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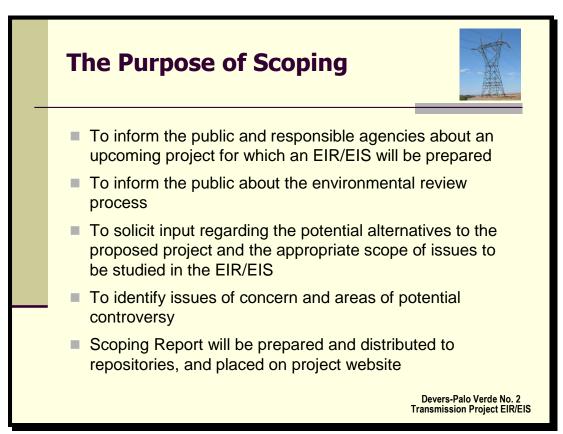
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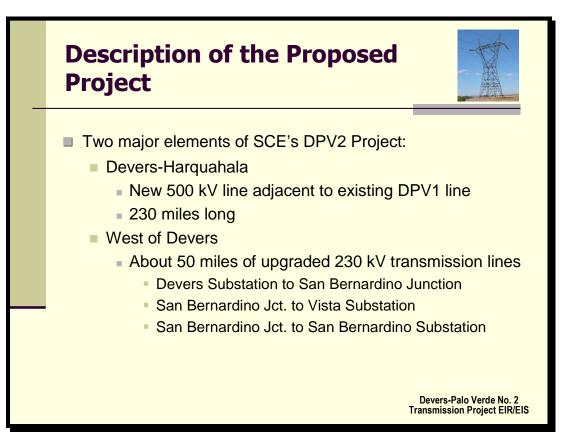


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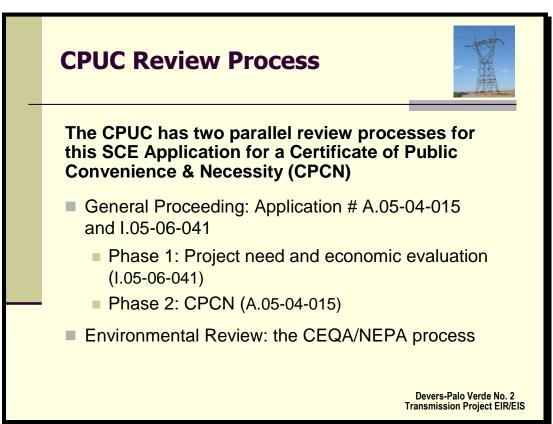


