

Comment Set C55

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Subject: Powerline Through Sun Lakes, Banning

I am writing to urge you to put newly proposed power lines underground through our community rather than large above ground structures.

This project will affect this area and it's residents for years and years to come. Aesthetics is important but even more pressing and of more concern is the possible health and safety risks involved. The jury is still out on the impact of EMFs on humans, but there is proof that it may negatively impact people with pacemakers and other health issues who live near those towers. This is a Senior community. Why take a chance? Even the California Public Utility Commission recommends these proposed lines be placed underground.

I am respectfully requesting you, as a public utility, to do the right thing and put these lines underground.

I would be interested in hearing from you.

Thank you,
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Responses to Comment Set C55 – Barbara Habeger

- C55-1** Please see Draft EIR Sections D.7 (Hazards and Hazardous Materials) for information on EMF, and D.12 (Visual Resources). ~~Please note that placement of the subtransmission line underground is not a recommendation by the EIR authors or CPUC Project Staff.~~ The final decision on the alternative that will be approved is up to the vote of the five-member California Public Utilities Commission subsequent to the certification of the Final EIR. 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.