

Comment Set E23 – Rodolfo N. and Yolanda M. Velasco

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Ronavel Velasco <ronavel@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 10:17 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: West of Devers Upgrade Project

Sir/Madam:

We are residents of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association situated in Segment 4, Beaumont, West of Devers Upgrade Project. Please be informed that we fully support the Tower Relocation Alternative that will move the new towers farther from the residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residences than existing towers.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rodolfo N. Velasco
Yolanda M. Velasco
1741 Desert Almond Way
Beaumont, CA 92223

Responses to Comment Set E23 – Rodolfo N. & Yolanda M. Velasco

E23-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and no new towers closer to residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E24 – Harry Smallwood

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Harry Smallwood <hsmallwood@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 11:23 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Tower Alternative Plan

To: Billie Blanchard
(CPUC PM)/Frank McMenimen (BLM PM)
California Public Utilities Commission and Bureau of Land Management
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

From: Harry Smallwood
1176 Cliffrose Way,
Beaumont, CA 9222
Internet Address: HSmallwood@verizon.net

Gentlemen,

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association, located in Segment 4 in Beaumont and Banning, I support the West of Devers Alternative Tower Relocation Plan that will move the towers further from Solera residences. Plus, it may well end the radio noise associated with the present location of the existing towers, making it possible to listen to radios without the continuous screeching as is now present.

Sincerely,
Harry Smallwood

A resident for over ten years.

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Responses to Comment Set E24 – Harry Smallwood

E24-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences is noted.

E24-2 The commenter is concerned about radio noise (interference) associated with the present location of the existing towers.

Section D.21 (Electrical Interference and Safety) of the EIR describes potential electrical hazards and interference impacts from the proposed transmission lines. In the event that the energized transmission line would potentially create interference with radio, television, communications, or electronic equipment, Mitigation Measure EIS-1b (Document and Resolve Electronic Interference Complaints) has been included in Section D.21 (Electrical Interference and Safety) of the EIR and would apply for the life of the project. Mitigation Measure EIS-1b requires SCE to respond to, document, and resolve radio/television/electronic equipment interference complaints received. With implementation of Mitigation Measure EIS-1b, interference by the project with radios is expected to be less than significant.

The Tower Relocation Alternative, which is described in Section C.4.1 and in Appendix 5, Section 4.2 of the EIR, would use about 50 feet of vacant ROW width identified for future transmission lines to place towers farther away from adjacent residences than the Proposed Project, including in the area of the Solera residential development, which will also likely reduce potential radio interference impacts.

Comment Set E25 – Sharon Waitman

Comment Form

West of Devers Upgrade Project
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Please print legibly. For more information, visit the project web site:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm> Thank you for your comments.

Date: 9-11-15

Name*: Sharon Waitman

Affiliation (if any)*: _____

Address*: 1078 Northview Dr

City, State, Zip Code*: Beaumont CA 92223

Telephone Number*: 951 316 8228

Email*: IPCcommenter@yahoo.com

Comment*: As a Solera resident I am
concerned the proposed Edison
line improvements will be placed
too close to our homes.

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Please send me notifications by: email mail I do not want to be on the project mailing list

*This information may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Submit comments by mail using this comment sheet (fold, stamp, and mail); attach additional sheets if needed.
Please submit comments no later than September 22, 2015. You may also submit comments by email to westofdevers@aspeneq.com or by phone (888) 456-0254.

Responses to Comment Set E25 – Sharon Waitman

E25-1 The commenter is concerned that the proposed lines would be too close to residences.

The Tower Relocation Alternative, which is described in Section C.4.1 and in Appendix 5, Section 4.2 of the EIR and is fully evaluated for each environmental discipline in the EIR, would use about 50 feet of vacant ROW width identified for future transmission lines to place towers farther away from adjacent residences. This alternative would change structure placement only in portions of Segment 4 and Segment 6 where the EIR team has identified potentially significant visual impacts, including by the Solera residential development. The Tower Relocation Alternative was found to be environmentally superior to the Proposed Project in Section G.4.1 (Tower Relocation Alternative) of the EIR. By shifting structures farther away from the closest residences, the Tower Relocation Alternative would achieve structure placements within the ROW that would appear more similar to the existing structure locations. As a result, the Tower Relocation Alternative would cause less incremental visual contrast, structure prominence, and view blockage compared to the Proposed Project when viewed from residential locations along the south side of the ROW.

Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Todd & Corinne Slusser <slusser@pmt.org>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 4:42 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Tower #38
Attachments: Exhibit Map APN 517-211-015_Slusser_Property.pdf; ATT00001.txt; SCE DOC 83485.pdf; ATT00002.txt

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Corinne Slusser and I own land that SCE wants to put tower #38 on. In the map below my parcel is Lot 131. That huge square is where the SCE wants to build a new tower. I bet you would want to buy that property and live under transmission lines wouldn't you? Definitely not and neither do I. The amount of land in the easement is huge, can't the tower be placed across the street or even better can't the existing lines be used?

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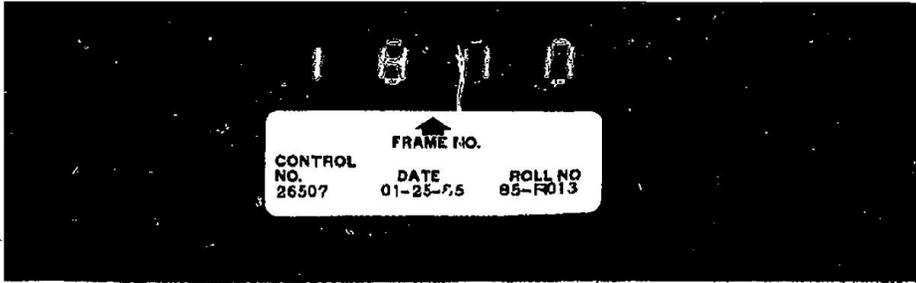
I have been in contact with Elizabeth Straley from SCE about the easement on the property but she has not had any answers for me. As you can see in the PDF file of the easement document, it was written in 1985. I owned the land before 1976. I did not sign this easement document nor was I compensated in any way for it. It says Highway Land Company granted the easement and was paid a whopping \$10 but I'm not sure who they are, not me evidently. At no time were they given any rights to grant changes to the easement.

