain rural with no further development. This is a violation to that agreement. Transmission towers of this magnitude have no place in a residential community; they are hazardous and an assault to the natural beauty of our area. Furthermore, the lack of aesthetics and perceived health risks of living near the power poles will decrease our property values as much as ten percent. We implore Southern California Edison to reconsider and use an alternative route for the presidential substation transmission towers.

Ingrid Brewer
Jay

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U-338-e) for a
Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities With Voltages
Between 50 kV and 200 kV: Presidential Substation
Project

Application No. 08-12-023
(Filed December 22, 2008)

**PROTEST OF JAY AND INGRID BREWER TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S
APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL
SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES**

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Date: February 10, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE PRESIDENTIAL
SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION
FACILITIES**

Pursuant to Rule 2.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Jay and Ingrid Brewer protest the Application of Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") for a Permit to Construct the Presidential Substation and associated transmission/distribution electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200kV ("the Project").

I. INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

Jay and Ingrid Brewer are concerned with the potential loss of property values. The proposed substation has already led to potential buyers of property in the Read Road area declining to purchase the property. In addition, Jay and Ingrid Brewer are concerned with potential health issues due to the electric and magnetic fields ("EMF") impact.

Jay and Ingrid Brewer are concerned about the preservation of the Native American artifacts and sacred ground that would be defiled. Finally, Jay and Ingrid Brewer are concerned about the environmental and esthetic effects on their neighborhood.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

All correspondence, pleadings, orders and notices in this proceeding should be directed to

the following:

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Telephone: 805-496-0075
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E-Mail: jbrewer@bandtcpas.com

III. PROTEST

In support of their Protest, Jay and Ingrid Brewer state the following:

SCE has not considered other feasible alternate routes for the Project and compared them to the significant impact that its Project will have on Jay and Ingrid Brewer. SCE's Proponent's Environmental Assessment ("PEA") addresses only three alternative routes. SCE should have studied routes utilizing Tierra Rejada Road which is a four lane highway that is in some places six lanes wide and a far more appropriate location for a significant transmission line and would use an existing transmission corridor. Similarly, SCE should have studied routes utilizing the Route 23 Freeway Corridor which would allow much of the proposed line to run parallel to the Moorpark-Royal No. 2 line and along the freeway right of way which is already a significant disruption of the area. In the course of this proceeding it is likely that other alternatives will be discovered and proposed.

SCE has also failed to analyze the project's impact on the community within its PEA. It has failed to address whether this project is even necessary, especially given that conservation alternative may reduce or eliminate the need for this project.

In addition, SCE's photo simulations are misleading and fail to acknowledge the homes over which many of the subtransmission line poles will abut. These simulations should be redone to show the visual impact on these homes and the general community.

SCE fails to address other mitigation measures such as undergrounding, especially odd given that there is existing undergrounding in the area that could be

utilized.

SCE also fails to address within the PEA the safety hazards imposed by limited emergency access, increased risk of fires, and the traffic hazards imposed by placing poles along a narrow road.

Finally, SCE also fails to address the Native American cultural resources and artifacts that may exist in the direct path of the proposed route of its Project.

IV. Request for Hearing

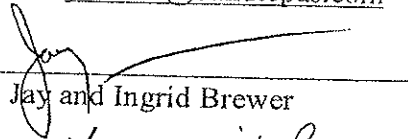
For these reasons, Jay and Ingrid Brewer believe that a hearing is necessary to address the deficiencies within SCE's PEA for this project and for the Commission to properly make its decision. Jay and Ingrid Brewer respectfully protest this application and request that the Commission either reconsider the need for this project proposed by SCE, or designate an alternative route for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 10, 2009

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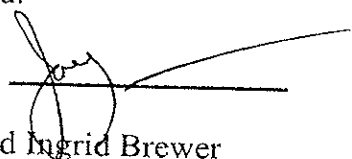
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

We, Jay and Ingrid Brewer, certify that we have on February 10, 2009 caused a copy of the foregoing

**PROTEST OF JAY AND INGRID BREWER TO SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT
THE PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED
TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES**

to be served on all known parties to A.08-12-023 listed on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed this February 10, 2009 at Thousand Oaks, California.


Jay and Ingrid Brewer

Ingrid Brewer

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(Updated February 2, 2009)

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Presidential Substation Project

From: Pooch4@aol.com [Pooch4@aol.com]**Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 1:18 PM**To:** Presidential Substation Project**Cc:****Subject:** Presidential substation**Attachments:**

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 805-523-7812

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
 Presidential Substation Project
 c/o Environmental Science Associates
 1425 N. McDowell Blvd. Suite 105
 Petaluma, CA 94954

March 19, 2009

Dear Ms. Mosley,

I am writing in regards to the transmission poles and lines to be placed along Read Rd. Sunset Valley Rd. and Maya Pradera Lane in conjunction with the Presidential Substation in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. I am writing this in a personal manner to hopefully help you understand what is going on. We have lived in our home for 27 years. Our children have grown up here, and our grandchildren come here to play and spend time in the "country". This is a very rural area with abundant wildlife and varied plant life. It is an area where children come from all over to spend time and enjoy the opportunity to experience farm life at our local fruit and vegetable market and producing fields. I've seen buses full of children coming up from Los Angeles to experience the joys of picking their own pumpkins from the fields. Experiences they would not otherwise have. I've seen tour groups from as far away as Japan visiting the farm. I know young children who come here to take riding lessons and enjoy the opportunity to see farm animals that they would otherwise only have the opportunity to see in books and film.

If these power lines go in, this will all change. Our scenic and safe rural area will never be the same. We are trying not only to save our homes, but also save a way of life that is all too quickly disappearing. These poles will be going in and drastically impacting small, narrow roads. Some of these lines will be going almost overtop of peoples homes. The impact on this area will be devastating.

We've already been told that because of the size of the bases of these poles, the tree roots will probably die. But they have assured us that they will plant new trees to replace them. I'm asking how can you replace mature trees that were already fully grown before even I moved here 27 years ago. I will be a very old lady before any newly planted trees reach the maturity of the existing trees.

There is also the issue of the buzzing noise that can be heard from these transmission lines. When you sit under these types of lines, you can hear the crackling and popping. So now, when we sit out in our yards in the cool of the evening, this is what we'll be able to enjoy.

I am sure I could go on and on about the detrimental effects of this proposed project. I really feel that there are plenty of other options to take into consideration, and that this project is not only NOT needed at this time, but also that there are other viable options and different routes that these lines could take.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jon & Sharon Fleagane

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From: Chuck Cronin [ccronin879@sbcglobal.net] **Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 2:56 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project; sherylcronin@sbcglobal.net
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Subject: Input to Presidential Substation EIR
Attachments: PresidentialESAr.doc(46KB) ccronin_9426_NSR_223200951830AM.pdf(49KB) GrayhouseReadRd.JPG(360KB)
 SunsetValley.JPG(559KB) ReadRdRt23.JPG(839KB)

The attached represent the concerns of Charles and Sheryl Cronin of 1912 Maya Pradera Lane, Moorpark CA 93021 818 430-7860.

The pictures identify that the PEA tower heights and related EMF are invalid due to the proximity to homes and the grade differential between the tower base and and home location.

In addition, the towers identified for the RT23 crossing are understated due to the need for the distribution lines to clear the Freeway surface, the grade differential of 50ft at the point of crossing and the 40ft of tower needed to carry the transmission, distribution and telephone lines. The total tower height is 110 ft minimum which changes the height of the towers due the restriction on drop between towers of 5ft. Therefore most towers are between 110ft to 80ft along Read Rd.

The site of the Towers is the site of a National Parks wildlife research project and is a wildlife cooridor for both the Santa Monical Mountain Conservancy and the Nature Conservancy. Neither of the three parties were noticed on the PEA nor were their findings included in the Resources section of the PEA. The impact during the construction phase is considerable and will reverse the work that has been done to facilitate wildlife migration, includig special wildlife gates, underpasses and fencing.

The recreation impact is great as the Read RD is both and County and City BikeWay that provides the only access between Tierra Rejeda , Moorpark Rd and Olson Rd. The safety of that bike way will be severely impacted during both teh construction phase and as a permanenet structure. The road is very narrow and the only passable shoulder is on the south side, the proposed location of the towers. The current telephone poles are roughly 10ft from the road edge and the 6ft base will cut that distance to 7ft, too little space for a car to safely use the shoulder.

The other concerns on the project are listed below:

Aesthetics

Scenic corridor over RT 23 and through valley, agricultural area, offer simulations even if hand drawn

Agricultural Resources

Underwood Farms impact, use of Rick's farm as staging area, runoff to fields

Cultural Resources

Native American area in path and in staging area

Hazards, Hazardous Materials

Foundations go as deep as 25 ft affecting trees and water table

Hydrology and Water Quality

Water table for Read Rd will be affected, animals, plants and humans

Land Use and Planning

Read Rd to remain rural per Tract agreements, no further development

Noise

Construction noise and buzzing from the Transmission Towers

Population and Housing

Housing will need to be abandoned, Todesco House, others not built, home schooling within SCE setback of 100ft

Public Services

Fire Department will have more restricted access, construction phase is a fire hazard

Recreation

Bike path easement is useless if there is no means for exit to Read Rd, Underwood Farms classroom within 100 ft, riding stables, u-pick farms

Transportation and Traffic

Unsafe today and less safe during construction and after 6ft wide foundations in place. Single exit for Read Rd to anywhere will be down to one lane for morning commute to schools and work for 35 residents

Utilities and Service Systems

Will eliminate possible sewer line and other services for Read Rd

Presidential Proposal Objections:

1. Destroys Scenic Corridor established in the Thousand Oaks General Plan
2. Increases EMF for residents within the 100ft impact area, including home school
3. Creates safety hazard on narrow country road
4. Disrupts significant Native American finds
5. Impacts three endangered species, see Center for Biological Diversity Protest
6. Impacts ability to place sound wall
7. Impairs sole fire escape route with closure of Emergency Access Rd.
8. Reduces property values without compensation, cross members encroach on existing easements by 3ft.
9. Increases investment and dependency on fossil fuel generated electricity
10. Encroaches on several Open Space parcels along Read Rd and Olson Rd.
11. Does not incorporate mandates in SB1, SB31, California Solar Initiative and proposed SB14
12. Disrupts view from Reagan Library and Gravesite
13. Leaves Tierra Rejada line in a high maintenance condition of wood and steel combination poles
14. Decreases property tax revenue by \$250,000 a year due to devaluation and six lost home sites
15. Creates a barrier to the widening of Read Rd
16. Will eliminate the proposed dedication RT 23 as CA Scenic Highway
17. Changes the nature of RT 23 and Read Rd in the City of Thousand Oaks Plan
18. Requires the acquisition of some property rights although not clearly defined
19. Tower heights listed are too low to meet the requirements over homes and Rt23, should be 110 ft
20. Tower foundations with diameter of 6ft will impact the ability to add sewer line, parking and other services to Read Rd residents
21. Deceptive in Nature – SCE shows only part of picture – literally and figuratively
22. Homeowners will leave homes, sold or unsold, disrupting local economy even further
23. Most of the electricity provided is to be used by residents in another city
24. More jobs and tax revenue would be created with local based Solar and Self-Generation programs
25. Will force the removal of most of the mature trees due to the 10ft clearance required by SCE

Demand Assumption Issues:

1. Demand increase of 25% is questionable and no explanation or methodology provided
2. California Energy Commission projects only 10% growth in demand in the general area, over ten years
3. Ignores renewable energy produced by approved mandates such as AB32 (greenhouse gas), SB1 (solar) and SB31 (renewable)
4. Does not consider near zero growth in housing units expected
5. Does not consider the new Federal Funds available for renewable energy and conservation

There are three alternatives in SCE application:

Olson Rd

Read Rd/Sunset Valley Rd

Through Santa Rosa Valley by Reagan Library

Additional alternatives that need consideration include:

1. Upgrade Tierra Rejada lines to existing substation.
2. Upgrade Potrero/Royal substations (discussed but eliminated as it only meets inflated "needs" thru 2014).
3. Mitigate projected need with targeted conservation and spend the projects \$38 million on renewable/solar, (Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks competition). This would be funded by SCE to reach its target for California Solar Initiative.
4. Locate substation along Moorpark-Thousand Oaks Two line as it is in close proximity to the substation target area
5. Underground the lines **near residences and in scenic corridors**

The recommendation is that a combination of option 2 and 3 are aggressively pursued.

