Comment Set D.14: Richard and Nancy Bunner

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Scoping Comments
Proposed Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project

Date: 8-31-06

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We moved to Leona Valley 6 years ago with our horses so we could have a better life - away from the city. We worked so hard to be able to move to The peaceful town. We don't want it changed to the sounds of humming noises on our property from the power lines. Horses will not walk under then, not to mention the health risks we will be exposed to. Please leave Alternatives out of your decisions. We love our town and care about our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Richard Bunner Nancy Bunner

*Please print. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.

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.
Response to Comment Set D.14: Richard and Nancy Bunner

D.14-1 Corona noise, which sounds similar to a humming noise, results in typical sustained noise levels of approximately 34 to 44 dBA at 150 feet, as discussed in the Draft EIR/EIS under Impact N-3 (page C.10-17). While this noise level may be perceptible when located within the immediate vicinity, this noise level would not exceed the Los Angeles County Noise Ordinance and therefore, would not be significant under CEQA/NEPA. As noted in Section C.10.10.2, “Alternative 5 would have the potential to affect a greater number of residences along the ROW compared to the proposed Project or other alternatives due to the fact that Alternative 5 would not traverse the ANF [Angeles National Forest], except for a 0.5-mile segment, where there are few residences, and would instead cross through rural development in both Leona Valley and Agua Dulce, as well as urban development in Santa Clarita (common to the proposed Project and other alternatives)”. As such, it has been acknowledged that Alternative 5, and the corona noise levels produced by a new transmission line, would affect a greater number of residences. This information will be provided to the decision-makers to help them make an informed decision with respect to the proposed Project and all the alternatives.

D.14-2 Please see the response to Comment B.15-5 regarding impacts to domesticated livestock. Based on the research presented in “Transmission Line Studies Priest Rapids Project FERC No. 2114 Final Report”, while specific individual horses may appear to be influenced by transmission lines, the consensus is that the behavior of the majority of livestock is not impacted by transmission lines.

D.14-3 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding potential health hazards associated with EMF exposure.

D.14-4 Your comment will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.