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This piece of land was given to me by my now deceased grandfather. He gave it to me as a legacy to give my children or to sell if I needed the income. With this tower on it I will never be able to sell the property or even use it for my own personal use. I would not want to risk my families health living right next to this huge tower. I have been offered no compensation for SCE essentially stealing my land. There are already towers in the area, please continue to use what you already have in place.

Corinne Slusser
slusser@pmt.org

Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser (cont.)



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FORM NW 82 800 5.48
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RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED, HIGHWAY LAND COMPANY, a corporation,

for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), lawful money of the United States, paid by SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY LTD., a Corporation, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants, bargains, sells and conveys unto said SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY LTD., a Corporation, its successors and assigns, those permanent and exclusive easements and rights of way to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, enlarge, improve, remove, repair and renew two electric transmission lines consisting of steel towers, wires, cables and other structures, including ground wires, both overhead and underground, and communication circuits with necessary and convenient foundations, insulators and cross-arms placed on said towers, and other appurtenances connected therewith, convenient and necessary for the construction, maintenance, operation, regulation, control and grounding of electric transmission lines for the purpose of transmitting, distributing, regulating, using and controlling electric energy, together with the right and easement for roads, ingress, egress and other convenient purposes needed or desired at any time by the Grantee, and the right and easement to construct, reconstruct, maintain and operate the same, and the right to clear and keep clear said easements and the real property affected thereby, free from explosives, buildings, structures, trees, brush and inflammable materials, for the protection from fire and other hazards; in, under, upon, over and across a strip of land 300 feet wide upon the following described lands and premises, situated in the County of Riverside, State of California, to-wit:

AGS.
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N-10057A
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All that portion of Section 8, in Township 3 South, Range 3 East, U.D.S. & M., which lies North of the State Highway (Banning-Whitewater Highway).

Said strip of land is described as follows:

A strip of land 300 feet wide, the southerly and northerly boundary lines of which are parallel with and respectively 100 feet southerly and 200 feet northerly from a line described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the West line of said Section 8, distant 241.93 feet southerly, measured along said West line, from the Northwest corner of said Section 8; thence from said point of beginning, Easterly, in a straight line, 5300 feet, more or less, to a point in the East line of said Section 8, distant 438.52 feet southerly, measured along said East line, from the Northeast corner of said Section 8.

The side lines of said strip of land to be shortened or extended so as to terminate in the West and East lines of said Section 8.

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Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser (cont.)

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Grantee shall have the right to use existing roads and make such additions thereto, on the lands of the Grantor, as shall be convenient and necessary to the Grantee's use of said right of way strip.

Together with all necessary and convenient means of ingress and egress to and from said above described right of way strip, for the uses and purposes and the exercising of the rights herein granted. Said right of entry may be exercised by trucks, automobiles or other vehicles or by foot, as may suit the convenience of said Grantee, its successors or assigns.

The Grantors reserve the rights for water pipe lines and roads under and across the land described in this easement provided these rights do not interfere with the operation and maintenance of the transmission lines of the Grantee.

Grantee shall have the right to install and to use gates in any fences which are now or may be hereafter constructed on said lands of the Grantor, for the purpose of permitting convenient entry to said right of way strip. Any gates which are installed by Grantee on said lands shall be locked with Grantee's locks, and also, if the Grantor so desires, may be locked with the Grantor's locks, in such a manner that either can lock or unlock the gates. Any gates which are installed and locked by the Grantor and used by the Grantee shall be locked also by the Grantee's locks so that either can lock or unlock the gates.

Grantee shall have the right to make such surface cuts within said right of way strip as may be necessary to maintain the clearance from conductors to the surface of the ground that may be required by the orders of the State Railroad Commission, or other Governmental body having jurisdiction thereof, or as may be necessary for the economical construction, maintenance and operation of said transmission lines.

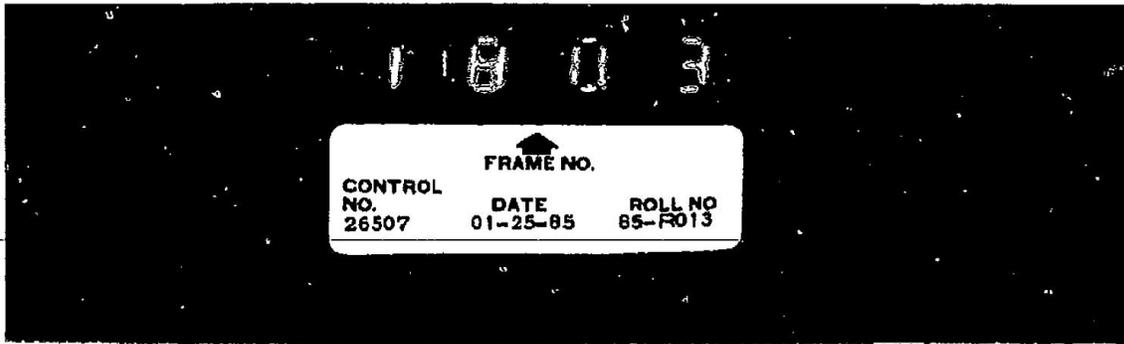
* The Grantor, his heirs, successors or assigns, shall have the right to cultivate the land within the right of way strip for any and all crops which may be grown thereon, without interference with the rights herein granted to the Grantee, its successors or assigns, provided that said Grantor, his heirs, successors or assigns, in the use of said land, shall not permit or allow any accumulation of explosive or inflammable materials within the said right of way strip or so near thereto as to constitute, in the opinion of the Grantee, its successors or assigns, a menace or danger to said transmission lines. In case the Grantor, his heirs or assigns, shall grow orchard or other trees within the limits of said right of way strip, they shall not permit the same to attain a height in excess of ... 15 ... feet above the surface of the ground, and in case any such trees shall grow taller than said height, then the Grantee, its successors or assigns, shall have the right to trim the same in order to maintain said height as a maximum.

The Grantor grants to the Grantee, its successors and assigns, the right to trim or top and to keep trimmed or topped any and all trees on the lands of the Grantor adjacent to said right of way strip for a distance of 75 feet from the exterior lines of the right of way strip, to such heights as in the judgment of the Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, operation and maintenance of said electric lines, but at no point outside the right of way strip to a height less than 50 feet.

