

## Comment Set C1

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**Subject:** Southern California Edison's El Casco System Project

Re: Application No: A.07-02-022  
SCH No. 2007071076

Dear Ms. Mosley:

As the CPUC Project Manager, I am writing to you about a serious concern of mine regarding the El Casco Project planned by Southern California Edison, most specifically the proposed towers to run through the Sun Lakes Community in Banning, California.

As I am sure you are quite aware, there were numerous fires in the Southern California area during the months of October and November. An article in the Los Angeles Times, dated November 17, 2007, indicated the State of California said that power lines ignited the Witch Fire. Furthermore, in my research this morning, an article in the San Diego Union-Tribune dated November 11, 2007, stated the Rice Canyon fire was caused by downed power lines.

My concern is that Banning is noted for its high winds and severe wind damage, especially in the past couple of months. Should these high winds cause a spark or lines to be downed it could cause catastrophic events to happen. Sun Lakes Country Club, where I reside, is a community of approximately 5,300 homes occupied by seniors, many of whom are bedridden or seriously disabled. Should a downed power line cause a fire, we cannot get into our cars and flee as easily as the residents of Malibu or San Diego. Therefore, it would not just be homes that would be lost but a multitude of lives as well.

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If the decision has not been made, I implore you to consider the winds and fires that have taken place in recent months and request that you suggest Southern California Edison place these lines underground. While this is a larger cost to them, think of the cost of lives and property to the thousands of people who live in this wonderful community.

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Darling  
Sun Lakes Resident

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## Responses to Comment Set C1 – Nancy Darling

- C1-1** The risk of fire associated with the Proposed Project and alternatives is discussed in Section D.7 (Hazards and Hazardous Materials) of the original Draft EIR (December 2007).
- C1-2** Your support for the Partial Underground Alternative has been noted. The Environmentally Superior Alternative has been re-evaluated and is identified in the Recirculated Draft EIR, Section E (July 2008) as the Proposed Project. Please see General Response GR-1 for a discussion regarding the change in determination of the Environmentally Superior Alternative.