

Comment Set B.2: Agua Dulce Civic Association, Board of Directors



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VIA EMAIL TO:
The Honorable Julie Halligan
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RE: Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project
APPLICANT: Southern California Edison
APPLICATION No.: A.04-12-007
SCH No. 2005061161

Dear Honorable Judge Halligan and ANF Supervisor Noiron:

The Agua Dulce Civic Association (Civic), founded in 1956, is a group which represents Agua Dulce property owners. It has been the role of the Civic over the past fifty (50) years to research, provide information, and pursue action on issues impacting our membership.

Unfortunately, the Civic was not advised of the scoping sessions on the proposed Southern California Edison (SCE) project, nor was a copy of the draft EIR/EIS document sent to our Board of Directors. We request that the project documents be recirculated with a new public comment period.

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When we received the documents distributed at a meeting in Agua Dulce in late August, we were stunned to see that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the USDA Forest Service (USDAFS) now are considering an alternative to the proposed project that will traverse our community, along with Leona Valley. Alternative 5 did not even appear on the CPUC web

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site until August 31st or shortly thereafter, giving many local residents the false impression that Alternative 5 did not exist. | B.2-2 cont.

Project Alternative 5 would not only severely impact Agua Dulce property owners, but also Vasquez Rocks Natural Area, one of Southern California's most scenic and environmentally sensitive areas. | B.2-3

We respectfully request that Alternative 5 to this proposed project be removed from consideration. We also ask that you recirculate the documents, adding the Agua Dulce Civic Association to your mailing list, and that you grant the many residents of North Los Angeles County an additional public comment period of not less than sixty (60) days, allowing us to make a more in-depth review of the project. | B.2-4

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Mayor Laurene Weste, City of Santa Clarita
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Responses to Comment Set B.2: Agua Dulce Civic Association, Board of Directors

- B.2-1 Please see General Comment GR-5 regarding the project's noticing procedures and review period. On September 13, the CPUC and the USDA Forest Service formally extended the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS to October 3, 2006.
- B.2-2 Please see General Response GR-4 regarding the alternatives identification process for the project. Information on all of the alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIR/EIS appeared on the CPUC's project website on July 26, 2006. The public review period started on August 4, 2006.
- B.2-3 Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park would be located approximately 0.8 miles west of the Alternative 5 route, and recreational use of the area would not be affected by the Alternative 5 alignment (see Section C.9.10.1). However, as discussed in Section C.15.10.2 (Impact V-25), impacts to the visual quality of landscape views from Vasquez Rocks as a result of Alternative 5 would be significant and unavoidable.
- B.2-4 Please see General Response GR-4 regarding the alternatives identification process for the project. An alternative can only be removed from consideration if it is infeasible or does not meet the stated project objectives.