

A T/L project's potential to induce or accommodate growth does not mean that it would actually result in growth. Local governments in California can significantly increase and decrease growth potential through the creation and implementation of political policies that are specifically designed to hinder or minimize growth. The creation of jobs, land development, and the necessary supporting infrastructure are all needed to aid in the increase of a population.

While development of electric T/Ls is often in response to the increase in demand, the electric utilities infrastructure does not induce growth, but rather follows it and is necessary to accommodate existing demand.

In the case of SCE's proposed Antelope Transmission Project, the purpose of the proposed project is to interconnect and integrate potential alternative energy projects (owned by other entities) and SCE's electrical system, as discussed in Section 2.0 of this PEA. The Antelope Transmission Project is not intended to supply power related to potential growth for any particular development or area. The proposed upgrade is not anticipated to induce growth.

SCE would draw the labor required for construction from its current workforce or contractors. The limited, temporary nature of this employment would not result in long-term growth in the area. In addition, no long-term employment would occur associated with the operational phase of this project.

The project is needed to accommodate the current and anticipated future alternative energy development in the area.

Upgrades in SCE's transmission system would ensure that the system would be able to meet current and future electrical transmission requirements in the area without encouraging additional growth. No significant effects related to growth inducement are expected to occur associated with Segment 1 (or Alternative 1) of the proposed Antelope Transmission Project.