It is understood and agreed that the grant of this easement does not convey to the Grantee any right, title or interest in any oil, gas or hydrocarbon substances or minerals within the limits of the right of way strip or otherwise, but that the Grantor, in prospecting for or developing oil, gas, hydrocarbon substances or minerals, will do so from adjacent land and in such a manner as not to interfere with the structures erected by the Grantee or with the operation of the transmission lines of the Grantee.

It is further understood and agreed that no other easement or easements shall be granted on, under or over said strip of land by the Grantor to any person, firm or corporation without the previous written consent of said Grantee.

Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser (cont.)

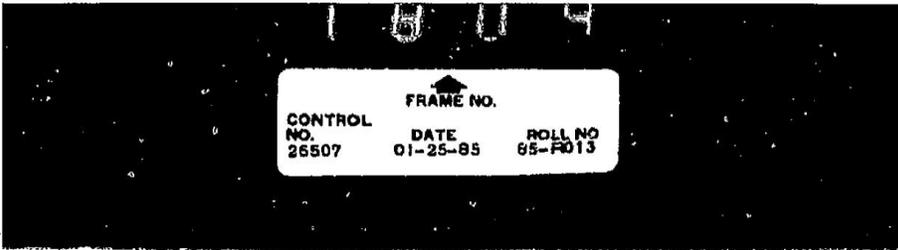


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The Grantors reserve the rights for streets, (paved, graded or otherwise), sewage lines, gas lines, electric lines and any and all other rights of way for facilities necessary in connection with the needs and conveniences of inhabitants who may, at any time in the future, make their residence and carry on business operations on the property through which the within easement is granted, it being understood and agreed that said lines and rights of way are reserved by the Grantor for crossing, paralleling and/or covering the top surface, as well as underneath the land described in this easement, the Grantor not being required to apply to Grantee for permission to use any of the rights herein reserved, but shall at all times, as, if and when such rights are used, do so in such manner that they will not interfere with the operation and maintenance of the transmission lines of the Grantee.

Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser (cont.)



TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above mentioned easements and rights unto SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY LTD., its successors and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set OUR hands this 21st day of June, 1985.

WITNESS: HIGHWAY LAND COMPANY
By: Alfred J. Rich President
By: Robert J. Anderson Asst. Sec'y.

STATE OF _____ } ss.
COUNTY OF _____ }

On this _____ day of _____, 1985, before me, _____, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared _____

known to me to be the person whose name _____ subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed _____ official seal in said County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public in and for the County of _____, State of _____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
COUNTY OF _____ }

On this _____ day of _____ in the year one thousand, nine hundred and _____ A.D., before me, _____, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared _____ personally



known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as a subscribing witness thereto, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he resides in the County of _____, State of California, that he was present and saw _____



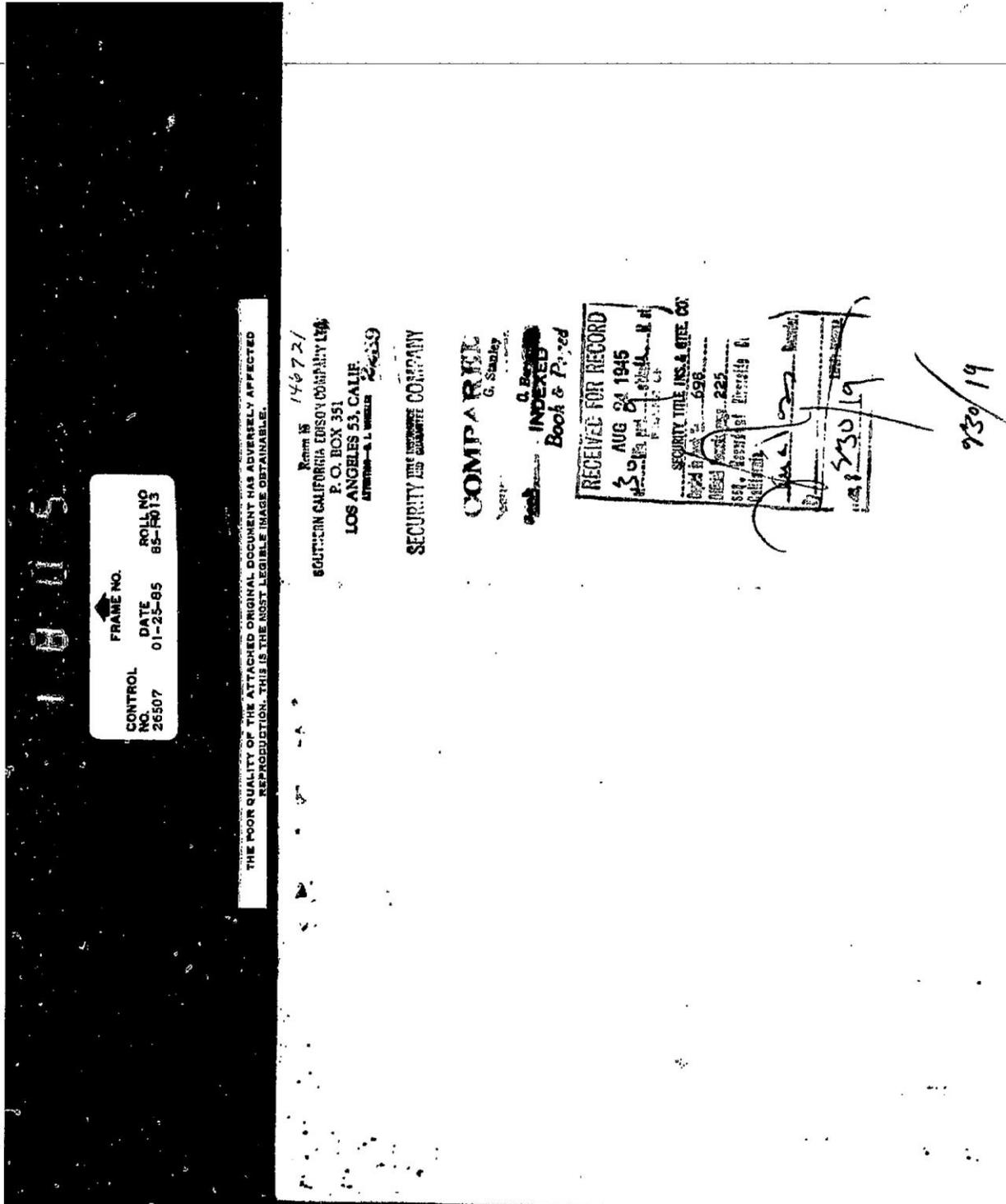
personally known to him to be the same person described in and whose name _____ subscribed to the within instrument as a party thereto, sign, execute and deliver the same; and that he acknowledged to said affiant that he executed the same; and that he, the affiant, then and there subscribed _____ name to said instrument as a witness.



