Comment Set D.86: Bert Jr. and Lema Torrey

We are against Alternative 5 because it would place Leona Valley in a small pocket of tall towers and transmission lines which would effectively eliminate fixed-wing air support and severely limit helicopter support, which is essential to fighting brush fires (as in the "Hay" fire, the September crash of a Edison helicopter which hit transmission lines resulting in the death of the two crew members). Past experience proves ground crews alone cannot protect homes and suppress brush fires. Additionally, we are on a fault line which poses the greatest potential for damage to towers than any other alternative. Downed power lines start fires. The attempt to use eminent domain will result in lawsuits. Alternative 5 subjects the greatest number of households to the negative health effects of EMF, air pollution, noise of construction, servicing and maintenance, and generates the most waste. Because of its length, it places the greatest demand on public services and results in the greatest loss in transmission power.

*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.

Deadline extended 15 days
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D.86-1 Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding Alternative 5. Your comments will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.

D.86-2 As discussed in Section C.5, the proposed Project and all of the alternatives would cross the San Andreas Fault and the San Gabriel Fault. Impacts associated with overhead active fault crossings (Impact G-4) would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels by APM GEO-2 and Mitigation Measure G-4 (Minimize Project Structures Within Active Fault Zone).

D.86-3 Please see General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.

D.86.4 Your comments are consistent with the findings of the Draft EIR/EIS.