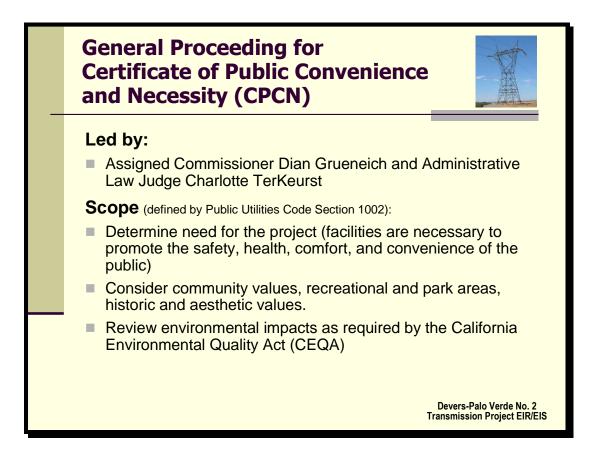












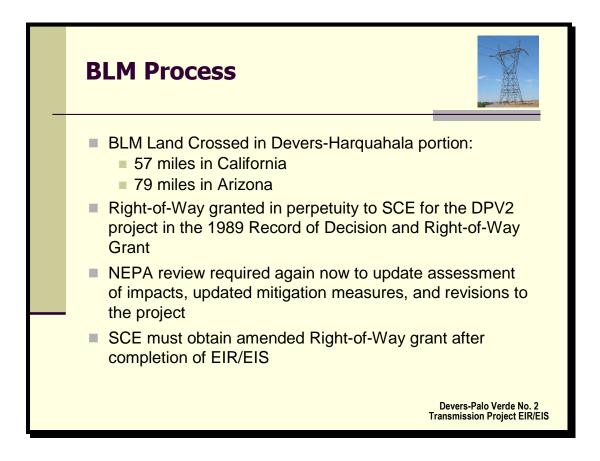
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Phase	Phase 1 Phase 2		
CAISO Report & workshops	September 2005	First Pre-Hearing Conference	July 20, 2005
Comments & direct testimony	October 2005	Scoping Memo for General Proceeding	Sept. 27, 2005
Direct & rebuttal testimony	Nov. – Dec. 2005	Testimony Exchanged	June 2006
Evidentiary hearings	January 2006	Evidentiary Hearings	July 2006
File briefs	February 2006	ALJ's Proposed Decision	November 2006
Proposed Decision	May 2006	Final Decision by CPUC	December 2006
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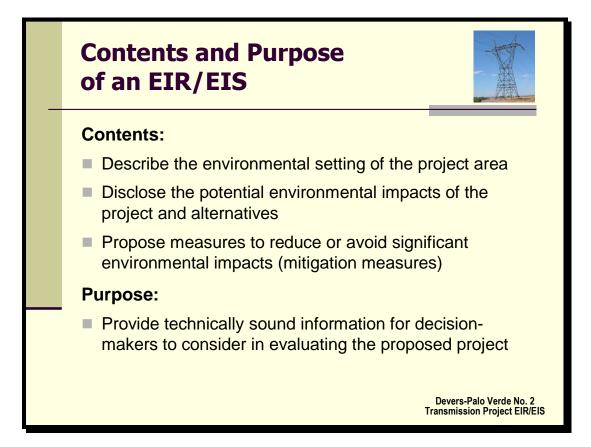


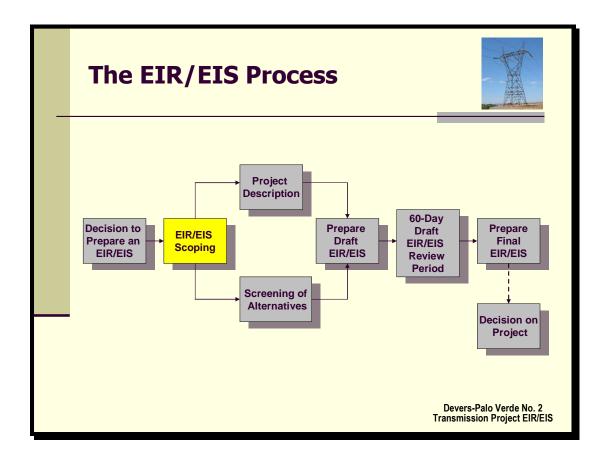
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Notice of Preparation for EIR	Mailed October 21, 2005
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Public Consultation	
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Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Project EIR/EIS