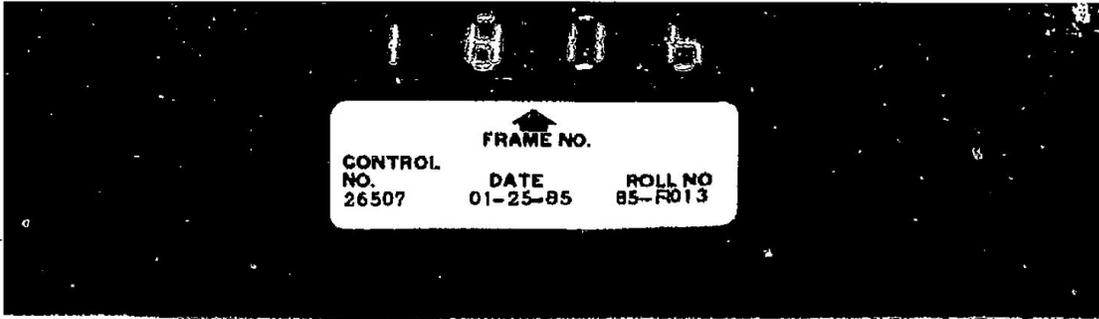
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Notary Public in and for the County of _____, State of California

Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser (cont.)



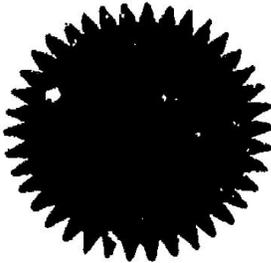
Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser (cont.)



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

County of Los Angeles } ss.



ON THIS 21st day of June A.D., 1945 before me,
F. R. Olds

a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared

A. Otis Birch known to me to be the
President, and Robert R. Landrum known to me

to be the ASST. Secretary
of Highway Land Company

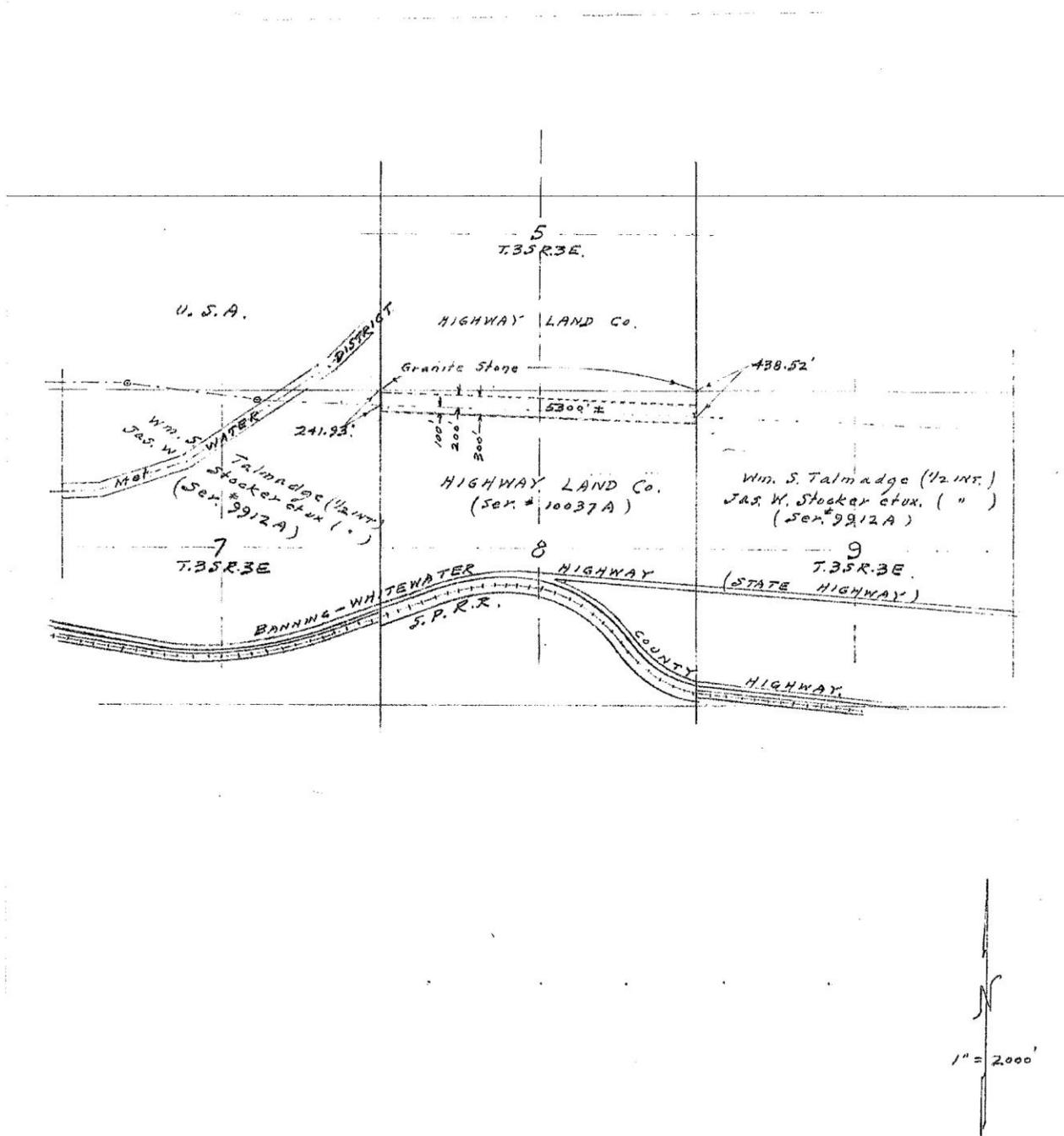
the Corporators that executed the within Instrument, known to me to be the persons who executed the within Instrument, on behalf of the Corporation herein named, and acknowledged to me that such Corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

F. R. Olds My Comm. Expires June 18, 1947
Notary Public in and for said County and State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT—Cont.—Form 6 (Rev. 1-15-47) Expires June 18, 1947

Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser (cont.)



