

Comment Set D.77: Regina Alvarez



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Proposed Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project

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I have lived in Leona Valley since 1991. It was a great place to grow up and is a great place to live now. This is why I am concerned about the Alternative 5 project to run high tension transmission lines through Leona Valley.

I am concerned with the potential damage to water sources due to erosion caused by construction. I am also concerned that the lines will interfere with emergency preparedness, i.e. water dropping helicopters would not be able to reach some areas in Leona Valley due to the positioning of the towers.

My family was here during both Bouget Canyon fires. All the homes in L.V. were saved by these helicopters and the efforts of the firefighters! If they cannot do their job, are ~~we the residents~~ we just doomed because we have the misfortune to live here?

I am also concerned about the increased fire ~~haz~~ hazard due to the location of the transmission lines along the San Andreas Fault line. We are all taking a risk living so close to the fault, but it is too big a risk to put highly dangerous power transmission lines right where

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~~For~~ (Page 2 con't) they will most likely be damaged in the event of an earthquake.

I am also concerned with the health risks involved with the electromagnetic fields emitted by these ~~high~~ lines. They have been linked to childhood leukemia and spontaneous abortions. The EME's are also known to trap radon which will cause cancer in people living within a mile of these lines. This is a grave concern. ~~For~~ One can say "Well, these people can move." However, this project will devalue these people's property by thousands of dollars. How are they supposed to get a fair price for their land if it is worth almost nothing? That is not just.

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I am also concerned that this project will threaten local wildlife and destroy the necessary balance that exists here between humans and wildlife in L.V.

Lastly, I am concerned with the increased cost of completing the Alternative 5 project. If it is the longest and impacts the most private property, how is this the best use of my tax dollars and for that of investors? Therefore, please take these health, ecological, safety, financial concerns seriously and halt the Alternative 5 project. Thank you for your attention.

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Response to Comment Set D.77: Regina Alvarez

- D.77-1 The proposed Project and each of the alternative routes would result in impacts to hydrology and water quality (Section C.8), which are discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS. 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.
- D.77-2 A discussion of the geologic, seismic, and paleontologic impacts of Alternative 5 can be found in Section C.5.10.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS. Mitigation Measure G-4 (Minimize Project Structures within Active Fault Zone) has been identified to reduce impacts associated with overhead active fault crossings to less-than-significant levels.
- D.77-3 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding EMF health concerns, General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values, and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.
- D.77-4 Although project cost is not discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS, we agree that due to the increased length of Alternative 5, it would cost substantially more than the proposed Project. Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.