Current Status:

Utilities continue to increase the expenditures in fossil fuel based infrastructure, at the expense of ratepayers, even though State and Federal funding efforts are focused on the significant reduction in fossil fuel based energy.

SCE is way behind in its commitments to the California Solar Initiative of 3% in solar delivery. SCE is generating 1/3 the applications and online capacity of PG&E even though the SCE commitment is greater.

SCE is not required to consider conservation, self-generation or grid-based renewable energy in its projections for the fossil-based transmission lines projects. Neither as an alternative or as an impact to offset demand.

There are no financial penalties for not meeting the goals of either CSI or the targets in SB14.

There is no guideline that requires that SCE present the renewable energy as an alternative to meet the projected demand needs within a given proposal.

The California Energy Commission performs detailed and highly accurate demand forecasts however SCE is not required to utilize them in their projections/applications for transmission line projects.

There are standards to protect children from the effects of Transmission Lines when they are in school 7 hours a day however there are no standards when the children are at home for the other 17 hours. Simple telephone pole right of ways can be converted to high voltage transmission lines without a minimum distance setback.

Renewable energy produces far more jobs and tax revenue impact than fossil-based energy.

Recommended PEA Approach Changes:

1. Require that both renewable energy and self-generation alternatives be required in every proposed transmission line project based on the same amount of funding expended. This would provide the CPUC with the ability to judge the value of the ratepayer investment in the fossil fuel or renewable options.
2. Institute a financial impact for any public electric utility that falls below its targets in renewable energy. This trigger point would require that the public electric utility fund 100% of the renewable projects necessary to bring its progress up to the annual targets.
3. Require that public electric utilities apply the same standard in place for schools to residences when planning new or upgraded transmission line projects.
4. Require that the public electric utility use the California Energy Commission demand projections as the basis for any demand projections used in a PEA. Any modifications for local conditions that increase or decrease the CEC projections should be provided along with the supporting assumptions. CEC should review and approve the public electric utility demand forecasts only if the project is contested.
5. Require that the upgrading of fossil-based transmission lines have a preference over the construction of new lines to minimize the impact on the environment and lower maintenance cost borne by the ratepayers.
6. Establish the requirement that any new or upgraded transmission lines be placed "underground" versus overhead when: replacing lines are underground, if in scenic corridors or in child protection areas.
7. Identify the local and state dollar impact of each of the alternatives provided in the PEA as one of the considerations in selecting the alternative. The manufacturing source and location of the major cost components must be identified.







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Presidential Substation Project

From: Casey Austin [Casey.Austin@ventura.org] **Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 2:59 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc:
Subject: Comments from the County of Ventura for NOP of EIR for Presidential Substation Project
Attachments: [08-058-1 CPUC Response Cover Letter.pdf\(166KB\)](#) [08-058-1.pdf\(43KB\)](#) [08-058-1 NOP Pres Substation \(Moorpark, TO\).pdf\(20KB\)](#) [NOP for Presidential Station Project.pdf\(14KB\)](#) [RMA 08.058.Presidential Sub-Station.Simi Valley.3.13.09.pdf\(37KB\)](#)

Juralynne,

Attached, please find comments from the County of Ventura regarding the above-referenced project.

Please confirm receipt of this e-mail.

Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

Casey

Casey L. Austin
County of Ventura
Commercial & Industrial Planner
(805) 477-7164

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

county of ventura

Planning Division

Kimberly L. Rodriguez
Director

March 18, 2009

CA Public Utilities Commission
Presidential Substation Project
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E-mail: presidentalsub@esassoc.com

Subject: Comments on NOP of an EIR for Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities:
Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023)


Dear Ms. Mosley:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject document. Attached are the comments that we have received resulting from intra-county review of the subject document. Additional comments may have been sent directly to you by other County agencies.

Your proposed responses to these comments should be sent directly to the commenter, with a copy to Casey Austin, Ventura County Planning Division, L#1740, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.

If you have any questions regarding any of the comments, please contact the appropriate respondent. Overall questions may be directed to Casey Austin at (805) 477-7164.

Sincerely,


Kim L. Rodriguez
County Planning Director

Attachment

County of Ventura Reference Number: 08-056-1, CA 93009 (805) 654-2481 Fax (805) 654-2509



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**PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
Traffic, Advance Planning & Permits Division**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 2009

TO: PWA – Planning Division
Attention: Casey Austin

FROM: Nazir Lalani, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DOCUMENT 08-058-1 Presidential Substation Project
Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Notice of an Educational Workshop and Scoping Meeting for the construction of a Presidential Substation located in the City of Thousand Oaks and the subtransmission source will be located in both the unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks.
Lead Agency: **State of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**

Pursuant to your request, the Public Works Agency -- Transportation Department has reviewed the NOP of an EIR and Notice of an Educational Workshop and Scoping Meeting to construct the Presidential Substation Project. The project includes a new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximately four acre site, the removal of approximately 79 distribution poles and five subtransmission poles located within existing rights-of-way, and replacement with approximately 83 subtransmission poles, four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways, and facilities to connect the substation to Southern California Edison existing telecommunication system. The purpose of the proposed project is to meet forecasted electrical demands in the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent areas of unincorporated Ventura County. The substation site would be located in the City of Thousand Oaks, and the subtransmission source lines would be located in both unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks.

We have these comments:

1. We generally concur with the comments in the NOP of EIR and Notice of an Educational Workshop for those areas under the purview of the Transportation Department.
2. Please provide us a copy of the Final EIR for review, when it becomes available.

Our review is limited to the impacts this project may have on the County's Regional Road Network. Please call me at 654-2080 if you have questions.

VENTURA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
Memorandum

TO: Casey Austin, Planning DATE: March 4, 2009

FROM: Alicia Stratton

SUBJECT: Request for Review of Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the Presidential Substation Project, A.08-12-023, Southern California Edison (Reference No. 08-058-1)

Air Pollution Control District staff has reviewed the subject notice of application and the environmental assessment for the project, which is a request for construction of a new substation and a new 66-kilovolt subtransmission line route. The project would increase electrical capacity to the area, maintain system reliability and serve the area's projected electrical demand. The project location is the south side of Olsen Road in the City of Thousand Oaks. The subtransmission line route is 3-1/2 miles long, beginning near the intersection of Read Road and Moorpark Road. It would proceed east to Read Road and Sunset Valley Road. A second subtransmission line would begin near the intersection of Tierra Rejada Road and Sunset Valley Road.

District staff recommends that the air quality section of the draft environmental impact report be prepared in accordance with the 2003 *Ventura County Air Quality Assessment Guidelines* (2003 Guidelines). A copy of the 2003 Guidelines can be accessed from the downloadable materials section of the APCD website at www.vcapcd.org. Specifically, the air quality assessment should consider reactive organic compound and nitrogen oxide emissions from all project-related motor vehicles and construction equipment. Additionally, the air quality assessment should consider potential impacts from fugitive dust, including PM10 that will be generated by construction activities.

If project-related air quality impacts are deemed significant, appropriate mitigation measures should be identified and included in the environmental impact report.

If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 645-1426.

**County of Ventura
Planning Division
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Casey Austin **DATE:** March 18, 2009

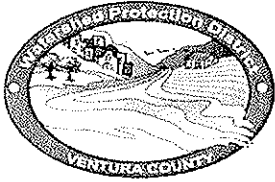
FROM: Bruce Smith, Manager
General Plan Section

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023) - Reference No. 08-058-1

The Ventura County Planning Division has reviewed the Notice of Preparation for the above Presidential Substation project. We offer the following comments:

Description - The proposed project would result in the development of a new electrical substation on a four-acre site located in the City of Thousand Oaks adjacent to the Tierra Rejada Valley and the City of Simi Valley. Additionally, the project would result in a new 66kV subtransmission line adjacent to Read Road on the border of Thousand Oaks and the unincorporated Tierra Rejada Valley. The project also involves the removal of 84 existing utility poles, four new underground 16kV distribution getaways and facilities to connect the substation to the existing SCE telecommunications systems.

Scenic Resources - The EIR should evaluate the potential visual impact of the proposed electrical facilities from Tierra Rejada Road and SR-23 which are identified by the Ventura County General Plan as "eligible" County Scenic Highways.



VENTURA COUNTY
WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT
PLANNING AND REGULATORY DIVISION
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009
Larry Tanouye, Permit Manager - 805 654-2061

DATE: March 13, 2009

TO: Casey Austin, RMA Technician II

FROM: Robin Jester, for Larry Tanouye

SUBJECT: RMA 08-058-1
State of California
Presidential Substation Project – Tierra Rejada Valley

The Watershed Protection District has reviewed the above project and our comments are as follows:

The Watershed Protection District has regulatory jurisdiction over channels located in the proposed project area and also has rights of way within the proposed project site.

We request the impacts to the Watershed Protection District redline channels be identified and the impacts fully analyzed including the extent to which the new facilities would increase existing runoff volume and velocity, and if existing facilities receiving runoff have sufficient capacity to convey any additional increase.

Upon the determination of the final route of the project the Watershed Protection District should be contacted to determine if the route affects any channels or Watershed Protection District rights of way, which would require a permit from the District.

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Presidential Substation Project

From: itsmonica@aol.com [itsmonica@aol.com] **Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 3:27 PM
To: crcronin879@sbcglobal.net; 4dwolf@gmail.com; Presidential Substation Project; PEMORIN@aol.com
Cc:
Subject: the SCE and the Power lines
Attachments:

To Whom it may Concern,

It is very disappointing that a city as well planned and known for its beauty, as Moorpark has become, would ever consider allowing the SCE to construct high powered transmission lines and seriously uncomely power poles along the stretch of Read Rd and Sunset Valley Road. Yes, the SCE can out-fund concerned citizens for an expert to dispute the claims **,still in argument,** over health care concerns. But to myself and my neighbors, who came to love Moorpark as our home because of its bucolic views of a peaceful space and nature, it's unfathomable to think it will be destroyed. These proposed power lines are as unsightly as the urban landscape of bill boards and smoke stacks, in our opinions. I believe the city has more naturalist leanings, doesn't everybody? There must be a financial insentive along the money trail to whomever, to push through such a terrible idea. Please consider another mutually agreeable option.

Sincerely,

Monica Rose Arduini


A proud citizen of beautiful Moorpark

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Presidential Substation Project

From: Ray_Sauvajot@nps.gov [Ray_Sauvajot@nps.gov] **Sent:** Thu 3/19/2009 3:42 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc: Woody_Smeck@nps.gov; Melanie_Beck@nps.gov; Ian_Nicholson@partner.nps.gov; edelman@smmc.ca.gov; rscha@parks.ca.gov; edmiston@smmc.ca.gov; eremson@TNC.ORG
Subject: NOP comments from NPS
Attachments:  [Presidential Substation NOP comments 17March2009.pdf\(137KB\)](#)

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Sciences Associates

Dear Ms. Mosley:

Attached please find a letter containing comments from the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area regarding the Notice of Preparation for the Presidential Substation Project. If you have questions or need more information, please let me know. Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Ray Sauvajot

(See attached file: Presidential_Substation_NOP_comments_17March2009.pdf)

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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In reply refer to:
L76 (SAMO)

March 17, 2009

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Blvd., Suite 105
Petaluma, CA 94954

Dear Ms. Mosley:

We have received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the permit to construct the Presidential Substation Project, located within the Tierra Rejada Valley in portions of unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. The National Park Service provides advisory comments on proposed development to lead agencies where natural, cultural, recreational, scientific, or scenic resources of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area may be adversely impacted. The National Park Service assumes a neutral position and does not support or oppose land development, although we provide comments on a proposal's potential to affect park resources. We offer the following comments on the NOP regarding information to be included in the EIR for this project.