Responses to Comment Set E26 – Corinne Slusser

E26-1 The commenter owns a parcel of vacant land in the Whitewater community at the north-west corner of Desert View Avenue and Amethyst Drive and asks if the tower proposed on her property can be relocated across the street or the existing lines reused.

The SCE easement covers approximately the northern half of her parcel, but there are currently no structures or conductors on or over this parcel. SCE's Proposed Project would install a new transmission tower in eastern portion of the northern half of her parcel. The commenter's opposition to this tower location, and her support for maintaining the existing configuration of towers in this area are acknowledged.

The commenter suggests that the new line be installed further north, off of her property and in the vacant portion of the easement. This area is being retained for additional future transmission lines, as described in Section E.2.3 (Cumulative Scenario, Future 500 kV Transmission Line). This is also addressed in the discussion of the requirement to maintain vacant space in the existing easement in Section A.2.3 (Introduction, CPUC and BLM Project Objectives), under Basic Project Objective 3 (to maximize the availability of remaining space in the corridor to the extent practicable, so future use of the corridor for additional transmission line upgrades is not precluded). In order to maximize the potential to install additional lines in this corridor in the future, SCE proposes to install the currently Proposed Project at the southern edge of the easement. The Tower Relocation Alternative and the Phased Build Alternative would both require that the new towers installed in this easement be moved at least 50 feet north of their proposed locations.

E26-2 The commenter states that the SCE easement was dated 1985 and no compensation was received by her and she did not sign it.

The date of 1985 is the date of the creation of the microfilm copy of the easement documentation. It appears that the documents provided with the comment are from 1945 (this year appears on each of the last two pages of the documents provided, the Received for Record stamp, and the Notary form). This pre-dates the commenter's acquisition of the property in 1976. Apparently, the easement was acquired prior to this commenter's acquisition of the property. Furthermore, because the easement precedes the property acquisition, there does not appear to be an issue of legal infeasibility for the Project and this issue is outside of consideration under CEQA and NEPA.

Comment Set E27 – Marcia Tullledge

Comment Form

West of Devers Upgrade Project
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties



Please print legibly. For more information, visit the project web site:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/asp/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm> Thank you for your comments.

Date: 9-5-2015

Name*: Marcia C Tullledge

Affiliation (if any)*: —

Address*: 1767 Dalea Way

City, State, Zip Code*: Beaumont Ca 92223

Telephone Number*: 951-922-6160

Email*: mmtullledge@netzero.com

Comment*: As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Assoc located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

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Responses to Comment Set E27 – Marcia Tulledge

- E27-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences than the existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E28 – Fran Zimmerman

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Fran Zimmerman <calfranci@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2015 1:49 PM
To: West Of Devers Project

I support the tower relocation alternative that moves new towers farther from residences.

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Responses to Comment Set E28 – Fran Zimmerman

E28-1 The commenter’s support for the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves towers from residences is noted.

Comment Set E29 – David Doherty

David Doherty
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Whitewater, CA 92282
ddoherty818@earthlink.net
(760) 322-3677.

September 19, 2015

CPUC / BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street
Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104

re: SCE West of Devers plans for Whitewater

To the CPUC,

My name is David Doherty. I live at 55866 Amethyst Drive, White Water, California. I purchased my home free and clear in 2004. I am disabled and living on state disability payments. I am writing to you concerning the plans of Southern California Edison (SCE) to build a transmission tower on the vacant lot next to my home, and to string wires and conductors directly over my home, without mitigation or compensation to me or my neighbors. This will directly and significantly destroy the value of my home, which is my only significant asset. I urge you to reject this plan, and to require SCE to keep their powerlines within the corridor that they presently use approximately 50 feet behind my house.

There has been some confusion as to the geography of the status quo and the proposal, so allow me orient you to the geography of the area.¹ This view from Google Maps illustrates the status quo and the proposed location of Tower 6N38 (Figure 1). My house is at the bottom center of the photograph (marked by the icon). There are no houses to the east of mine or immediately across the street, and there are several houses to the west. There are several large vacant parcels to the north, separating my house from those on San Pierre Road. In between is a service road, used by SCE to tend to the existing transmission towers. My property line ends at the service road north of my house. There are two sets of SCE towers in the immediate neighborhood. They are marked by red ovals in Figure 1. They are both a considerable distance from my home, and the cables that are strung between them (represented by the red lines) are 50 feet or more behind my house and hang over empty land. Compare this to the red square near my house. This is where SCE proposes to locate Tower 6N38. Placing a tower there represents a radical departure from the status quo. There is a large corridor of desert scrub between

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¹ This discussion parallels the questions raised in ALT-15 and ALT-16 of the CPUC's Data Request #7 on September 3, 2014.

Comment Set E29 – David Doherty (cont.)

dwelling through which SCE could string its cables without locating a tower next to my home, but it prefers to locate it next to my home.

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Figure 1. Status Quo Location of Towers and Power Lines and proposed location of Tower 6N38.

A closer view of the location of my house with respect to the proposed Tower 38 is visible in Figure 2. This figure is a composite of the Google Maps satellite image overlaid with a document provided to my neighbor Corinne Slusser (Exhibit Map APN 517-211-015_Slusser_Property.pdf). My house and the fence around my backyard are clearly visible. As anyone can see, the new tower and the fencing surrounding it will occupy roughly one-half of my neighbor’s property and render it unbuildable. It will tower over my house destroying the view I currently enjoy of the local mountains and desert from my backyard. The cables strung between the towers will dangle and sway over my roof and backyard whenever the wind picks up, which is often since this is located in the San Gorgonio Pass. The noise will make my backyard unusable, and the transmission towers and the cables will be an eyesore.

