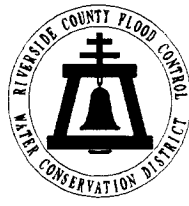


APPENDIX D-1

Comment Letters from Government
Agencies and Special Districts



RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

November 2, 2005

Mr. Billie Blanchard and Mr. John Kalish
California Public Utilities Commission
and Bureau of Land Management
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
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Dear Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Kalish:

Re: Notice of Preparation for a Joint
Environmental Impact Report/
Environmental Impact Statement for the
Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission
Line Project (DPV2) proposed by
Southern California Edison

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2) proposed by Southern California Edison. The California segment of the proposed project would terminate at Devers Substation in Riverside County, north of Palm Springs. Devers Substation occupies portions of Sections 4 and 5 in Township 3 South, Range 4 East, San Bernardino Base and Meridian. The West of Devers (WOD) upgrades would terminate at Vista and San Bernardino substations. Vista Substation is located on Newport Avenue in the city of Grand Terrace, San Bernardino County, Section 32, Township 1 South, and Range 4 West. San Bernardino Substation is located in the city of Redlands, on West San Bernardino Avenue in Section 18, Township 1 South, and Range 3 West. In California, the proposed project (including WOD upgrades) would traverse Riverside County and San Bernardino County, including the following cities: Grand Terrace (Vista Substation), Colton, Loma Linda, Redlands, Calimesa, Beaumont, Banning, Palm Springs (Devers Substation), Cathedral City and Coachella. Other lands that would be traversed by the proposed project are primarily comprised of unincorporated and wilderness areas.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has the following comments/concerns that should be addressed in the joint EIR/EIS:

1. An applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Activity General Permit from either the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) or the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) – Colorado and Santa Ana Regions may be required for construction of the proposed project. In general, projects disturbing 1 or more acres (or less than 1 acre if part of a larger common plan of development) are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity (Construction General Permit, 99-08-DWQ) issued by the SWRCB. More information regarding these permits may be obtained on the SWRCB website at www.swrcb.ca.gov.

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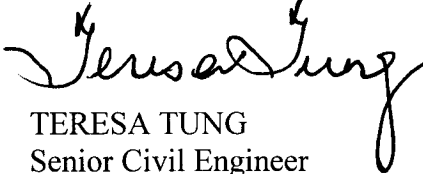
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2. Sections of the proposed project are located within the District's Garnet Wash Master Drainage Plan (MDP), Banning MDP and Beaumont MDP. When fully implemented, these MDP facilities will provide flood protection to relieve those areas within the plan of the most serious flooding problems and will provide adequate drainage outlets. The EIR/EIS should evaluate potential impacts to existing and proposed MDP facilities in the project area. The District's MDP facility maps may be viewed online, under Programs and Services, at <http://www.floodcontrol.co.riverside.ca.us/districtsite/default.asp>. To obtain further information on the MDP and the proposed District facilities, contact Art Diaz of the Planning Section at 951.955.1345.
3. Existing District facilities are located within the proposed project area and may be impacted. Any work that involves District rights-of-way, easements, or facilities will require an encroachment permit from the District. The construction of facilities within road right-of-way that may impact District storm drains should also be coordinated with us. To obtain further information on encroachment permits or existing facilities, contact Ed Lotz of the Encroachment Permit Section at 951.955.1266.
4. Portions of the project are located within Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The EIR/EIS should evaluate any potential impacts to the MSHCP including Criteria Area and P/QP lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any further questions concerning this letter may be referred to Steve Horn at 951.955.5418 or me at 951.955.1233.

Very truly yours,



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Subject: App. # A.05-04-015

I represent the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District in Maricopa County, AZ. I just learned of this proposed project and am shocked that no notice was given to people in AZ regarding this project or the public hearings which were to cover "western Arizona". The Harquahala Generating Station is within the District's Boundaries and, obviously, any new line connection to that power plant will cause environmental impacts to the lands within the District. We would request that the period for comment be extended so that we have an opportunity to submit input into the EIS process that is taking place. Please add me to your mailing list and send me all comments on your scoping process as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, November 28, 2005 2:17 PM

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Subject: Application A.05-04-015 DPV-2 500kV line

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Harquahala Valley Irrigation District, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Arizona (HVID), this office submits the following comments for the CPUC CEQA .

First of all, we deplore the lack of notice given to affected entities in Arizona concerning this proposed project. We only learned of this on November 23, 2005 and requested an extension of the comment period, which was not granted. To our knowledge, none of the affected landowners in this District were notified of this matter, which we find uncomprehensible since one of the alternative routings goes east to west through the middle of the District, bifurcating the District and interfering with its operations.

HVID is an active irrigation district comprised of approximately 33,400 acres. It supplies irrigation water to these acres. These acres are productive agricultural lands located 60 miles west of Phoenix. Its remoteness benefits its agricultural lands because there are no impediments to farming. The scenic views of the mountains surrounding the valley are breath taking because of the clean air.

The Harquahala Generating Station is located on the eastern boundary of HVID. One the proposed alternative routes, dubbed "Harquahala West Subalternate Route" , is an anethema to HVID and its landowners. This 12 mile route would impact the residents of the valley by destroying the rural atmosphere of the valley, impair visual impacts and destroy scenic quality; it would remove cropland from production; interfere with tilling and irrigation practices; cause interference with crop dusting and defoliating operations; it would adversely impact endangered species and other wildlife, and would devalue the land in the district.

All of these adverse impacts to the valley could be avoided if the HGC line to PVNGS was utilized and then the new line could use the already existing corridor from PVNGS that is used for the existing DPV-1 500 kV line.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit these comments even if they are submitted on such short notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: D-PV2 project

Dear Ms. Lee:

I have been forwarded, through Mr. Bill Baker, a pdf copy of the Notice of Preparation/Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for the EIS for the proposed Devers - Palo Verde 2 transmission project.

Could you please send me a copy of the three maps that were not included in the electronic version, and also add me to all notice and mailing lists for further information and communication regarding this project.

I represent the Harquahala Valley Power District in which is located the Harquahala Generating Station and through which the project apparently proposes to construct an EHV transmission line that would have serious impacts on landowners and farmers in the District. (The Power District is largely co-extensive with the Irrigation District, but is a separate and distinct entity.)

We have not previously been furnished any notice or information regarding this project, notwithstanding the distribution you referenced in your recent email response to Mr. Baker. I anticipate commenting on behalf of HVPD during the upcoming EIS process.

Thank you.

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From The Department Of Community Development

December 14, 2005

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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION / NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING
MEETINGS FOR THE DEVERS-PALO VERDE #2 (DPV2) 500 KV
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT - COMMENTS

ATTENTION: BILLIE BLANCHARD / JOHN KALISH

This letter is in response to the above referenced Notice that we received on October 31, 2005. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental documentation for this project; however, neither Public Works nor Community Development staff has comments to submit. The Edison staff put a lot of effort into public outreach and education for this project and as a result, our questions and concerns were answered during the public workshops that were held last year.

Please feel free to contact me at (909) 799-2830, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Deborah Woldruff, AICP
Director

cc: Beverly Powell, Regional Manager of Public Affairs, Southern California Edison
T. Jarb Thaipejr, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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