The proposed project is located within the Tierra Rejada Valley, a large "greenbelt" between the cities of Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and Simi Valley. The region has been the focus of much recent attention because of its role in providing habitat connectivity for wildlife between open space areas of the Santa Susana Mountains, Simi Hills, Santa Rosa Valley, and Wildwood Park. The region serves as an important contributor of linkage habitat that helps connect Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to outlying open space areas in the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains. In recognition of its importance for wildlife movement, the National Park Service has worked in cooperation with Caltrans to document extensive wildlife movement across Highway 23, including below the highway in culverts and underpasses and across the surface of the road, often with fatal consequences. As part of required mitigation for lane additions along Highway 23, wildlife proof fencing has been installed along the highway right-of-way directing animals to crossing structures (culverts and tunnels) which will be maintained to promote use by wildlife. NPS will soon begin monitoring the effectiveness of these mitigation measures in cooperation with Caltrans.

The EIR for the Presidential Substation Project should acknowledge the important habitat connectivity value of the Tierra Rejada Valley and carefully analyze impacts to wildlife movement that may result from the proposed project. The EIR should identify both the public investments already made to protect habitat connectivity in the area and analyze how the

proposed substation project may affect wildlife movement and the efforts designed to protect this movement. The NPS would be happy to provide information about wildlife use and movement as part of such an analysis.

The Tierra Rejada Valley could also provide an important recreational connection between the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills. The NPS in cooperation with many other agencies have identified Tierra Rejada Valley as a likely route for a recreational trail connecting parklands in the Santa Susana Mountains and Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This proposal informally referred to as the "Ronald Reagan Trail and Wildlife Corridor" has the potential to provide a popular recreational trail route through the scenic resources that now exist across the Tierra Rejada Valley. The EIR for the Presidential Substation Project should analyze possible impacts to this interagency effort.

Finally, the Tierra Rejada Valley is characterized by important habitats for several rare and endangered species, notably including Lyon's pentachaeta, coastal California gnatcatcher, and Riverside fairy shrimp. Other sensitive species and habitats also occur in the area and may be affected by the Presidential Substation Project. The EIR should identify all potentially affected sensitive species and habitats and carefully analyze impacts to them that may occur as a result of the proposed project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP for this project. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Dr. Ray Sauvajot, Chief of Planning, Science, and Resource Management at (805) 370-2339 or via email at ray_sauvajot@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Woody Smeck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Woody Smeck
Superintendent

cc: E.J. Remson, The Nature Conservancy
Ron Schafer, California State Parks
Joe Edmiston, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

**Figure 7. A Design Comparison of Calculated Magnetic Field Levels³⁶
For Section 3 (Along Read Road Route from Sunset Valley Road to the Proposed Substation)**

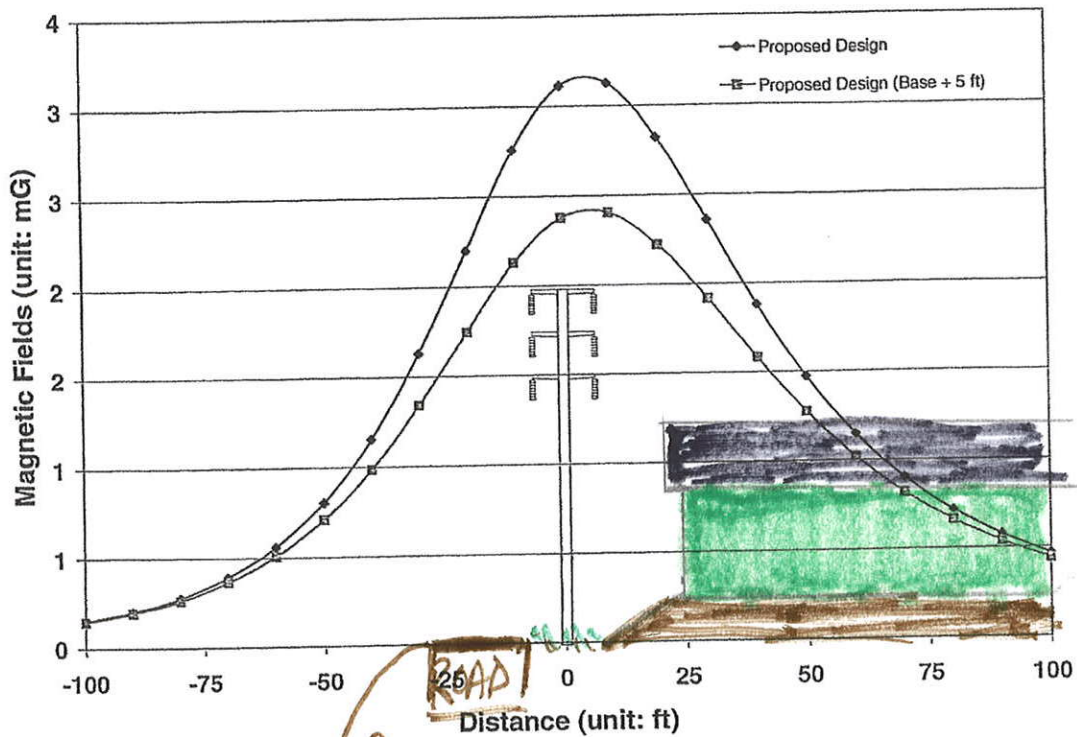


Table 5. A Comparison of Calculated Magnetic Fields³⁷ for Section 3 (Along Read Road Route from Sunset Valley Crossing Road to the Proposed Substation)

Design Options	10 ft. North of Center Line (mG)	% Reduction	10 ft. South of Center Line (mG)	% Reduction
Proposed Design	2.8		3.1	

³⁶ This graph depicts calculated magnetic field levels for design comparison only and is not meant to predict actual magnetic field levels.

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Fw: CPUC Protest - Peak Demand Information from California Energy Commission CEC

Saturday, February 14, 2009 7:31 PM

From: "Chuck Cronin" <crcronin879@sbcglobal.net>

To: "Gregory toaks" <cdrgsmith@mx.ci.thousand-oaks.ca.us>

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--- On **Sat, 2/14/09**, **Chuck Cronin** <crcronin879@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Chuck Cronin <crcronin879@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: CPUC Protest - Peak Demand Information from California Energy Commission CEC

To: "Mark Towne" <MTowne@toaks.org>, pleopold@toaks.org, chong@toaks.org, gdgsmith@mx.ci.thousand-oaks.ca.us

Cc: "Cristen Enclave" <cristen@franzenint.com>, supervisor.foy@ventura.org

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2009, 7:27 PM

Team, the demand curve is very speculative per the growth projections in the 2008 models updated by the CEC, who is generally consider a neutral source for energy demand projections. The following details can be found in the attached report link.

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2007publications/CEC-200-2007-015/CEC-200-2007-015-F2.PDF>

I will reference key statistics by page number. The City of TO and Simi Valley are in Zone 8 of the report, see page 40 of document

Item One: Zone 8 peak usage is expected to only increase by 1% per year thru 2018, Fig. 18, page 109 of the document.

Item Two: The population growth in Zone 8 is 2/3 of the 1% however the City of TO and Simi Valley are nearly at 0% growth in population so the 1% growth is overstated however we will leave it in place.

Item Three: The peak demand annual growth rate was projected at 2.5% in the SCE application (Table 1.1) with no details as to methodology. When the CEC 1% projected growth rate is used as a more reliable source the demand peak in 2018 is 370MW rather than 418MW in the SCE application.

Item Four: The demand by the CEC is the total demand required however SCE expects that 3% of peak will be supplied by Renewable (Solar) by 2018. Renewable does not required transmission lines and is distributed through the existing grid.

(See CSI report of SCE objective of 703 MW versus a peak demand of 23,300 MW or 3%.) This reduces the need by 11 MW to 359MW. The full California Solar Staff report is at:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/05448F68-F10D-492F-BD1E-6AF96854C15D/0/Jan09.pdf>

Item Five: The solar impact is not speculative as Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks have nearly 2 MW of capacity already coming on line with the full impact in 2009. See attached spreadsheet of projects listed on the official CSI website.

<http://www.californiasolarstatistics.ca.gov/application/search/>

Item Six: The factor used by the SCE to take the Projected Peak to the 1 in 10 Year Heat Storm is 9.5% on SCE (Table 1.1) so the 1 in 10 Heat Storm figure is now **393** (359*1.095).

DEMAND
CHUCK

Item Five: Per the SCE Application current capacity is listed as 400 however as a safety factor it is recommended to upgrade the two substations to increase the capacity to 416. SCE application page 2.3-4.

This would allow a capacity of 416MV compared with a usage of 359MV, with a safety margin of nearly 16% to handle 1 in 10 Year Heat Storm.

We still would recommend a targetted and spirited conservation campaign to demonstrate to the State and Nation what focused efforts can do at the Local level. Attached are two examples of competitions suggested in the sTTop white paper distributed earlier.

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/28815808>

<http://www.fypower.org/news/?cat=24>

<http://www.fypower.org/news/?cat=18>

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Chuck Cronin
818 430-7860

CHAPTER 3: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON PLANNING AREA

The Southern California Edison (SCE) planning area includes: (1) SCE bundled retail customers, (2) customers served by energy service providers (ESPs) using the SCE distribution system to deliver electricity to end users, and (3) customers of the various Southern California municipal and irrigation district utilities with the exception of the cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank and the Imperial Irrigation District.

This chapter is organized as follows. It first presents forecasted consumption and peak loads for the SCE planning area, including both total and per capita values. It compares the revised 2008-2018 forecast to both the draft 2008-2018 and *CED 2006* forecasts and explains differences between the forecasts. It also discusses the forecasted load factor, jointly determined by the consumption and peak load estimates. Next, the chapter presents the forecasts for the four climate zones that make up the SCE planning area. It then makes sector consumption and peak load forecasts comparisons for the residential, commercial, industrial, and "other" sector forecasts. This is followed by discussion of the forecasts for the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) and the California Solar Initiative (CSI) and followed lastly by estimates of conservation savings embedded in the revised forecast by sector and broad program category.

Forecast Results

Table 15 compares the revised electricity consumption forecast with the draft 2008-2018 and *CED 2006* forecasts. The revised forecast is higher than both of the previous forecasts over the forecast period. By the end of the forecast period, the revised forecast is about 2.5 percent higher than the draft forecast and 4.5 percent higher than the *CED 2006* forecast. The increase in the revised forecast results from incorporation of the new Department of Finance (DOF) long-term population projections. DOF raised its projection of population in the SCE planning area, particularly in the hotter Inland Empire region of the planning area.

Table 16 presents a similar comparison for the peak demand forecasts. The increase in peak demand of the revised forecast is driven by the underlying changes in the energy consumption forecasts. The increase in the 2008–2016 growth rate of the revised forecast compared with the previous two forecasts is primarily driven by the revised DOF population forecast used in the revised forecast.

Table 15: SCE Planning Area Energy Forecast Comparison

Consumption (GWH)					
	<i>CED 2006</i>	Staff Draft	Staff Revised	Percent Difference Staff Revised/ <i>CED 2006</i>	Percent Difference Staff Revised/Staff Draft
1990	81,579	82,069	82,069	0.60%	0.00%
2000	98,346	99,148	99,146	0.81%	0.00%
2005	99,531	99,136	99,261	-0.27%	0.13%
2008	103,437	105,106	105,054	1.56%	-0.05%
2013	109,931	112,064	113,815	3.53%	1.56%
2016	113,409	115,627	118,497	4.49%	2.48%
Average Annual Growth Rates					
1990-2000	1.89%	1.91%	1.91%		
2000-2005	0.24%	0.00%	0.02%		
2005-2008	1.29%	1.97%	1.91%		
2008-2016	1.16%	1.20%	1.52%		
Historic values are shaded					

Source: California Energy Commission, 2007

Table 16: SCE Planning Area Peak Forecast Comparison

Peak (MW)					
	<i>CED 2006</i>	Staff Draft	Staff Revised	Percent Difference Staff Revised/ <i>CED 2006</i>	Percent Difference Staff Revised/Staff Draft
1990	17,564	17,635	17,635	0.41%	0.00%
2000	19,465	19,408	19,408	-0.29%	0.00%
2005	21,510	21,956	21,956	2.07%	0.00%
2008	22,483	23,142	23,272	3.51%	0.56%
2013	24,059	24,674	25,258	4.98%	2.37%
2016	24,934	25,513	26,382	5.81%	3.40%
Average Annual Growth Rates					
1990-2000	1.03%	0.96%	0.96%		
2000-2005	2.02%	2.50%	2.50%		
2005-2008	1.49%	1.77%	1.96%		
2008-2016	1.30%	1.23%	1.58%		
Historic values are shaded					

