

Comment Set C.93: Dale and Delores Burton

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Subject: Antelope-Pardee 500-kv Transmission Project

Honorable Julie Halligan
Administrative Law Judge
California Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Honorable Judge Halligan,

We are writing to protest the 500-kv Transmission Project on 107th Street West in Leona Valley.

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1. We live in a blue line flood zone, with no flood control. We are not a county maintained road. All repairs fall on us. If the project was to go forward, it would jeopardize the stability of the dirt road or double our maintenance for erosion control. Last year we almost lost our house due to flooding. We cannot support any more erosion which we believe this project would cause.
2. My brother worked for the Department of Water and Power for many years with a survey team and was constantly under high voltage transmission lines. As a result he has contracted Leukemia. We feel if this project goes through, it would endanger us with the electromagnetic field.
3. It would ruin our view. It would be so close to our house that we would be able to hear the "popping" caused by high voltage power lines.
4. We are in a red alert fire zone because of the thick brush. We have in fact suffered through fires in the past where we have actually be evacuated. We live right on the fault line. If there was an earthquake, the potential of the lines breaking and starting a fire are great. It would also increase our fire insurance premiums. If a fire were to break out, the high power lines would interfere with water droppings from the fire department due to the positioning of the towers.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Honorable Sharon Runner, State Assembly
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Response to Comment Set C.93: Dale and Delores Burton

- C.93-1 Thank you for submitting your opinion on Alternative 5.
- C.93-2 As discussed in Section C.5 (Geology, Soils, and Paleontology), minor changes in topography associated with the project (Impact G-3) are not expected to be significant. Implementation of the required Mitigation Measures G-2 (Minimization of Soil Erosion) and B-1a (Provide Restoration/Compensation for Impacts to Native Vegetation Communities) would additionally avoid potential impacts to surface water runoff resulting from topographic changes.
- C.93-3 Potential health risks associated with the Project are discussed in Section C.6 (Public Health and Safety) of the Draft EIR/EIS. It is understood that your concern regarding cancer and the potential ‘causation’ of cancer is related to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). To date, there have been hundreds of studies conducted regarding the health effects of exposure to EMF from electric transmission lines. Please see General Response GR-3 regarding electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and potential health effects.
- C.93-4 The impacts to visual resources, and noise, as a result of Alternative 5 have been discussed in the EIR/EIS Sections C. 15.10, and C.10.10, respectively. Alternative 5 would result in significant and unavoidable (Class I) noise impacts during construction and operation, specifically inspection and maintenance activities.
- C.93-5 We recognize that Alternative 5 would constrain the ability to aggressively fight a wildland fire in the vicinity of the route, and would create additional fire risks to inhabited areas such as Leona Valley and Agua Dulce (see discussion in Section D.5). Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.