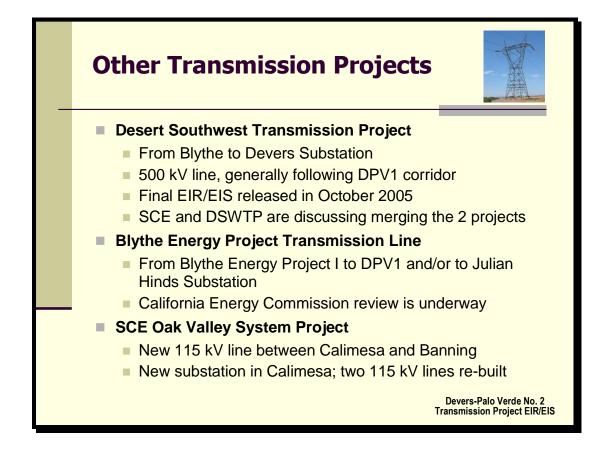


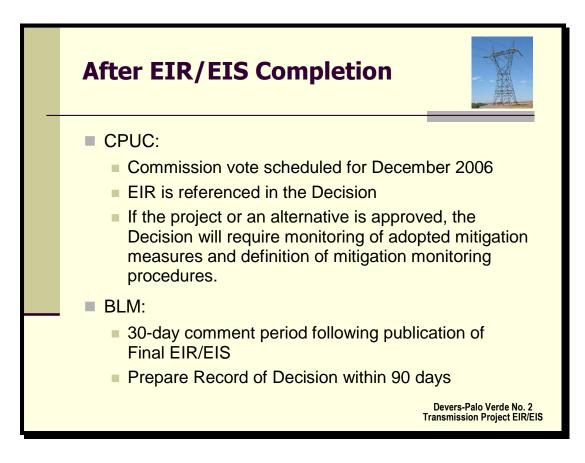


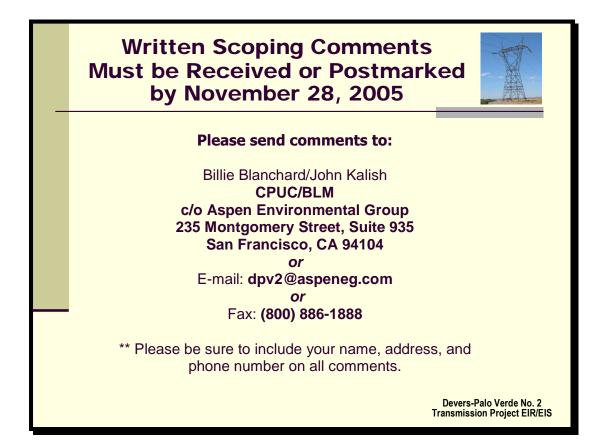


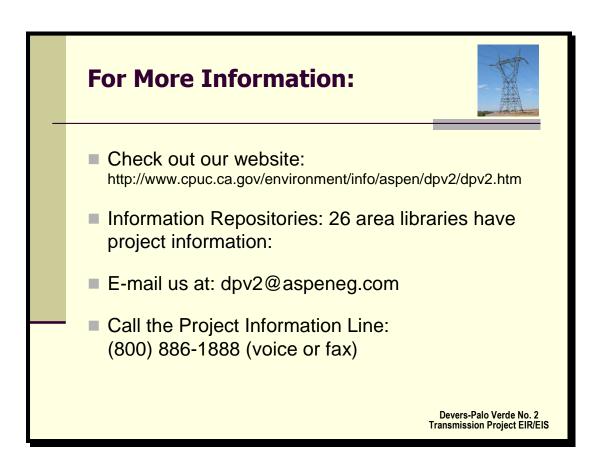


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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC) Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers–Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date:
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Affiliation (<i>if any</i>):*
Address:*
City, State, Zip Code:*
Telephone Number:*
Email:*
Comment:

*Please print. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.

Please either deposit this sheet at the sign-in table before you leave today, or fold, stamp, and mail. Insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be received by November 28, 2005. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (800) 886-1888 or emailed to dpv2@aspeneg.com.

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Fact Sheet



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500 kV Line: Devers Substation to Harquahala Switchyard

Along this 230-mile segment, the proposed DPV2 transmission line would parallel the existing DPV1 500 kV transmission line for nearly its entire length. A projected 784 new towers would be constructed. Towers would be of three different types, but would be the same type as those currently used for DPV1 (see photos on this page). Construction vehicles would use existing access roads, but new spur roads (from each existing tower to each new tower, approximately 300 feet away from each existing tower) would be constructed.

There are four major segments of the Devers-Harquahala component (described from west to east):

Devers Substation to Chiriaco Summit

East of the SCE Devers Substation would pass through or adjacent to the Cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, and Indio, as well as through unincorporated Riverside County. The route would traverse 2.3 miles of the Coachella Valley Preserve and National Wildlife Refuge (established primarily to protect the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard), and would cross a corner of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation. It would be north of and essentially parallel to Interstate 10 until the Cactus Center rest area, where the line would cross to the south side of the freeway.

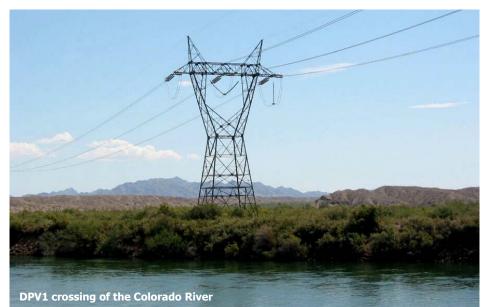


Chiriaco Summit to Blythe

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Palo Verde Valley

For nearly 10 miles, the route would be located in the agricultural lands of the Palo Verde Valley, south of the City of Blythe. New towers in this area would be the same style as the existing towers now located in the farm-



lands (see photo, above) and would be located immediately adjacent to (but 300 feet away from) each existing tower. Southeast of Blythe, the route would cross the Colorado River into Arizona (see photo, lower left).

Colorado River to Harquahala Switchyard

The 102-mile Arizona segment would be primarily on BLM land. The route would also include 24 miles through the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. Within the Refuge, the route would parallel the existing DPV1 transmission line and a natural gas pipeline. A few miles of private land and Arizona state lands would also be crossed. The transmission line would terminate about 15 miles west of Wintersburg, in the area surrounding the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station that also includes several gas-fired power plants.

Schedule for Environmental Review		
Public and agency Scoping meetings October and November 200		
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Two different types of construction would occur within SCE's existing transmission corridors between the Devers Substation and the western ends of the project in the Cities of Redlands and Grand Terrace. Along the segment west of Devers Substation, an existing transmission corridor would be reconfigured with the removal of existing lines and construction of one new line. At the west end of the route, two short segments of existing transmission lines would only be reconductored with no tower changes. They are described in more detail below.