Source: California Energy Commission, 2007

**Form 1.4 - SCE Planning Area
California Energy Demand 2008-2018 Staff Revised Forecast
Forecast by LSE**

Peak Demand (MW) by LSE

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
SCE Service Area Sales by CEC Forecasting Climate Zone													
Zone 7 (Southern San Joaquin)	1,239	1,254	1,254	1,292	1,318	1,347	1,375	1,404	1,430	1,459	1,486	1,515	1,545
Zone 8 (Coastal LA Basin)	8,887	8,787	8,787	8,888	8,992	9,096	9,198	9,289	9,377	9,464	9,542	9,616	9,695
Zone 9 (Inland LA Basin)	4,055	3,905	3,905	4,018	4,076	4,138	4,194	4,250	4,304	4,358	4,410	4,463	4,509
Zone 10 (Inland Empire)	7,487	7,484	7,484	7,552	7,641	7,729	7,819	7,908	8,000	8,092	8,184	8,276	8,368
SCE Service Area Total	21,647	21,476	21,476	21,849	22,227	22,597	22,966	23,321	23,672	24,022	24,365	24,701	25,045
Anaheim	578	572	572	578	584	591	597	602	607	612	617	621	625
Riverside	584	572	572	584	591	597	602	607	612	617	621	625	629
Vernon	187	180	180	182	184	185	187	188	189	190	190	191	191
IMWD	182	184	184	185	185	185	186	186	186	186	186	186	186
Bear Valley Electric Service	14	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Azusa	65	63	63	64	65	66	67	67	68	69	69	70	70
Banning	49	48	48	50	51	52	54	55	56	57	58	60	61
Colton	93	91	91	96	99	101	103	106	108	110	113	115	117
Rancho Cucamonga	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	15	15	15	16	16	16
Victorville Municipal	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Boulder City/Parker Davis	18	18	18	18	19	19	20	20	21	21	22	22	23
Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc.	14	14	14	15	15	16	16	16	17	17	17	18	18
Valley Electric Association, Inc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	23,460	22,876	23,272	23,674	24,082	24,490	24,877	25,258	25,637	26,013	26,382	26,742	27,112

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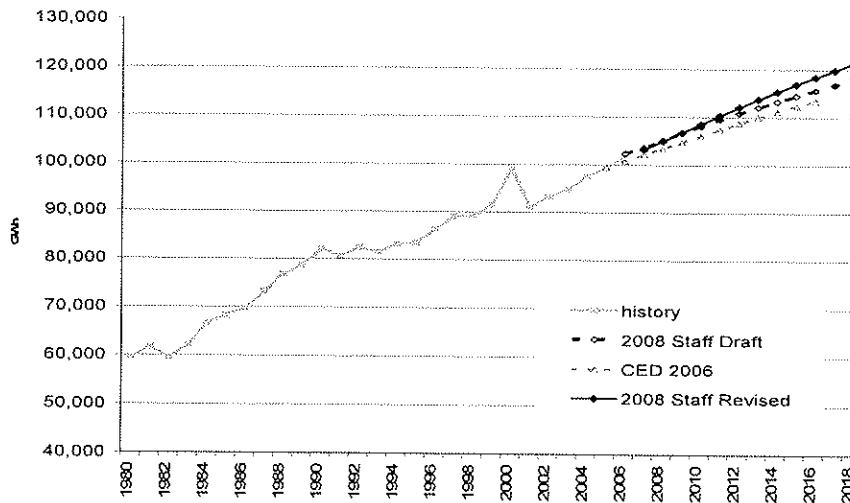
Electricity Sales by LSE (GWH)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
SCE Service Area Sales by CEC Forecasting Climate Zone													
Zone 7 (Southern San Joaquin)	5,093	5,200	5,306	5,413	5,523	5,637	5,757	5,865	5,973	6,082	6,190	6,299	6,409
Zone 8 (Coastal LA Basin)	43,005	43,421	43,915	44,414	44,944	45,476	45,988	46,446	46,974	47,283	47,672	48,028	48,410
Zone 9 (Inland LA Basin)	16,697	16,942	17,177	17,420	17,658	17,910	18,150	18,374	18,592	18,806	19,017	19,224	19,422
Zone 10 (Inland Empire)	24,113	24,653	25,372	26,060	26,759	27,438	28,112	28,755	29,393	30,027	30,653	31,272	31,769
SCE Service Area Total	88,908	90,257	91,771	93,308	94,884	96,461	98,006	99,439	100,831	102,197	103,513	104,762	106,030
Bear Valley Electric Service	145	147	150	153	155	158	160	162	164	166	168	170	172
Anaheim	2,690	2,718	2,749	2,779	2,810	2,842	2,873	2,901	2,926	2,950	2,973	2,993	3,016
Azusa	256	258	261	264	267	270	273	276	278	280	282	284	286
Banning	145	150	154	159	164	168	173	177	182	186	190	195	199
Colton	342	352	364	375	386	397	408	418	428	438	448	458	467
Rancho Cucamonga	60	62	65	67	69	71	73	75	77	78	80	82	84
Victorville Municipal	25	26	26	27	27	28	29	29	29	30	30	30	31
Metropolitan Water Department	1,233	1,233	1,233	1,234	1,234	1,235	1,237	1,237	1,237	1,238	1,238	1,238	1,238
Riverside	2,038	2,101	2,170	2,241	2,310	2,376	2,443	2,507	2,571	2,635	2,697	2,758	2,820
Boulder City/Parker Davis	111	113	116	119	122	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145
Vernon	1,150	1,153	1,164	1,169	1,178	1,187	1,196	1,203	1,208	1,213	1,218	1,220	1,222
Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc.	46	47	49	50	52	54	55	57	59	60	62	63	65
Valley Electric Association, Inc.	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Total	97,155	98,624	100,278	101,932	103,666	105,379	107,059	108,617	110,131	111,615	113,046	114,403	115,781

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As shown in **Figure 44**, the revised electricity consumption forecast starts at a point similar to the draft forecast. The revised forecast, however, grows at a faster rate over the forecast period than the draft forecast. This is mainly caused by revisions to the economic and demographic projections.

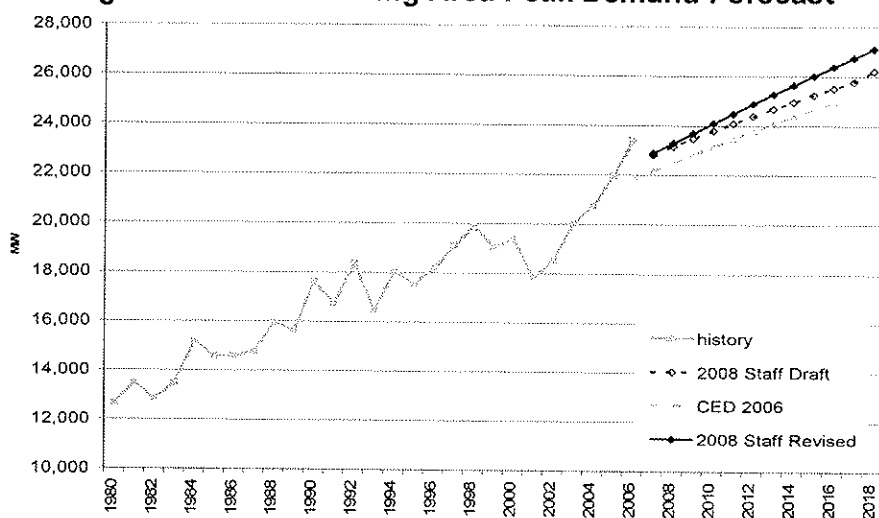
Figure 44: SCE Planning Area Electricity Forecast



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

The revised SCE planning area peak demand forecast, shown in **Figure 45**, also grows at a faster rate than the draft forecast. This is caused by the underlying electricity consumption forecast differences. The 2007 value of the revised 2008 forecast is based on normal weather assumptions. Load data to enable staff to develop a weather-adjusted 2007 peak value for the SCE planning area was not available at the time of the forecast. The temperatures in the SCE planning area on the 2007 summer peak day were substantially above normal, or "1-in-2" conditions, as were the temperatures in 2006, so the actual 2007 peak will be higher than what is estimated using normal weather.

Figure 45: SCE Planning Area Peak Demand Forecast

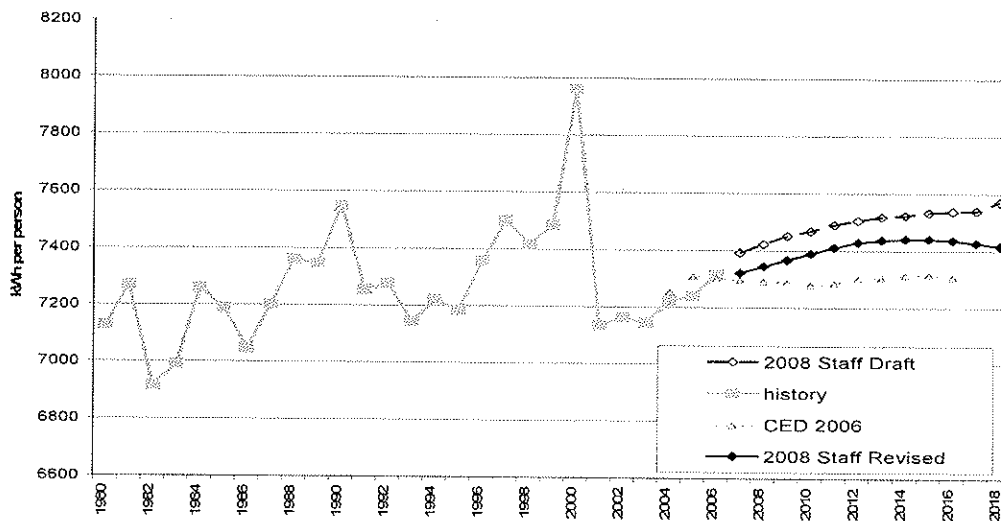


Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

As **Figure 46** shows, projections of per capita electricity consumption in the revised forecast are lower than in the draft forecast, but higher than the *CED 2006* forecast. This is in part because of inclusion of 2006 historical consumption data and revisions to the population forecast. The 2006 historical consumption data was lower than what was estimated in the draft forecast, and the revised population forecast is higher than what was used in the draft forecast. This yields a lower per capita consumption starting value and a somewhat lower forecast than was presented in the draft forecast. The decline of per capita consumption seen in the latter part of the revised forecast period is caused by declines in the growth rates of commercial and industrial sector consumption in the latter part of the forecast period, reflecting assumed savings from conservation programs and building and appliance standards effects, as well as a change in composition of industrial use. Per capita consumption in the revised forecast does not return to the pre-energy crisis levels until 2010 and remains well below the 2000 value throughout the forecast period.

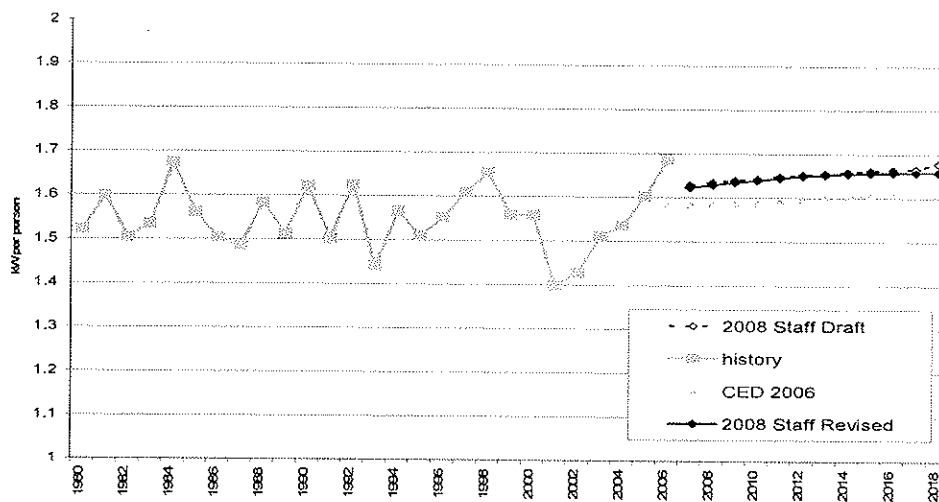
Figure 47 provides a comparison of per capita peak demand. The revised forecast of per capita peak demand is similar to the draft forecast and does not exhibit the reduction seen in the consumption forecast. This is caused by increased electricity consumption forecasts in both the residential and commercial sectors, which are more sensitive to peak demand.