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Comment Set E29 – David Doherty (cont.)



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Figure 2. 55866 Amethyst Drive and proposed location of Tower 38.

SCE has stated that it does not intend to compensate me or my neighbors for locating this tower on or next to our properties.² It argues that the existing easement, granted in 1945 before the land was subdivided, allows it to proceed without purchasing the property or mitigating any potential damage to property values.

“The ROW exists currently via grants of easement over the subject parcels. If additional rights are necessary for the this [sic] Project, SCE would acquire those rights via additional or modified grants of easement, not via fee-owned purchases. The additional or modified easements would not require that SCE acquire the entire parcel just those portions of the parcel where additional rights may be necessary.”

Response to Question ALT-16b, September 5, 2014.

This is a wholly inequitable and inadequate response. As illustrated above, there is significant open space within the right of way to build towers and hang transmission cables without encroaching onto residential parcels. By choosing to not locate within that corridor, SCE is choosing to harm me and my neighbors.

Locating a tower next to my backyard will diminish the value of my property in two ways. It will eliminate the charm due to its relative isolation and unimpeded views, which are significant

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² Response to Question ALT-16b, September 5, 2014.

Comment Set E29 – David Doherty (cont.)

considerations to me as an artist and to potential buyers who desire that aesthetic. In order to demonstrate the effect it will have, I have simulated it photographically (Figure 3).

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Figure 3. The view from my backyard and what it would look like with Tower 6N38.

In addition to destroying the aesthetic value of my house, the tower will reduce demand for my home, should I choose to sell it, by eliminating from the housing market those who for whatever reason are afraid of the health effects of living under power lines. Reducing demand is equivalent to reducing prices, as any undergrad economist knows. SCE has argued that there is no danger from powerline radiation, but that isn't the issue. It isn't enough to demonstrate that living under powerlines is harmless, just as demonstrating that vaccines do not cause autism has had no impact on anti-vaxxers. It is not rational, but it still drives the market. By hanging power lines directly over my home, SCE will destroy the value of my only significant asset, my home.

I began this process of objecting to SCE's placement of Tower 6N38 in May 2014. I have been on television, organized my neighbors, attended meetings, and written letters. SCE, when they have responded, have never acknowledged that their decision will destroy the value of my home. I suppose that by acknowledging harm they would be admitting that it needs to be mitigated, but their lack of acknowledgment does not mean that their actions will not have a direct and significant effect on my home. It is my hope that you will direct SCE to use an alternative site for the tower that is similar to the existing towers, one that uses the existing corridor for transmission lines, and that will not further diminish the already stressed property values along Amethyst Drive in Whitewater.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ddoherty818@earthlink.net or by telephone at (760) 322-3677.

Very truly yours,

David Doherty
55866 Amethyst Drive
Whitewater, CA 92282

Responses to Comment Set E29 – David Doherty

E29-1 This comment describes the location of a property relative to the Proposed Project. This residential property is on Amethyst Drive near Desert View Avenue in Whitewater. The existing transmission corridor abuts the rear of the property. The proposed tower of concern is 6N38, shown on Figure AP.2-26 in Appendix 2, Detailed Maps.

This comment accurately describes the existing transmission infrastructure near this property, and the location of the proposed tower number 6N38, which would be about 130 feet northeast of the commenter's home.

E29-2 The commenter is concerned about aesthetic impacts of the transmission line from his residence, as well as conductor sway over his roof and backyard and corona noise.

Safety issues are discussed in Section D.21 (Electrical Interference and Safety). The transmission structures and conductor would be engineered following safety criteria based on wind loading in the area. SCE conducted meteorological studies for the specific area recognizing this may be a "special wind area." Therefore, the structures are designed to withstand "extreme" wind conditions. The horizontal movement or "sway" of a conductor in response to wind is called "blowout." Based on a conservative blowout clearance check performed by the EIR Team and done under extreme wind with the conductor at 70 degrees Fahrenheit, the proposed 1590 ACSR conductor would blow out approximately 43.3 feet from the centerline at mid-span. Closer to the tower structure the blowout would be much less because the conductor is closer to its attachment point and sag, and therefore blowout, would be less.

The commenter is located on Amethyst Drive in Whitewater. The closest part of the residence is approximately 75 feet south from the centerline of the towers. Therefore, the conductor is not expected to sway over the roof of the residence at any time.

The fence/wall around the commenter's backyard is approximately 30 feet from the centerline of towers. If located at mid-span, wire could blowout over the yard, but again, not over the actual residence. In this case, the residence is in fairly close proximity to proposed Structures 6N38 and D-EC106, therefore, the conductor is not expected to sway over the yard. See also Response to Comment E30-3 regarding similar concerns about conductor sway.

Audible noise from transmission lines is addressed in Section D.13 (Noise) of the EIR. Section D.13.3.3 (Impacts and Mitigation Measures) of the EIR concludes that Impact N-3 (Operational noise levels would increase due to corona noise from operation of the transmission lines and other project components) would be less than significant and permanent day-night or 24-hour noise levels (Ldn or CNEL) would not substantially increase due to corona noise for any segment of the Proposed Project.

Aesthetic impacts are discussed in Section D.18 (Visual Resources). This project is proposed within an existing SCE transmission corridor.

E29-3 The commenter states that SCE does not intend to compensate him or his neighbors because the existing easement was granted in 1945 and allows SCE to proceed. The commenter identifies that there is open space in the ROW to build the towers without encroaching on residential parcels.

Compensation is not a matter considered in the EIR, but is a legal matter between the property owner and SCE. With regard to the potential use of the northern portion of the ease-

ment (north of this parcel and currently unoccupied by transmission facilities), please see Response to Comment E26-1.

E29-4 The commenter states that locating a tower next to his backyard will diminish the value of the property. The commenter is concerned that the tower and line would eliminate potential buyers concerned about potential health effects from power lines. The commenter urges that towers be located at their current sites and not be relocated.

The severity of the potential visual impact at this location is defined in Section C.18 (Visual Resources), for Key Observation Point 13 (EIR page D.18-48). In Section D.18.3.5 (CEQA Significance Determination for Proposed Project), the visual impact of the Proposed Project in the commenter's area is defined as significant and unmitigable (Class I).

