Comment Set B.8: Agua Dulce Town Council

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Subject: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period: Antelope-Pardee Project

Dear Judge Halligan,

Please find attached a letter from the Agua Dulce Town Council which respectfully requests an extension of the public comment period for the Antelope-Pardee 500kV Project.

Ramona Hall
Secretary
Agua Dulce Town Council
September 7, 2006

Honorable Julie Halligan
Administrative Law Judge
California Public Utilities Commission

Subject: Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project
Request for Extension of Public Comment Date
for Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Judge Halligan,

The Agua Dulce Town Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Request for Extension of Public Comment Period as it relates to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. The Agua Dulce Town Council is a local entity representing 5,000 residents and land owners of Agua Dulce in unincorporated northern Los Angeles County.

The Agua Dulce Town Council respectfully requests a minimum of a 90 day extension of the public comment period for the Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project. We have literally just learned about the proposed Alternate Route 5. Many of the affected homeowners still have not heard about it. However, even our cursory review of the information to date shows that, if selected, this route would profoundly impact our community. Accordingly, we strongly believe that additional time is warranted to investigate the issues and provide an intelligent response.

In making this request we would like to point out that the original routing of this project targeted Federal Forest Service lands. Upon request, the Forest Service received a ten (10) month extension.

Unlike the Federal Government, The Agua Dulce Town Council is an unfunded entity; without resources, subject matter expertise, or political sophistication in such matters. It is already apparent to us that there is much that we need to learn about the history of this project to date, including the relevant biological, jurisdictional, financial, health/safety, geologic, hydrologic, and air quality issues which are evidently factors in such decisions, based upon the Executive Summary Draft EIR dated July 2006.

Indeed, our brief review of the materials available to us thus far does not even provide enough information to answer a fairly simplistic and obvious question: “Would not everyone benefit from burying these power lines where they cross through residential communities?” Until we are able to answer this and other similarly basic questions, we will not be in a position to provide an intelligent response to the pending proposals.
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Donal MacAdam
Donal MacAdam, President
Agua Dulce Town Council

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Response to Comment Set B.8: Agua Dulce Town Council

B.8-1 On September 13, the CPUC and the Forest Service formally extended the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS to October 3, 2006.

B.8-2 Please see General Response GR-6 regarding underground construction.