Figure 46: SCE Planning Area per Capita Electricity Consumption



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figure 47: SCE Planning Area per Capita Peak Demand



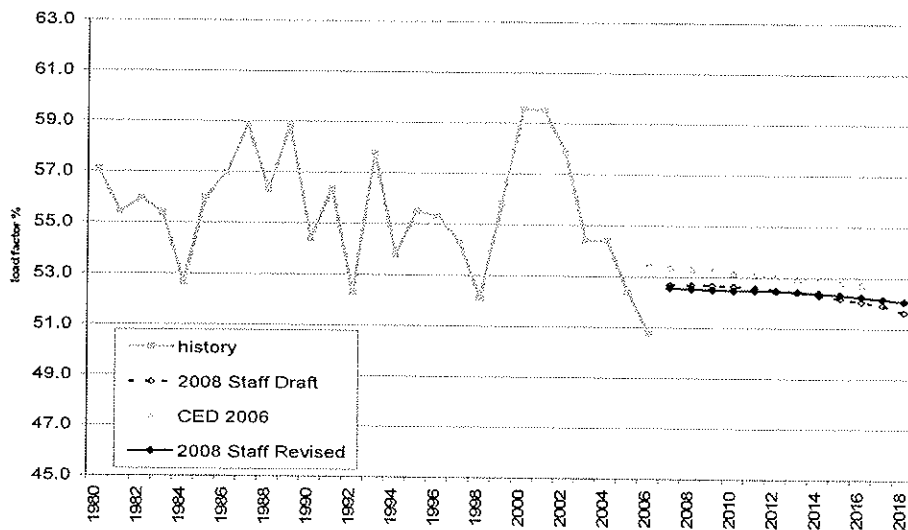
Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figure 48 compares load factors of the revised forecast with the two previous forecasts. The load factor is a measure of the relative increase in peak demand with respect to annual electricity consumption. Lower load factors indicate a sharper needle peak, and higher load factors indicate a more stable load. The revised forecast load factors are on the low end of the range of recent values and projected to decline slightly over the forecast period.

Over the forecast period, the revised load factor declines slightly, which is consistent with higher weather-sensitive load growth in relation to baseload energy growth. Consumption in the SCE planning area is shifting toward

residential and commercial sectors and away from the industrial sectors. Growth is also increasingly taking place in hotter inland areas, leading to greater saturation of central air conditioning and greater use of air conditioning equipment compared to earlier concentrations in cooler coastal areas. Additionally, air conditioning loads are increasing along the coast as more households install air conditioning units for the few days they may be needed each year. This usage pattern adds to peak demand but adds very little to annual electricity consumption.

Figure 48: SCE Planning Area Load Factor



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007

Forecast Results by Climate Zone

In the staff forecasting models, the SCE planning area is composed of four distinct climate zones: Zone 7 (southern San Joaquin Valley); Zone 8 (coastal part of Los Angeles Basin served by SCE); Zone 9 (inland part of the Los Angeles Basin served by SCE); and Zone 10 (Inland Empire). **Tables 17** and **18** present the electricity consumption and peak forecast by climate zones. The highest growth is projected to occur in both the Inland Empire (Zone 10) and southern San Joaquin (Zone 7) regions of the SCE planning area.

Table 17: SCE Planning Area Electricity Consumption by Climate Zone

Consumption (GWH)				
	Zone 7 Southern San Joaquin	Zone 8 Coastal LA Basin	Zone 9 Inland LA Basin	Zone 10 Inland Empire
1990	4,055	42,957	17,979	17,079
2000	4,491	50,635	20,414	23,605
2005	5,589	48,621	19,119	25,932
2008	6,215	50,183	19,519	29,138
2013	6,879	52,935	20,747	33,254
2016	7,261	54,255	21,398	35,582
Average Annual Growth Rates				
1990-2000	1.03%	1.66%	1.28%	3.29%
2000-2005	4.47%	-0.81%	-1.30%	1.90%
2005-2008	3.60%	1.06%	0.69%	3.96%
2008-2016	1.96%	0.98%	1.16%	2.53%
Historic values are shaded				

Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Table 18: SCE Planning Area Peak Demand by Climate Zone

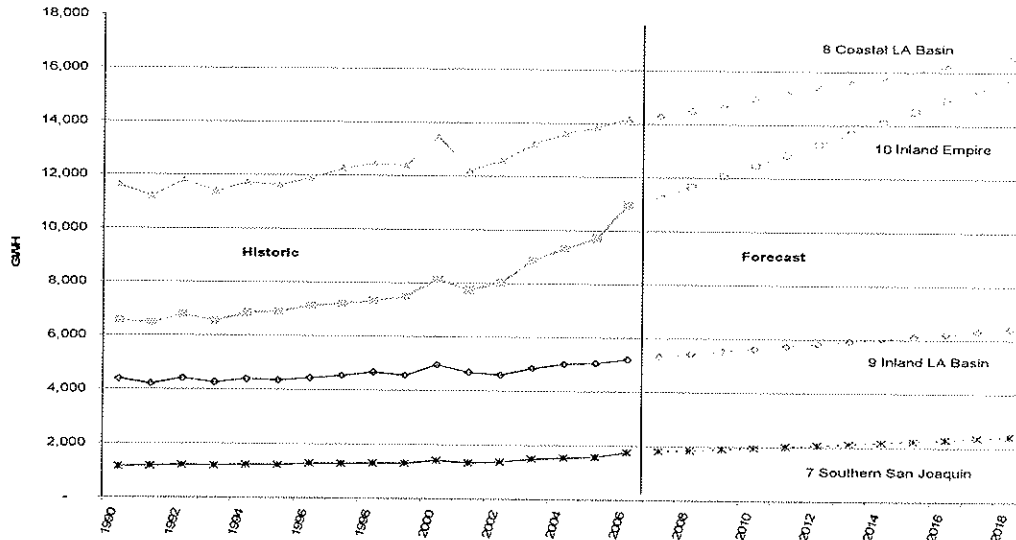
Peak (MW)				
	Zone 7 Southern San Joaquin	Zone 8 Coastal LA Basin	Zone 9 Inland LA Basin	Zone 10 Inland Empire
1990	809	8,530	3,973	4,668
2000	904	8,723	3,865	6,163
2005	1,526	9,421	4,174	6,975
2008	1,264	9,461	4,290	8,257
2013	1,404	9,993	4,589	9,272
2016	1,486	10,261	4,754	9,881
Average Annual Growth Rates				
1990-2000	1.12%	0.22%	-0.27%	2.82%
2000-2005	11.03%	1.55%	1.55%	2.51%
2005-2008	-6.08%	0.14%	0.92%	5.78%
2008-2016	2.04%	1.02%	1.29%	2.27%
Historic estimates are shaded				

Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figure 49 presents electricity forecasts by climate zone for the SCE planning area. The fastest growing region is the Inland Empire (Zone 10). The inland and coastal parts of the Los Angeles Basin are projected to grow at about one half the rate of the Inland Empire. **Figure 50** presents the peak forecast estimates by climate zone. Staff does not have reliable estimates of historical loads that translate well to climate zones, thus the historical peak estimates are developed from the staff model based on electricity consumption and calibrated to individual

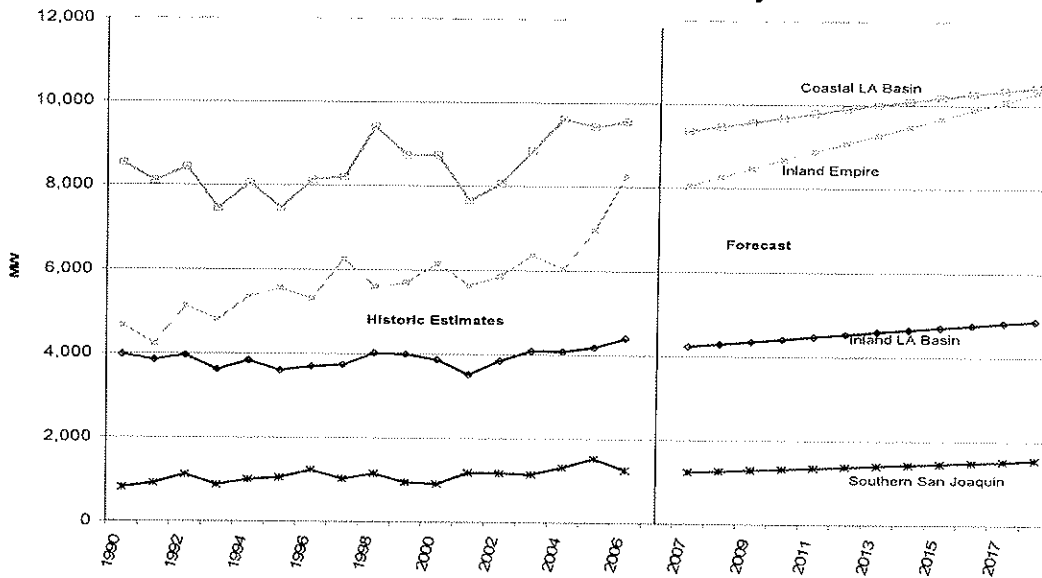
LSE peak load data, where available. More geographically disaggregate load data are needed to make more accurate peak estimates by climate zone.

Figure 49: SCE Planning Area Electricity Forecast by Climate Zone



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figure 50: SCE Planning Area Peak Forecast by Climate Zone



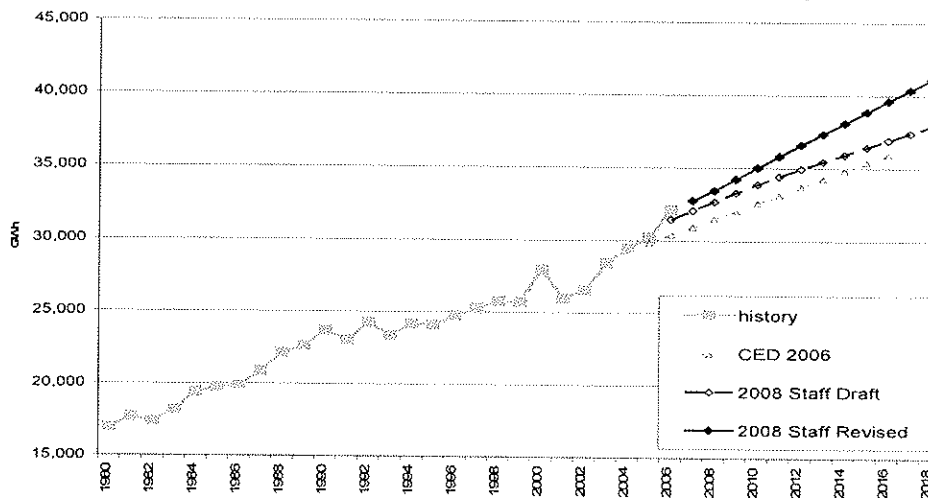
Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Sector Level Results and Input Assumptions

Residential

Figure 51 provides a comparison of the revised forecast of electricity consumption with previous SCE planning area residential forecasts. The revised forecast is higher throughout the entire forecast period. This is caused both by inclusion of actual 2006 consumption data in the historical period and use of the new Department of Finance long-term population projections. The inclusion of 2006 historic consumption raises the starting point of the forecast slightly, and the new population forecast increases the overall forecasted growth rate driven by increases in population projections in the Inland Empire, in particular.

