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Pamela Loomis
California Public Utilities Commission
770 "L" Street, Suite 1050
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Moorpark-Newbury 66kV Subtransmission Line SCE Advice Letter Number
2272-E Dated October 2, 2008

Dear Ms. Loomis:

The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County requests the California Public Utilities Commission approve an alternative to Southern California Edison's Moorpark-Newbury 66kV Subtransmission line project through the Santa Rosa Valley, a residential community in eastern Ventura County. We support and understand the necessity of these new power lines, however because the proposed project would bring lines closer to Santa Rosa Valley homes, we ask that an alternative location be considered.

We understand that there has been no CEQA review for the project that would look at impacts such as viewshed, public health, noise, seismic, land use, biological with possible impacts to federally listed endangered species, and potential cumulative impacts of successive projects. While the lack of review is of concern, we are hopeful that a serious review of alternatives will be undertaken including:

- 1) co-locating the lines with the existing 220kV lines that are in the same SCE easement where the 66kV lines are proposed,
- 2) undergrounding the 66kV lines through Santa Rosa Valley, an approximate ½ mile section,
- 3) placing the new lines farther from homes instead of closer as proposed.

The above alternatives would be in keeping with our County's General Plan, including:

General Plan Goal 4.5.1:

Promote the efficient distribution of public utility facilities and transmission lines to assure that public utilities are adequate to service existing and projected land uses, avoid hazards and are compatible with the natural and human resources; and

General Plan Policy 4.5.2:

1. New gas, electric, cable television and telephone utility transmission lines shall use or parallel existing utility rights-of-way where feasible and avoid scenic areas when not in conflict with the rules and regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission. When such areas cannot be avoided, transmission lines should be designed and located in a manner to minimize their visual impact.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Our County stands ready to assist Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to revise the Moorpark-Newbury 66kV Subtransmission Line proposal and provide a better project to address the growing energy demands of our region and minimize the impacts to residents.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Foy, Chairman
Ventura County Board of Supervisors