Comment Set C.87: Joseph Starke

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Honorable Julie Hallegan
Administrative Law Judge
California Public Utilities Commission

RE: Antelope-Pardee 500kV Transmission Project
Request for Extension of Public Comment Date
For Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Judge Hallegan:

I write as a concerned resident of the small town of Agua Dulce in support of the request, by the Agua Dulce Town Council, to further extend the public comment period for the above referenced EIS/EIR. Specifically, I believe the record will demonstrate that alternative 5 for routing of the subject project was introduced into the process at the eleventh hour leaving the significantly affected residents of this small community effectively without a voice in this alarming process. C.87-1

Agua Dulce is among the very few bastions of bucolic life in Southern California. The residents of this community moved there and/or remain there primarily to escape the concrete jungles that communities such as Santa Clarita have become. Particularly in consideration of the fact that every other alternative proposed in the EIR could be implemented with essentially no impact upon private property rights and this single alternative (5) directly affects the interests of this entire community, it seems only reasonable and equitable that the community as well as the individual property owners whose property may be subject to condemnation or rendered unsaleable by this proposal be permitted a fair opportunity to obtain and disseminate information and to prepare an appropriate presentation of their concerns and the significant impacts which this alternative portends. C.87-2

Respectfully, no party to the matter could possibly claim substantial prejudice by the reasonable extension of this public comment period. Any such claim could only be motivated by

a desire to precipitously cutoff the rights of the affected citizens of this community without an appropriate airing of legitimate objections and concerns respecting this tardily proposed alternative. Accordingly, I join in the request by the Town Council for a minimum ninety (90) day extension on the public comment period to permit a fair and comprehensive presentation to be made a part of this record. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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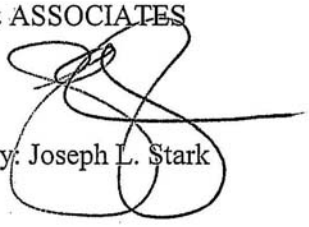

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C.87-1 On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, now ending on October 3, 2006.

C.87-2 Thank you for submitting your opinion and concerns regarding Alternative 5. It should be noted that the proposed Project and each of the other four Project alternatives would also require land acquisition for ROW purposes, either for new transmission corridors or for widening of existing transmission corridors. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.