

Comment Set C.197: Chris and Norm Jacobson

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RE: Proposed Antelope-Pardee 500-kv Transmission Project

Dear Ms. Halligan,

We have been residents of Leona Valley for the past 16 years and own a U-Pick Cherry Orchard consisting of 600 trees. Each year hundreds of families come to our ranch to experience a day in the country, where the air is clean, the vistas beautiful, and the only noise is the sound of farm animals. It's a wonderful lifestyle and one that we cherish and enjoy sharing with others.

We oppose the selection of Alternate Route 5 because it does not make sense for the following reasons:

1. It's longer than any of the other routes resulting in more expense to SCE and ultimately the consumer.
2. It will introduce new transmissions lines where none have previously existed and it will be visible to a greater number of residences than the other routes.
3. It traverses more private parcels than any of the other routes.
4. It permanently condemns one or more homes while the other routes do not condemn any.
5. It will cause radio and television interference in more residential communities than the other routes.
6. It will cause noise disturbances to more residents, not only during construction, but also during maintenance and normal operation than any of the other routes.
7. It would substantially degrade the visual quality as seen from all roads within Leona Valley. There is not a single resident who would not be affected by the installation of transmission lines using this route.
8. Many Leona Valley residents rely on wells as their only source of water, the construction along Alternate Route 5 could affect the water quality due to disturbances to the existing ground water during project related activities.
9. It would create mudflow hazards to our residents as a result of the disturbances caused by the project.
10. It would hinder fire fighting in Leona Valley, especially aerial operations.
11. It will adversely affect our property values, by destroying the pristine beauty of our town.


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We support the Proposed Project Route. It's shorter in distance, it's the most direct, and it uses existing corridors.

Thank you for taking the time to read our comments. We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful rural community, with a unique quality of life, please don't destroy it.

Sincerely,


Chris Jacobson


Norm Jacobson

cc: Jody Noiron ✓
John Boccio ✓
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Leona Valley Town Council

Response to Comment Set C.197: Chris and Norm Jacobson

C.197-1 Thank you for your opinion regarding Alternative 5. Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC. It is noted that you support the proposed Project route.