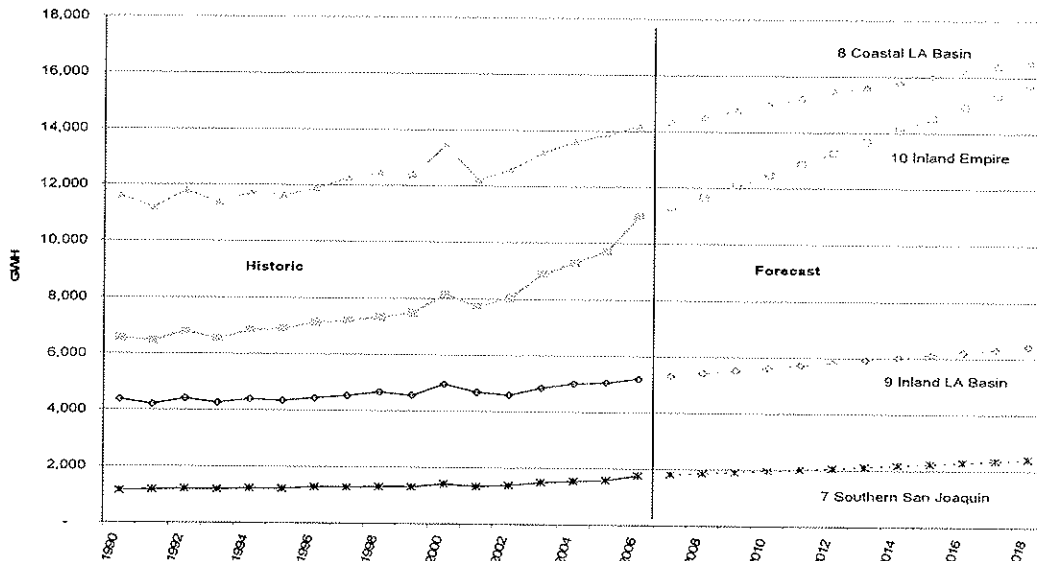
Figure 51: SCE Planning Area Residential Consumption



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

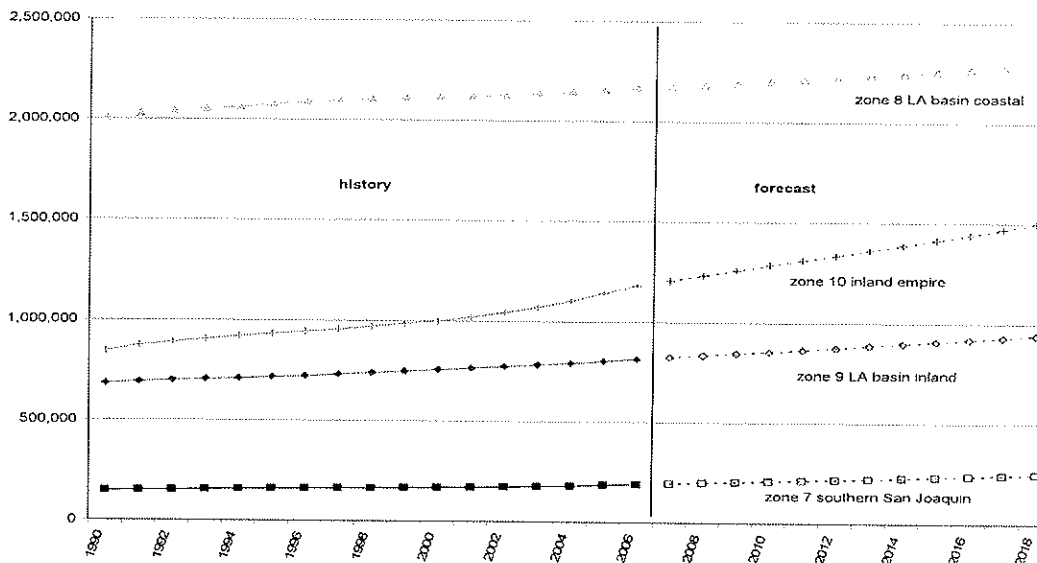
Figure 52 presents the revised residential forecast by climate zone. The large projected growth in the Inland Empire is driven by increased population forecasts for that region. This can be seen in **Figure 53**, which presents the revised household forecast by climate zone.

Figure 52: SCE Planning Area Residential Electricity Forecast by Climate Zone



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

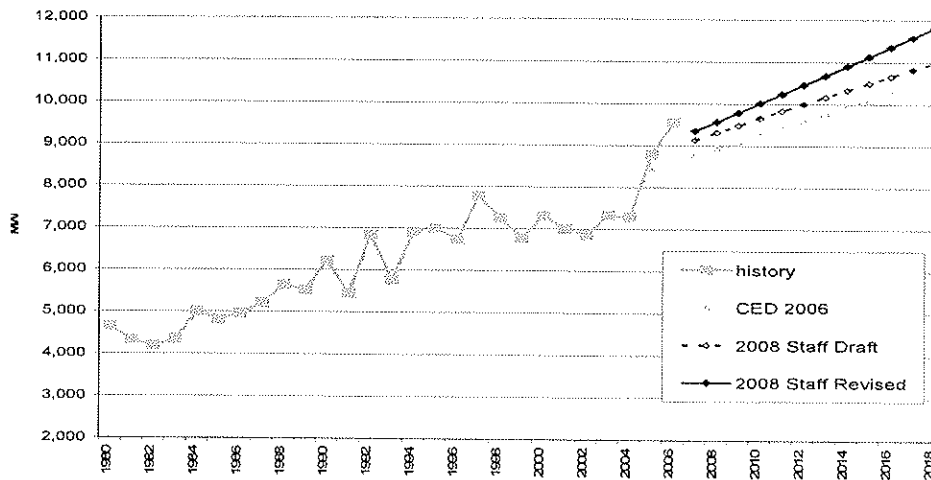
Figure 53: SCE Planning Area Household Forecast by Climate Zone



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figure 54 provides a comparison of the revised residential peak demand forecasts with the previous forecasts. As is the case for residential consumption, the revised residential peak forecast is higher than both previous forecasts. The difference between the peak forecasts is similar to the difference in the electricity consumption forecasts.

Figure 54: SCE Planning Area Residential Peak



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figures 55 and 56 provide comparisons of the residential drivers used in the revised forecast with those used in the draft forecast. Values used in the draft forecast were similar to those used in the *CED 2006* forecast. Figure 55 provides comparisons of total population, total households, and persons per household projections. The revised forecast of total population is higher than the draft forecast. The revised Department of Finance long-term population forecast increased population projections for the SCE planning area. In addition, incorporation of recently updated historic estimates leads to a slight downward revision in projected persons per household estimates in the short term. However, the net impact yields an increase in projected household growth over the forecast period. The revised persons per household projections incorporate annual Department of Finance E-5A interim updates to county population and household estimates through 2006. Inclusion of these estimates slightly increases the growth in persons per household over the forecast period. The revised projected growth in persons per household per year is assumed to be half of the annual 1990–2006 growth.

The graph displays six data series over time from 1980 to 2018. The left Y-axis measures Population & households (1,800,000 to 17,800,000), and the right Y-axis measures Persons per Household (PPH) (2.6 to 3.6). The X-axis shows years from 1980 to 2018. The legend identifies the series: Draft Population (open squares), Revised population (filled squares), Draft households (open triangles), Revised households (filled triangles), Draft PPH (open diamonds), and Revised PPH (filled diamonds). The population and PPH series show a steady increase over time, while the household series remain relatively flat.

Year	Draft Population	Revised population	Draft households	Revised households	Draft PPH	Revised PPH
1980	8,000,000	8,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2.67	2.67
1982	8,200,000	8,200,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2.73	2.73
1984	8,500,000	8,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2.83	2.83
1986	9,000,000	9,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2.90	2.90
1988	9,500,000	9,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2.93	2.93
1990	10,000,000	10,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2.97	2.97
1992	10,500,000	10,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.00	3.00
1994	11,000,000	11,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.00	3.00
1996	11,500,000	11,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.00	3.00
1998	12,000,000	12,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.00	3.00
2000	12,500,000	12,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.17	3.17
2002	13,000,000	13,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2004	13,500,000	13,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2006	14,000,000	14,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2008	14,500,000	14,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2010	15,000,000	15,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2012	15,500,000	15,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2014	16,000,000	16,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2016	16,500,000	16,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23
2018	17,000,000	17,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3.23	3.23

3.52
3.37

4.48%

Population
1%/yr

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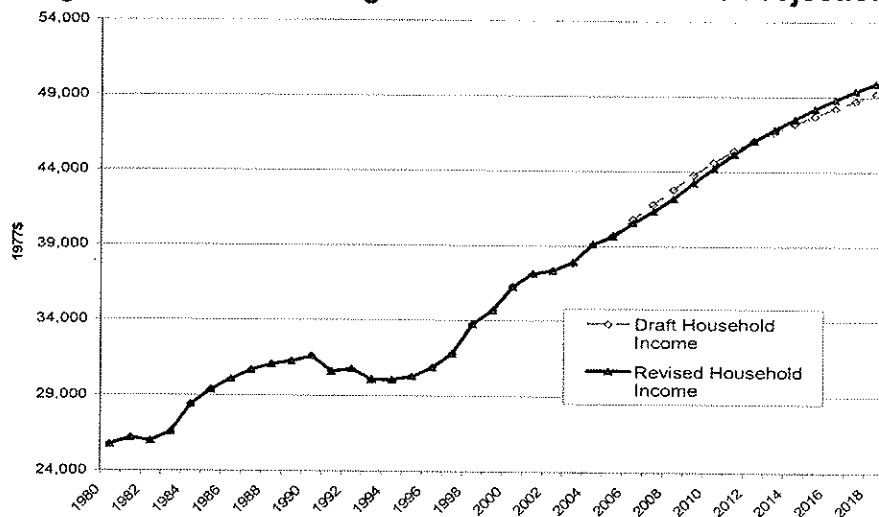
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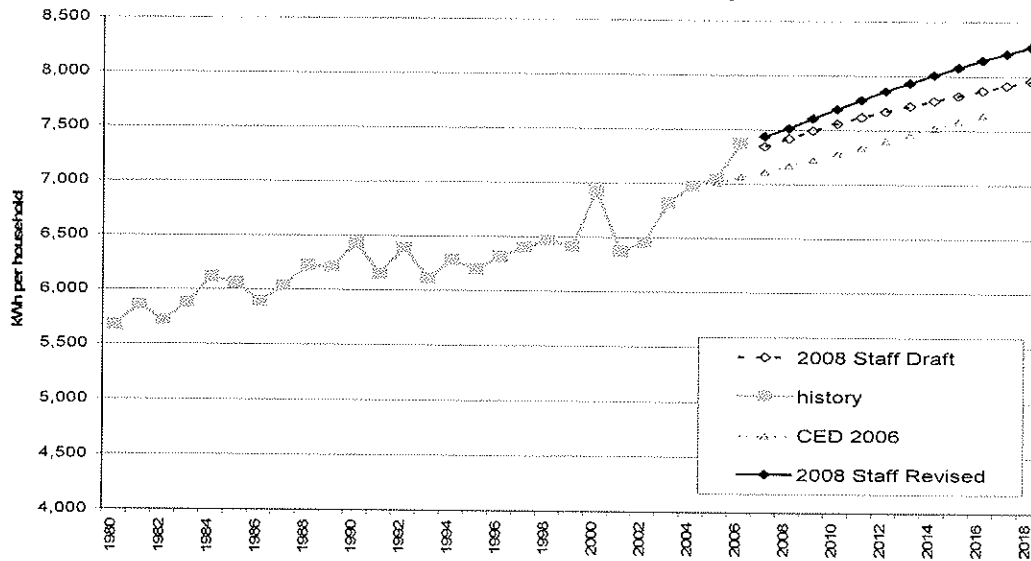
Figure 56: SCE Planning Area Household Income Projections



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

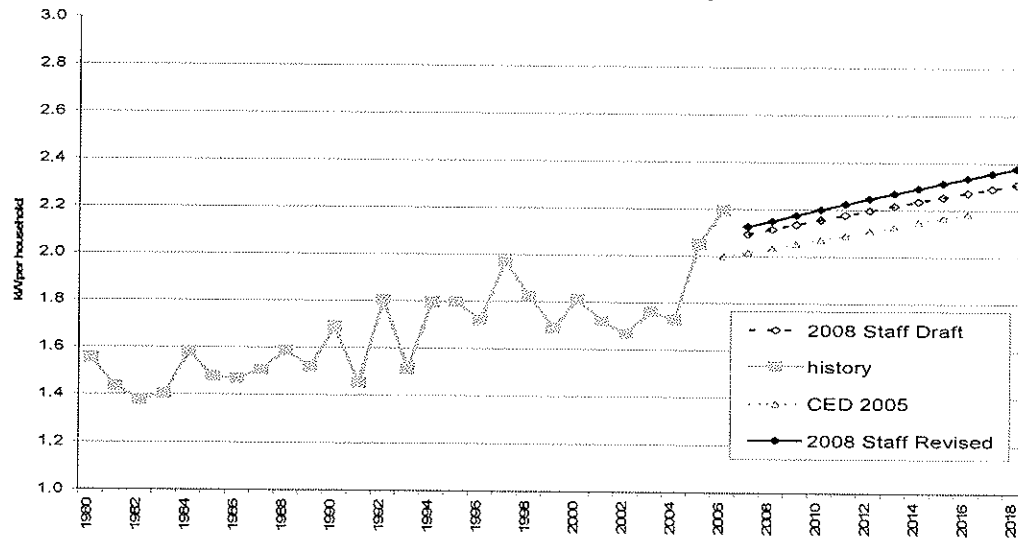
Figures 57 and 58 present comparisons of energy use per household between the forecasts. Figure 57 is a comparison of annual electricity use per household, and Figure 58 is a comparison of peak demand per household. The revised forecast of energy use per household and peak use per household is somewhat higher than that projected in both of the previous forecasts. This is primarily due to higher short-term household income growth projections and higher persons per household estimates. The increased growth rate seen in the revised forecast is caused by the projected increase in population in the Inland Empire, where use per household is higher due to climate differences. Differences in peak use per household are primarily driven by the underlying consumption forecasts.

