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To Ms. Blanchard,

I am writing with comments regarding the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project. First, thank you and all the people who have clearly spent many hours in the research and review of this project. The members of this community who live along the Peñasquitos Reserve, as well as the people who frequent the canyon for recreation, profoundly appreciate your efforts to meet the needs of San Diego and consider the best interest of the environment.

I strongly support Alternative #5 which has been identified as the Environmentally Superior Alternative. According to the Draft EIR, alternative #4 would actually increase the EMF along the ROW and would not be the best option for our community. Before the draft EIR is finalized, I would like to propose an modification to Alternative #4. One of the cumulative impacts identified in the Draft EIR (Chapter 5) involves the *potential* construction of an additional 230-kV Transmission Line for a *potential* future Mission-Peñasquitos Project. I understand that CAISO identifies a need and these projects are addressed individually but it seems prudent to stay ahead of the game, so to speak, if this Mission-Peñasquitos Project is indeed likely. It would be far more efficient, if Alternative #4 is selected, to also place the 230 kV Transmission Line for this project in the trench that is dug for the (2) 69 kV lines so that the space is left available for a 230 kV line (in a Mission- Peñasquitos Project) on the existing lattice structure. This would circumvent future resources spent readdressing the issue or developing an additional EIR for a Mission-Peñasquitos Project. Since I have little understanding of how likely this project will be, I want to propose it as an option to be considered. Given the amount of construction in my community and the number of new homes already visible along highway 56, I am only left to believe that the Mission-Peñasquitos Project will also be necessary sooner than one would think.

Once again, thank you for considering the concerns of our community in the planning.

Sincerely,

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