Comment Set D.13: Aleta Dupuis

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Scoping Comments
Proposed Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project

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"I am opposed to Alternative 5."

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Please either deposit this sheet at the sign-in table before you leave today, or fold, stamp, and mail. Insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be postmarked by September 18, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (661) 215-5152 or emailed to antelope-pardee@aspeneg.com.
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D.13-1 Thank you for submitting your opinion on Alternative 5.

D.13-2 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding potential health hazards associated with EMF exposure. As discussed in Section C.5 (Geology) on page C.5-49, Alternative 5 was determined to have less-than-significant impacts with regard to soil erosion after implementation of Mitigation Measure G-2.

D.13-3 As discussed in Section C.10 (Noise), on pages C.10-28 through C.10-32, it is acknowledged that construction of Alternative 5 would result in a significant and unavoidable impact as a result of temporary construction noise.

As discussed in Section C.2 (Air Quality), on page C.2-36, it is acknowledged that construction of Alternative 5 would result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to air quality.

The supply and quality of water resources, including in the Leona Valley, would not be significantly affected by the proposed Project or an alternative. As discussed in Section C.8 (Hydrology and Water Quality) of the Draft EIR/EIS, implementation of the proposed Project or an alternative is not expected to significantly interfere with groundwater supply and recharge (Criterion HYD2), or with existing surface water drainage patterns (Criterion HYD3). If the proposed Project or an alternative is approved, the required implementation of mitigation measures during construction and operation would ensure protection of water resources.

D.13-4 As discussed in Section C.3 of the EIR/EIS, with implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, which SCE must agree to as part of the project approval by the CPUC and USDA Forest Service, the Project would not result in significant impacts to wildlife.

D.13-5 As discussed in Section C.15 of the EIR/EIS, the Project would result in significant and unavoidable visual impacts by reducing the visual quality and scenic integrity from viewing locations along the Project alignment.

D.13-6 Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

D.13-7 The Lead Agencies acknowledge that Alternative 5 could constrain the ability to aggressively fight a wildland fire in the vicinity of the route, and would create additional fire risks to inhabited areas such as Leona Valley and Agua Dulce (see discussion in Section D.5). The transmission is not expected to increase flood risks. Your concerns will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

D.13-8 As discussed in Section C.6 (Public Health) of the Draft EIR/EIS with implementation of mitigation measures, implementation of the proposed Project or alternatives would not result in significant impacts to public health or safety.

D.13-9 As described in the Draft EIR/EIS, the temporary preclusion of recreational trail use, the long-term loss or degradation of recreation areas, and the long-term disruption to residential land uses would occur as a result of Alternative 5. Please see Section C.9.10.2 for a discussion of these impacts.
D.13-10 Thank you for submitting your opinion on Alternative 5. Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

D.13-11 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on local property values.

D.13-12 See Section C.2.10.2 for a discussion of air quality impacts resulting from Alternative 5. A discussion of the construction schedule for Alternative 5 is included in Section B.4.5.3.