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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today issued an Administrative Law Judge Proposed Decision and an Alternate Proposed Decision by CPUC President Michael R. Peevey regarding undergrounding a portion of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project in the City of Chino Hills (A.07-06-031).

On October 28, 2011, the City of Chino Hills asked the CPUC to consider undergrounding a 500-kilovolt transmission line for 3.5 miles in Chino Hills (called Segment 8A) in lieu of the previously approved above ground design. The CPUC ordered a stop to construction of much of Segment 8A while the CPUC considered the request, which included Evidentiary Hearings, briefs from parties, and the CPUC's preparation and release of an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report.

The Administrative Law Judge Proposed Decision, available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M066/K068/66068597.PDF>, denies the request of the City of Chino Hills, finding that the cost is prohibitive and should not be borne by ratepayers at large.

The Alternate Proposed Decision by President Peevey, available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M065/K706/65706074.PDF>, grants the request of the City of Chino Hills to underground Segment 8A, finding that the design of the above ground line, with its massive transmission towers reaching 195-198 feet tall (more than double the height of the prior 75 foot structures) and set in a narrow 150-foot right of way, effectively ignores community values and places an unfair and unreasonable burden on the residents of the City of Chino Hills. The

Alternate Proposed Decision rectifies that disproportionate burden and finds that it is in the public interest to construct an underground alternative based on a single circuit, two cables per phase design using cross linked polyethylene cable. After accounting for multiple factors, the Alternate Proposed Decision estimates the costs of undergrounding in Chino Hills to be approximately \$224 million, including offset for Chino Hills' financial contribution of real property, which is valued at approximately \$17 million.

The matter is scheduled to come before the CPUC's five Commissioners for a vote on July 11, 2013.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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