Figure 57: SCE Planning Area Energy Use per Household



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figure 58: SCE Planning Area Peak Use per Household

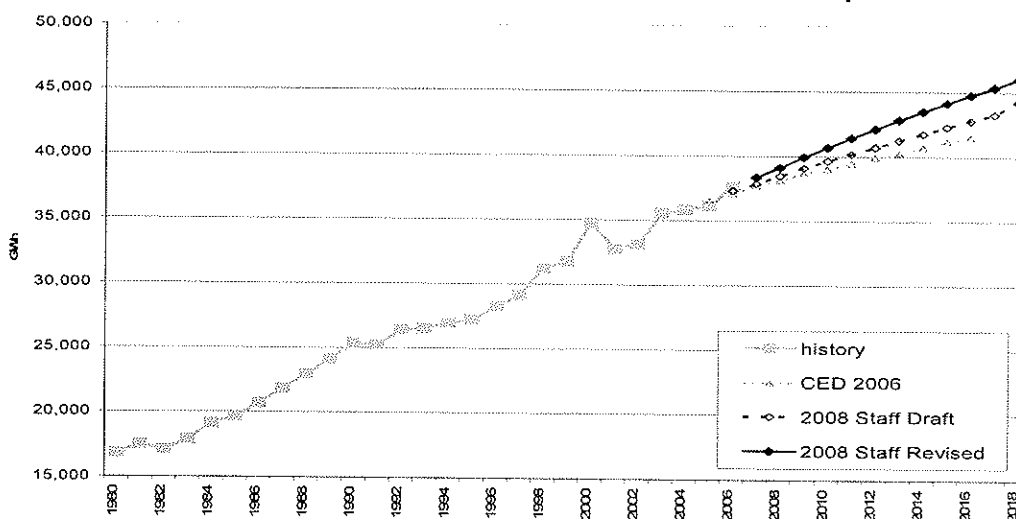


Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Commercial Building Sector

Figure 59 provides a comparison of the commercial building sector forecasts. The revised forecast is higher than the previous forecasts throughout the entire forecast period. The forecast differences are driven by increased projections of commercial floor space. Revised floor space projections were updated using more recent demographic and economic projections.

Figure 59: SCE Planning Area Commercial Consumption



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Figure 60 presents the revised commercial forecast by climate zone. While the greatest growth is in the Inland Empire, it is not as fast as the residential sector growth.

Figure 60: SCE Planning Area Commercial Electricity Forecast by Climate Zone

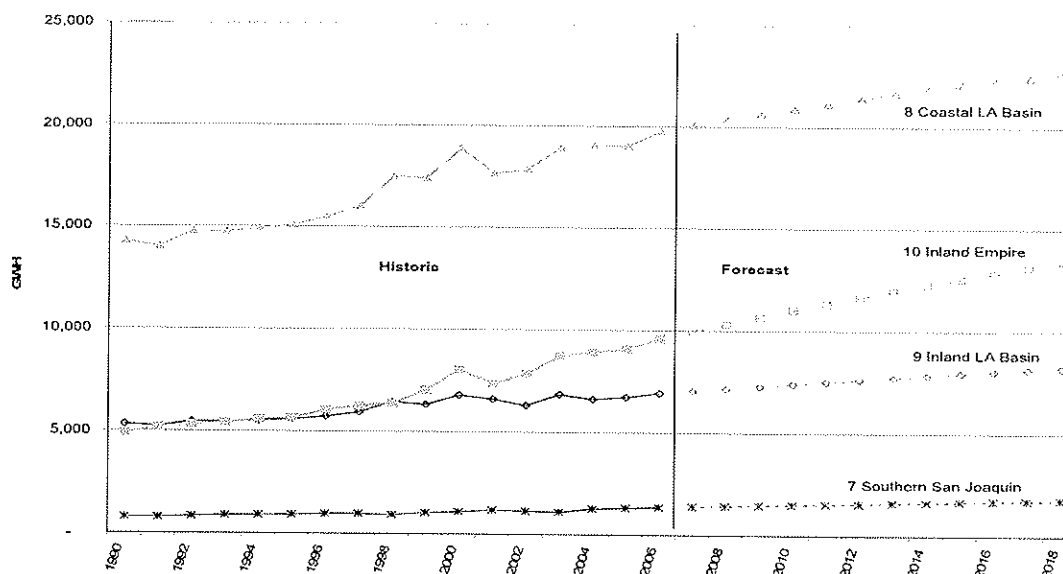
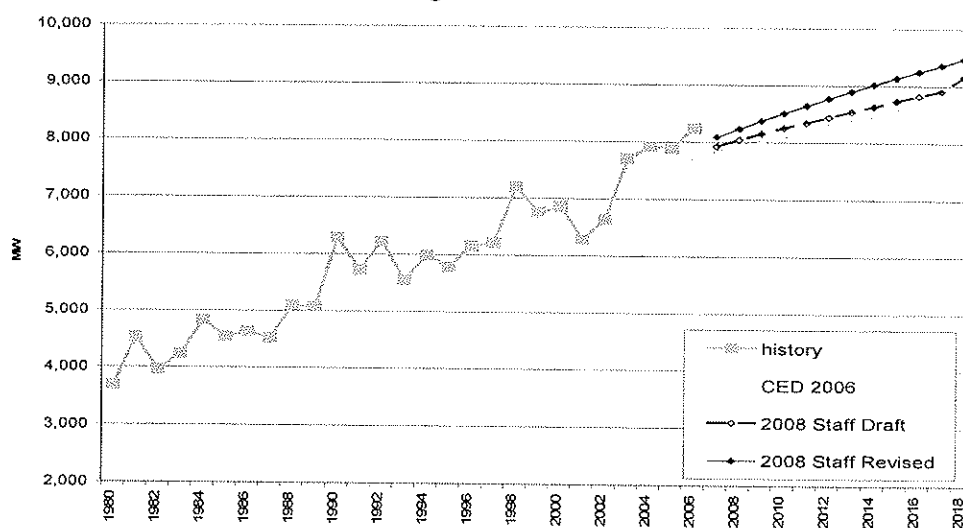


Figure 61 provides a comparison of the commercial peak demand forecasts. Growth in the commercial peak demand forecasts is driven primarily by the underlying electricity consumption forecasts. Therefore, the consumption and peak forecasts exhibit the same patterns.

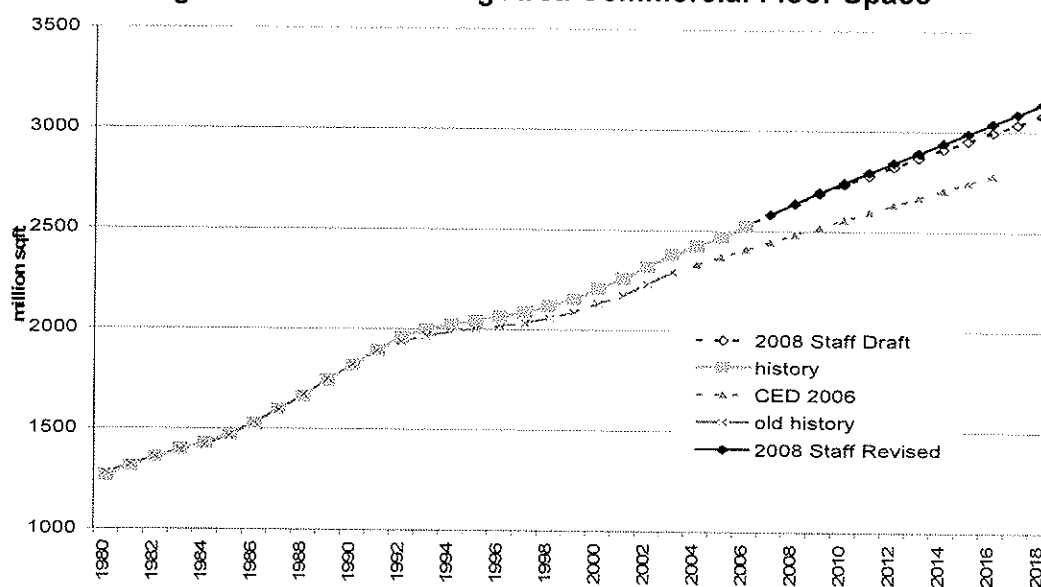
Figure 61: SCE Planning Area Commercial Sector Peak



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

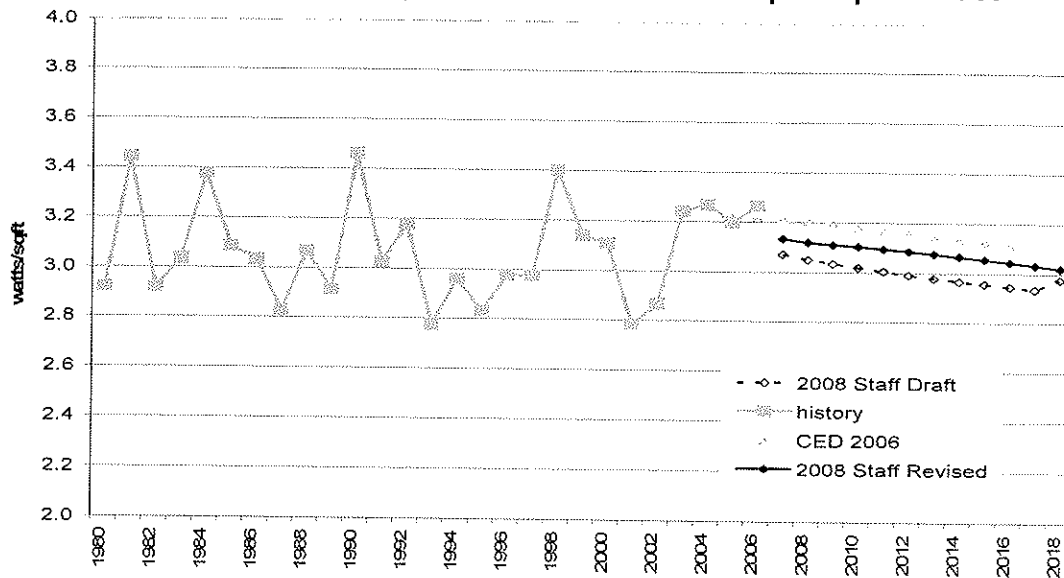
In staff's commercial building sector forecasting model, floor space by building type is the key driver for energy consumption and peak demand. **Figure 62** provides a comparison of total commercial floor space projections. The revised floor space projections are slightly higher throughout the forecast period than those used in the draft forecast because of updated economic and demographic projections. Both 2008 forecasts are higher than the previous forecast because of method changes, described in Chapter 1.