The EIR addresses property values in Section D.8.3.3 (Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice, Impacts and Mitigation Measures). See in particular the discussion for Impact SE-5 (Construction of the project could adversely affect property values) where a review of pertinent literature on the subject is provided. The analysis concludes that there are no definitive answers about whether and to what degree the presence of a transmission line may affect property value. Please see also General Response GR-5 regarding property values.

In response to the commenter's concern about potential health effects of living under power lines, please see General Response GR-6 for a discussion of Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF).

While the Proposed Project has preliminarily located the tower at the position shown in Figure AP.2-26, final engineering may result in an adjusted position. The EIR also includes two alternatives affecting tower locations in the Whitewater area, the Phased Build Alternative and the Tower Relocation Alternative. If adopted, the Phased Build Alternative would retain existing double-circuit towers and replace the existing single-circuit towers with new double-circuit towers. (See Appendix 5. (Alternatives Screening Report), Section 4.2 (Phased Build Alternative) and Figure Ap5-5a.) The Tower Relocation Alternative would shift some proposed towers further from the edge of the right of way. (See Appendix 5, Section 4.2 (Tower Relocation Alternative) and Figure Ap.5-3h, which shows the location of the relocated Tower 6N38, shifted north of the proposed location.) The CPUC and BLM will determine the final approved project, which may be the Proposed Project or alternatives to the project, or a combination of both.

Comment Set E30 – Udo Kierspe

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: udo kierspe <concreteblock@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2015 10:12 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Re: CPUC / BLM West of Devers

CPUC / BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street
Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104

re: SCE West of Devers plans for Whitewater

Dear Sirs,

I just recently bought 3 half acre pieces of property in Whitewater, California and I have an issue with a utility expansion by Southern California Edison that I would like to bring to your attention.

SCE is currently planning to build a 165' metal power tower on vacant land east of my home for the "West of Devers Project" power upgrade and the cables from the structure will hang over my property.

I am a 71 year old veteran actor of over 200 films and long time resident of Palm Springs who was looking for a home that is close to town but still remote and inexpensive. While visiting a friend in Whitewater I found an ideal spot that had just come on the market and put in an offer. As I was purchasing this land I was not informed of the West of Devers expansion by the seller, the realtor or Southern California Edison. When my neighbor insisted that I ask the seller and realtor about these plans they had no idea what I was talking about. My realtor then called SCE and talked to Mr. Jeffrey Woodruff at (760) 445-1413 in the Planning Department who told me that "there will be no new power towers built in that area - only new power lines will be installed."

When I again tried to confirm the "No new towers" concept I learned from another SCE planner that the tower placement had not been finalized yet and won't be for a couple of months."

Through research I learned that there is a utility corridor easement on my property that was established in 1945 and a portion of this land was sold 13 years later as part of a development that included the lot that my home is on.

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Comment Set E30 – Udo Kierspe (cont.)

This easement was also reestablished in 1985. In studying the plans that SCE has for this project I find that they are attempting to take roughly one third of all 3 of my newly purchased properties for space to hang new high capacity power lines over with absolutely no plans to compensate me.

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I asked an SCE representative if I could fence in my portion of the easement property or build on it and they replied that it would have to be within "SCE guidelines and permission would be required." I pay additional taxes on this property every six months due to extreme fire hazard in my immediate area this results in my having to maintain the easement land with brush clearance. Why was this property sold to me in the first place if the state can just give it to one of the wealthiest private corporations to have control over it while I supposedly "own", pay taxes and maintain it?

My neighbor David Doherty and I talked with SCE representatives about the fact that there is a large section of open property directly behind our homes that currently hosts the metal SCE towers - "Why do you have to move the poles closer to our homes and not leave them where they are?" They replied that the open area behind us is being saved for "Future Upgrades?" followed by the statement that - if we change the current plan to move away from the homes then they would have to get the permission of the people that live behind us. I explained that the open corridor behind us is separate from the homes and their expansion would not affect or be part of those residents property. From their reaction I think they were unaware of this fact as we pointed out where their easement borders are. Why can't they simply use the area that they referred to as future upgrade land, now?

E30-2

I asked if they had any alternate plans other than building beside my home? The representatives said "No" they did not. In the online files of questions from the CPUC regarding the SCE plan they were asked if any alternate plans had been explored? SCE answered that they do have alternate routes for the towers and cables planned .

E30-3

The California Public Utilities Commission asked a series of questions of SCE in the beginning stages of this project this being one- " c. Does SCE believe that all components of the proposed new towers (6N38, 6N39, 6N40, 6N41), including conductors at maximum sway, would remain within the current ROW boundaries? "

Part of SCE's reply "On the approximately 20 parcels that are at least partially within the ROW in this segment, there are currently 9 or 10 existing homes along the north side of Amethyst Drive which, given the proposed location of

Comment Set E30 – Udo Kierspe (cont.)

these towers, may have new conductors swaying over their homes. The new towers are moving south by about 55 feet (centerline to centerline)."

I am confused by the phrase "may have new conductors swaying over their homes?" The powerlines will be hanging directly over my property and that of my neighbors to the west and east of me. Currently there are no "old" conductors over my home so how could there be new ones? The lines being moved are presently about 50' behind my property in a wide open corridor that is perfectly suited for their needs and why SCE feels entitled to seize someones property when they have more than sufficient expansion room already - I don't understand.

I attended the meeting with the Environmental Impact Research group recently and they presented the ideal alternate plan of leaving the cables and the towers in the corridor behind the homes not above them that I think you should adopt.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

udo kierspe
55790 amethyst drive whitewater ca. 92282
please confirm receiving of this email
thank you

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cont.

Responses to Comment Set E30 – Udo Kier

E30-1 The commenter owns three parcels in the Whitewater community, and approximately the northern half (100 feet) of each parcel is within an existing SCE easement. There are currently no lines or conductors over these properties; they are located just north of his northern property line. The commenter is concerned because SCE's Proposed Project would move the double-circuit 220 kV line about 150 feet to the south, so conductors would pass above the center of the northern half of his three parcels, and about 90 feet from his house. He states that he was not informed about the existing easement when he purchased the properties.