Devers Substation to San Bernardino Junction

As part of the DPV2 project, SCE would upgrade the existing transmission corridor from the Devers Substation to San Bernardino Junction (located just west of the end of San Timoteo Canyon just southeast of the City of Loma Linda). In this 40mile segment, there are currently three separate transmission lines that would be affected by the project: two singlecircuit lines and one double-circuit line (see photo below). SCE would remove two single-circuit lines entirely, construct one new double-circuit line, and increase the capacity of the remaining existing line by installing new wires (this process is called "reconductoring"). When the project is complete, there would be two transmission lines in the corridor, as compared with the three that currently exist. The new and reconductored lines would be able to carry substantially more electricity.

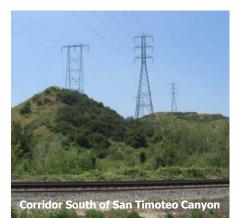
This component of DPV2 would be primarily within Riverside County but would enter San Bernardino County at its western end. The corridor passes through the following cities: Redlands, Calimesa, Beaumont, Banning, and Palm Springs (Devers Substation). Unincorporated areas of Riverside County would also be traversed by the project. This segment of the project would also pass through 4.4 miles of land across the Morongo Indian Reservation.

From the Devers Substation to Calimesa (26 miles), the corridor would be north of Interstate 10. Much of the land along this segment is undeveloped, but the corridor also passes through residential communities in several areas (primarily in Beaumont, Calimesa, and unincorporated areas between Cabazon and White Water). At Calimesa, the corridor crosses Interstate 10 and traverses the hills south of San Timoteo Canyon for about seven miles (see photo, upper right).

San Bernardino Junction to San Bernardino Substation

This project segment is 3.4 miles long and passes through the Cities of Loma Linda and Redlands and unincorporated San Bernardino County. The existing corridor includes two double-circuit 230 kV tower lines, each of which would have one of its two circuits reconductored. The existing SCE San Bernardino Substation is located on San Bernardino Avenue just west of Mountain View Avenue, at the end of the transmission line shown in the photo at right.





San Bernardino Junction to Vista Substation

Along this 4.8-mile segment, SCE would reconductor both circuits on an existing double-circuit 230 kV line, ending at SCE's Vista Substation (in Grand Terrace on Newport Avenue adjacent to Interstate 215). Construction on this segment would occur within the City of Grand Terrace.



Schedule for Environmental Review

Public and agency scoping meetings	October and November 2005
Release of Draft EIR/EIS	May 2006
Public meetings on Draft EIR/EIS	June 2006
Release of Final EIR/EIS	August 2006
CPUC Decision	December 2006
BLM Decision	October 2006

For more information:

Check our website:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/dpv2/dpv2.htm

Review materials at the Information Repositories:

Twenty-two area libraries and four BLM offices have copies of the Notice of Preparation and will have copies of other project documents as they become available:

California:

Banning – Banning Public Library, 21 W Nicolet Street Banning - Morongo Community Library, 11581 Potrero Road Beaumont - Beaumont Library District, 125 East 8th Street Blythe – Palo Verde Valley Library District, 125 West Chanslorway Calimesa - Calimesa City Library, 974 Calimesa Boulevard Cathedral City – Cathedral City Branch Library, 33520 Date Palm Drive Coachella – Coachella Branch Library, 1538 7th Street Colton – Colton Public Library, 656 North Ninth Street Desert Hot Springs - Desert Hot Springs City Public Library, 11691 West Drive Grand Terrace – Grand Terrace Library, 22795 Barton Road Indio - Indio Public Library, 200 Civic Center Mall Loma Linda - City of Loma Linda Library, 25581 Barton Road Mentone - Mentone County Library, 1870 Mentone Boulevard Moreno Valley – U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos North Palm Springs – U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 690 West Garnet Avenue Palm Desert – Palm Desert City Library, 73300 Fred Waring Drive Palm Springs – City of Palm Springs Library, 300 South Sunrise Way Rancho Mirage – Rancho Mirage City Library, 42520 Bob Hope Drive Redlands - A. K. Smiley Public Library, 125 West Vine Street Riverside – City of Riverside Library, 5505 Dewey Avenue San Bernardino – San Bernardino County Library, 104 West Fourth Street Yucaipa – Yucaipa Branch Library, 12040 5th Street

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Buckeye – Buckeye Public Library, 312 North 6th Street
Phoenix – U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 21605 North 7th Avenue
Quartzsite – Quartzsite Public Library, 465 N. Plymouth Avenue
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