Figure 62: SCE Planning Area Commercial Floor Space



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

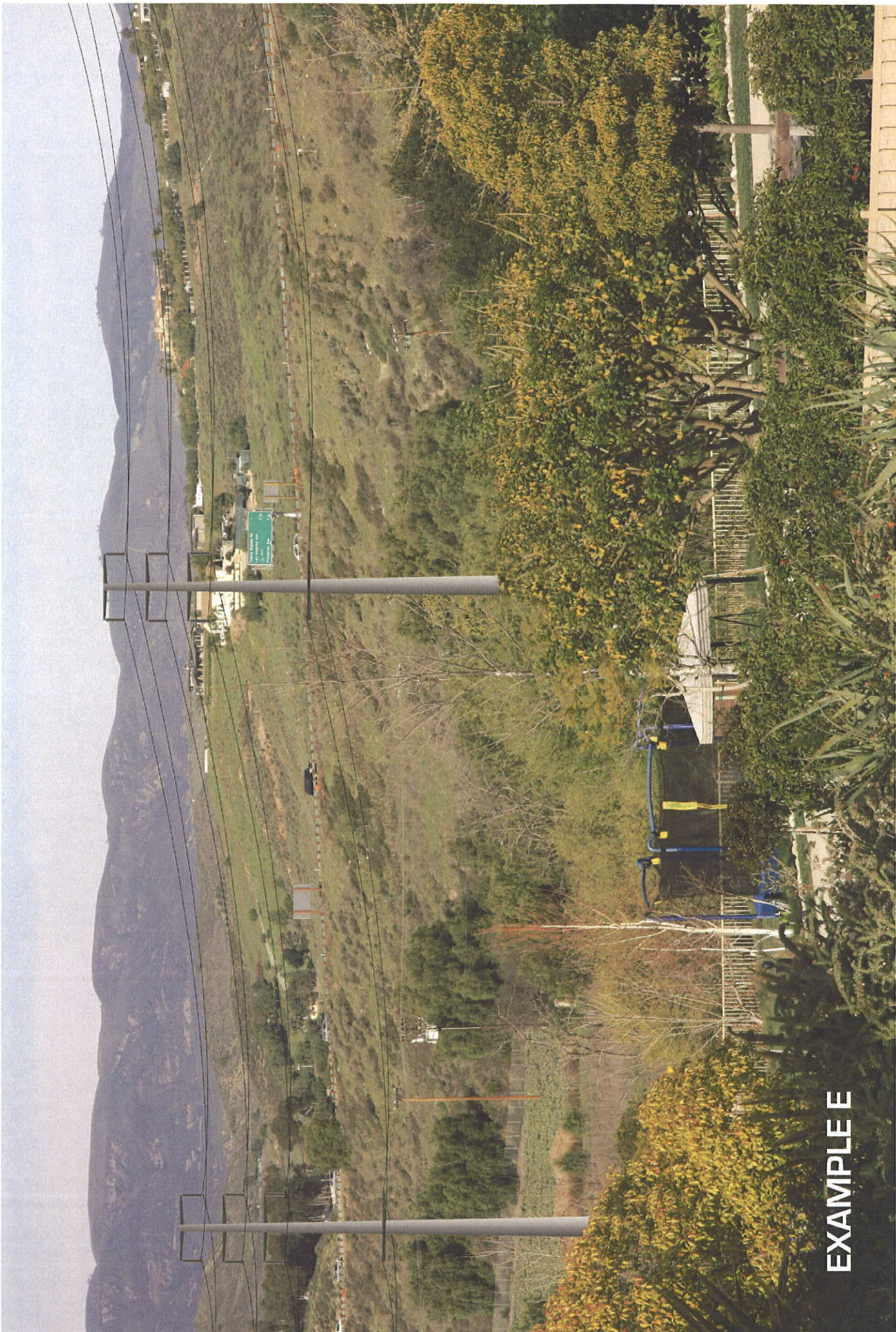
Figure 64: SCE Planning Area Commercial Watts per Square Foot



Source: California Energy Commission, 2007.

Industrial Sector

Figure 65 provides comparisons of the industrial sector electricity consumption forecasts for the SCE planning area. The revised forecast starts from a lower point than the draft forecast and grows at a slower rate over the forecast period. This produces a greatly reduced industrial forecast compared to the previous forecasts. The lower starting point is partly because historic “unclassified” consumption was allocated to the industrial sector at a lower level than previously. The lower forecasted growth rate reflects revised assumptions about energy intensity trends that are more consistent with historic energy use patterns.



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Public Comment Card

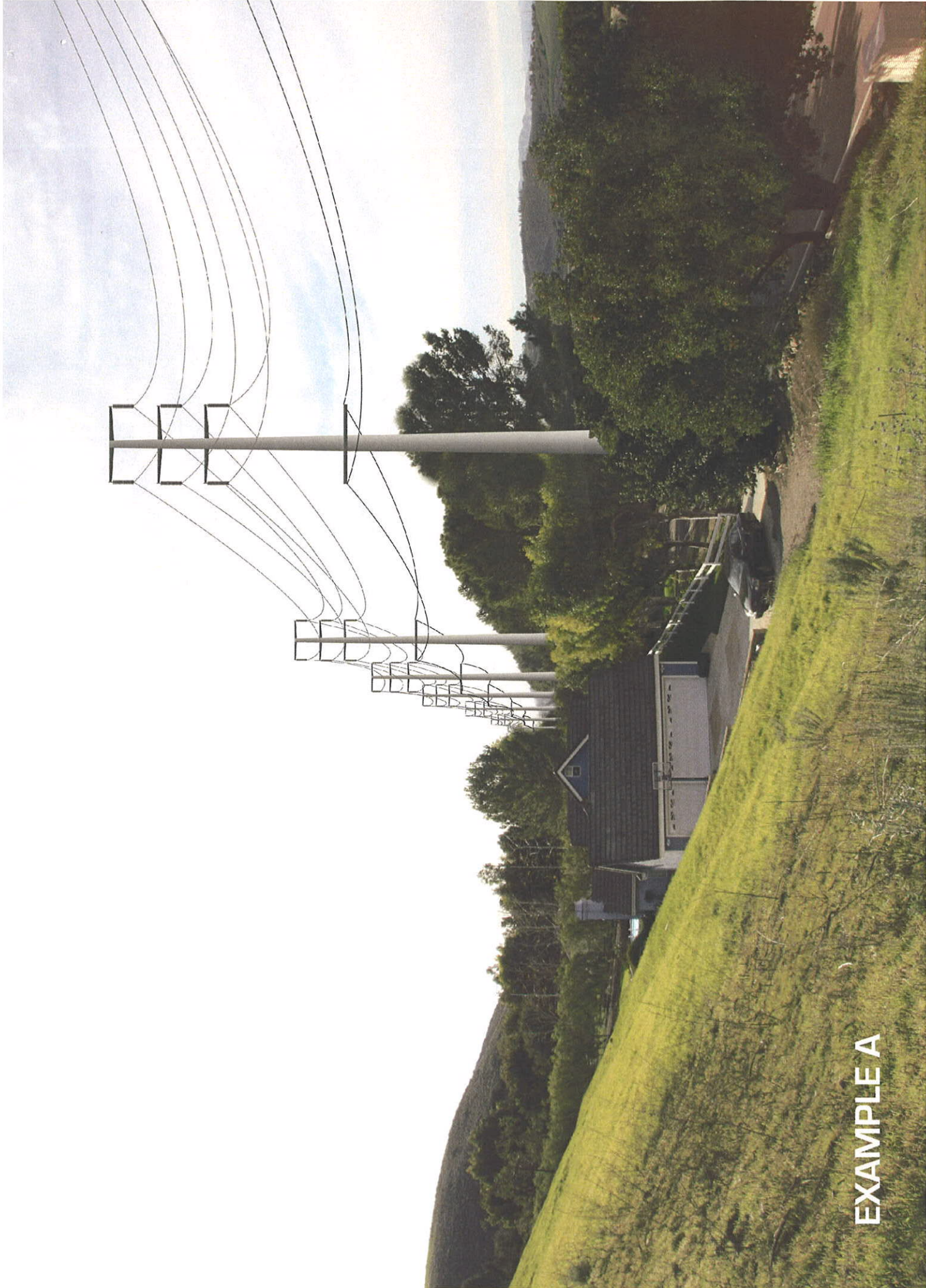
Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Scoping Period: February 17 - March 19, 2009



Commenter Name: DR. Josh Valdez
Address: 4982 Read Road; T.O., CA 93021

Comment:

My home is the first house entering the Enclave. If this project is approved, the power lines will literally be right on top of my property. I have three small children, a wife, and myself. We could not stay in our home if these power lines go up. Our health is the most important issue for us. A distant second would be our property value. My home would become worthless. No one would buy a home with power lines on it. The description that SCE has given is wrong. The proposal states that it's a rural area and the pictures given do not show our homes. It purposely does not put my home in the picture. There are many environmental, health, scenic, and safety issues at hand here. There are other Alternatives that SCE can utilize, which we can speak to. We pray that this project is unequivocally denied!



EXAMPLE A

SCOPING MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2008

I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE UNDERGROUNDING OF ELECTRIC LINES AND EQUIPMENT.

ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S WEB PAGE, UNDER "ENVIRONMENT COMMITMENT", THEY ADDRESS THE CPUC RULE 20 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE UNDERGROUNDING OF ELECTRIC LINES AND EQUIPMENT.

UNDER RULE 20 OF THE CPUC, UNDERGROUNDING PROJECTS ARE FINANCED BY UTILITY RATES MONEY, COMBINED RATE FUNDS AND LOCAL TAX PROCEEDS OR PRIVATE FUNDS, DEPENDING ON WHETHER RULE 20A, RULE 20B OR RULE 20C PROVISIONS APPLY.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT RULE 20A PROVISIONS WOULD APPLY IN THIS SITUATION. RULE 20A GOVERNS "THE OVERHEAD EQUIPMENT THAT MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN OR PASS THROUGH A CIVIC RECREATIONAL OR SCENIC AREA".

BOTH THE ELECTRICAL LINES AND THE SUB-STATION WOULD BE LOCATED IN A SCENIC AREA DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS. BOTH ROUTE 23 AND OLSEN ROAD ARE ENTRANCES TO THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS AND ARE CONSIDERED SCENIC AREA. THE EASTERNLY DIRECTION OF OLSEN ROAD, APPROACHING SIMI VALLEY, IS ALSO CONSIDERED A SCENIC CORRIDOR BY THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY. THIS SHOULD CLASSIFY THIS PROJECT UNDER RULE 20A OF THE CPUC.

IN THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SECTION OF THE SCE WEB PAGE, REGARDING RULE 20, THERE IS A QUESTION REGARDING THE COST OF UNDERGROUNDING. THE ANSWER STATES THAT THE COST OF OVERHEAD LINES AND EQUIPMENT IS 20% OF THE COST OF UNDERGROUNDING. HOWEVER THE NEXT QUESTION ASKS: "HOW MUCH OF MY SCE BILL GOES TO UNDERGROUNDING?" THE ANSWER IS AS FOLLOWS: " THE AVERAGE COST OF UNDERGROUNDING, PER RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER, PER MONTH IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF A NICKEL".

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE SCE HAS APPROACHED NOR CONSIDERED THE UNDERGROUNDING ASPECT OF THIS PROJECT. UNDERGROUNDING SHOULD DEFINETELY BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE OF THE SCENIC AREA, NARROW WIDTH OF READ ROAD AND THE CLOSENESS OF THE STEEL POLES TO RESIDENCES. SOME OF THESE POLES WILL BE AS CLOSE AS 25 FEET FROM CERTAIN HOMES. WE ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER THE DESTRUCTION OF VEGETATION AND TREES WITHIN A 5 TO 10 FEET DIAMETER OF THESE POLES. ALSO THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE PRESENT WOODEN POLES ARE LOCATED ON SLOPES THAT WILL REQUIRE A LARGE AMOUNT OF EXCAVATION IN ORDER TO INSTALL THE NEW HUGE STEEL POLES. IT WILL MAKE THAT AREA LOOK DESELETE AND INDUSTRIAL. TALK ABOUT PROPERTY VALUES.

AS TO UNDERGROUNDING IN THE AREA, THE PRESENT ELECTRIC LINE, ON READ ROAD, ACTUALLY GOES UNDERGROUND IN ORDER TO CROSS ROUTE 23, NOT OVERHEAD. SO UNDERGROUNDING IS A FACT AND IT SHOULD BE USED IF THIS ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS CHOSEN. IT WOULD MINIMIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON OUR SMALL SCENIC RURAL AREA/CORRIDOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS.

THANK YOU