The easement currently held by SCE was granted in 1945, and should have been provided for review, as a component of a Preliminary Title Report, before the property was purchased. The EIR preparers cannot comment on the completeness or adequacy of information provided when property was purchased, and this not a topic that is addressed in the EIR review process.

E30-2 The commenter inquires why other parts of the ROW could not be used rather than the area on his properties.

Please see Response to Comment 26-1 for discussion of the potential future use of the currently vacant portion of the SCE right-of-way.

E30-3 The commenter raises a question about EIR Team's Data Request ALT-16b to SCE. This request asked about SCE's existing rights-of-way as they relate to the distance that the Proposed Project's conductors (wires) could sway from side to side in the wind, between the towers. The use of the phrase "new conductors" in the data request referenced the conductors that would be installed on the proposed new towers; SCE Towers No. 6N38 and 6N39 are located east and west of this property, and they would move the center of the transmission line right-of-way about 50 feet south of its current location.

Because the proposed new towers under the Proposed Project would move about 50 feet closer to the homes on Amethyst Drive than they are currently, the EIR team wanted to understand how far the conductors could sway at the lowest point of their sag between towers (this is where the sway is greatest). The question to SCE was requesting clarification specifically on the potential need for additional ROW to accommodate the distance that the proposed conductors could sway, after the new towers are installed approximately 50 feet further south than the existing towers. SCE's response was as follows:

The ROW exists currently via grants of easement over the subject parcels. If additional rights are necessary for ... this Project, SCE would acquire those rights via additional or modified grants of easement, not via fee-owned purchases. The additional or modified easements would not require that SCE acquire the entire parcel just those portions of the parcel where additional rights may be necessary.

For the commenter's information, the EIR team has calculated the approximate "blow out" (or sway) of the conductors (wires) that would hang on the proposed new tower just north-east of the commenter's property. The estimated maximum sway of the new conductor in this span would occur only at the midpoint of the span between the two nearest towers, which would be about 43 feet from the centerline of the new tower. The nearest home along Amethyst is about 65 feet from the tower centerline. The commenter's home is nearer to the proposed new tower, so the sway would be reduced, and would not likely sway into the fenced portion of his yard.

Comment Set E31 – Kathie Dyson

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Kathie Dyson <katdys@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2015 12:17 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Devers Upgrade Project

"As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers"

E31-1

Kathleen Dyson
Solera Resident

Responses to Comment Set E31 – Kathie Dyson

E31-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E32 – Timothy J. Pavlian

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Tim Pavlian <tahoeflyingcub@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 10:08 AM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: Tower Relocation @ Solera

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4 ,
Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the
Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences
such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing
towers.

E32-1

Timothy J. Pavlian
1543 High Meadow Drive
Beaumont, CA 92223

Responses to Comment Set E32 – Timothy J. Pavlian

E32-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E33 – W Elaine Morgan

Email: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

From: Elaine Morgan <welainemorgan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 8:00 PM
To: West Of Devers Project
Subject: West of Devers Upgrade Project

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in Segment 4 ,
Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the
Tower Relocation Alternative that was presented by Susan Lee at the meeting
held on August 26, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Express.

The Alternative to the Draft EIR/EIS, which affects 29 pairs of new towers only,
is to move them farther from residences so the new towers would not be closer to
residential areas than the existing towers.

This alternative is superior to any that was presented and certainly is more
respectful of the residents within Solera.

Thank you for your consideration,
W. Elaine Morgan
Solera Resident
1730 Las Colinas Road
Beaumont, CA 92223
951.267.1341

E33-1

Responses to Comment Set E33 – W. Elaine Morgan

- E33-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E34 – Leanne Weisskoff

Voicemail: West of Devers Upgrade Project EIR/EIS Team

Received: Tue 9/22/2015 9:32 AM

My name is Leanne Weizkoff, and I am at 855 Sahalee Court, in Solera, in Beaumont, California, and I'm calling about the West of Devers Project, and I would like to go on record as being in favor and support of the alternative alignment, which moves the towers more in line with where they are now. The original alignment moves them closer to homes, which doesn't really seem necessary, and certainly would not be pleasant for those people who are in those homes and have been there for 10, 12 years.

I attended the meeting very shortly, and so I did hear the information and did see the maps and I am very much in favor of the alternate proposal.

My telephone number is 951-845-9289. I tried numerous times to do this by email, and for some reason my computer keeps telling me it doesn't recognize that address. which I don't understand. So that's why it's being done by phone on the last day. Thank you for paying attention to these things. Goodbye.

E34-1

Responses to Comment Set E34 – Leanne Weisskoff

- E34-1 The commenter is a resident of Sahalee Court in the Solera residential development in Segment 4. This residential property is approximately 0.3 miles north of the existing transmission line corridor. The commenter’s support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E35 – Susan Diamond

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Riverside and San Bernardino Counties



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<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm> Thank you for your comments.

Date: 9-17-2015

Name*: Susan Diamond

Affiliation (if any)*: NA

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Telephone Number*: 951-769-7090

Email*: harmondiamond@yahoo

Comment*: _____

As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Greens Association located in segment 4, Beaumont and Banning, of the West of Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers further from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

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Submit comments by mail using this comment sheet (fold, stamp, and mail); attach additional sheets if needed. Please submit comments no later than September 22, 2015. You may also submit comments by email to westofdevers@aspeneg.com or by phone (888) 456-0254.

Responses to Comment Set E35 – Susan Diamond

- E35-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences than existing towers is noted.

Comment Set E36 – Ann Hasbargen

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<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm> Thank you for your comments.

Date: Sept 1, 2015

Name*: Ann C. Hasbargen

Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address*: 1164 Lantana Road

City, State, Zip Code*: Beaumont, CA. 92223

Telephone Number*: 951-769-4772

Email*: achas4@verizon.net

Comment*: As a resident of Solera Oak Valley Green Assoc. located in segment 4, Beaumont, Riverside, of the West Devers Upgrade Project, I support the Tower Relocation Alternative that moves the new towers farther from residences such that the new towers will not be closer to residential areas than existing towers.

E36-1

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Responses to Comment Set E36 – Ann C. Hasbargen

E36-1 The commenter is a resident of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Association in Segment 4. The commenter's support for the Tower Relocation Alternative and moving the towers farther from residences than existing towers is noted.

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