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STATUTES SECTIONS 40-360.03 AND )  
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AT THE HARQUAHALA GENERATING )  
STATION SWITCHYARD IN WESTERN )  
MARICOPA COUNTY AND )  
TERMINATING AT THE DEVERS )  
SUBSTATION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, )  
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Docket No. L-00000A-06-0295-00130

Case No. 130

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
EDISON COMPANY'S  
NOTICE OF FILING OF  
SCOPING MATERIALS

At the request of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee"), Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") is filing the following materials from the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") scoping process.

- 1. Arizona Agency and Special District letters and comments;



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**Arizona Agency  
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Letters and Comments**



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# Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

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Comment: Time frame for beginning of work in Arizona

How many time will the line cross I-10 and US-95  
and specify locations.

For any crossings, you will need encroachment  
permits from ADOT.

*\*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 received by January 20, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (800) 886-1888 or emailed to [dpv2@aspeneg.com](mailto:dpv2@aspeneg.com).

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January 3, 2006

Billie Blanchard/John Kalish  
California Public Utilities Commission & BLM  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
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Re: Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2)  
Application No. A.05-04-015

Gentlemen:

The Arizona State Land Department supports the Palo Verde Subalternate Route and believes that the Harquahala West Subalternate Route would create visual impacts on otherwise visually undisturbed lands owned by the State of Arizona.

We do want to take this opportunity to remind all participants that processing of right of way applications thru our land holdings is typically a 18-24 month period from the date of initial application filing with our agency.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 602-542-4041. My email address is [jgross@land.az.gov](mailto:jgross@land.az.gov).

Sincerely,

James E. Gross  
Project Leader II

Cc: Greg Keller, Planner



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January 12, 2006

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Re: Notice of Preparation Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission line Project

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the above-referenced Notice of Preparation for a Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2). The following comments are provided for your consideration.

The Department's Heritage Data Management System has been accessed and current records show that the special status species listed on the attachment have been documented as occurring in the vicinity of the project. General status information, county and watershed distribution lists and abstracts for some special status species are also available on our website at <http://www.azgfd.gov/hdms>.

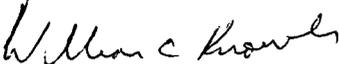
The Department understands that the Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes to construct a 500 kV electrical transmission line from the Harquahala Generating Station switchyard to Devers substation. The proposal includes four alternative routes across Arizona.

The Department notes that one alternative is to construct the transmission line adjacent to the existing Palo Verde-Devers transmission line. The Department believes that constructing new transmission lines in existing utility corridors with existing lines will minimize new impacts to wildlife. For this reason we prefer this alternative. We further note that Subalternate Route 2 is through important wildlife habitat in the Plomosa and Dome Rock Mountains and will have significant adverse impacts to bighorn sheep and other wildlife species. Subalternate Routes 3 and 4 may also have significant adverse impacts to wildlife, depending on details of the proposal.

Billie Blanchard  
January 12, 2006  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these scoping comments. The Department appreciates the opportunity to participate in this process and would appreciate an opportunity to review the draft EIR/EIS when it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact me at 928-341-4047.

Sincerely,

  
William C. Knowles  
Habitat Specialist  
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Attachment

cc: Russell Engel, Habitat Program Manager, Region IV  
Larry Voyles, Regional Supervisor, Region IV  
Bob Broscheid, Proj. Eval. Prog. Supervisor, Habitat Branch

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**Special Status Species within 2 Miles of the Devers Palo Verde Transmission Line (Preferred Route)**

NAME	COMMON NAME	ESA	USFS	BLM	STATE	TOWNRANGE
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	010N080W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	020N180W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	030N080W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	030N200W
<i>Macrotus californicus</i>	California Leaf-nosed Bat	SC		S	WSC	030N200W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	030N210W
<i>Ardea alba</i>	Great Egret				WSC	030N220W
<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	LE	S		WSC	030N220W
<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	Razorback Sucker	LE	S		WSC	030N220W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N210W

Critical Habitat for the razorback sucker in project area: Colorado River.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Data Management System, January 6, 2006.

**Special Status Species within 2 Miles of the Devers Palo Verde Transmission Line (Harquahala Alternate Route)**

NAME	COMMON NAME	ESA	USFS	BLM	STATE	TOWNRANGE
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	020N110W

No Critical Habitats in project area.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Data Management System, January 6, 2006.

**Special Status Species within 2 Miles of the Devers Palo Verde Transmission Line (Palo Verde Alternate Route)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMNAME</b>	<b>ESA</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOWNRANGE</b>
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	010N080W
<i>Opuntia echinocarpa</i>	Straw-top Cholla				SR	010S060W

No Critical Habitats in project area.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Data Management System, January 6, 2006.

**Special Status Species within 2 Miles of the Devers Palo Verde Transmission Line (Subalternate Route 1)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>ESA</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOWNRANGE</b>
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	030N170W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	030N200W
<i>Macrotus californicus</i>	California Leaf-nosed Bat	SC		S	WSC	030N200W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N160W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N170W

No Critical Habitats in project area.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Data Management System, January 6, 2006.

**Special Status Species within 2 Miles of the Devers Palo Verde Transmission Line (Subalternate Route 2)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>ESA</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOWNRANGE</b>
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N160W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N180W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N200W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	050N170W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	050N180W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	050N190W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	050N200W

Critical Habitat for the razorback sucker in project area: Colorado River.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Data Management System, January 6, 2006.

**Special Status Species within 2 Miles of the Devers Palo Verde Transmission Line (Subalternate Route 3)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>ESA</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOWNRANGE</b>
<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	LE	S		WSC	010N240W
<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	Razorback Sucker	LE	S		WSC	010S240W
<i>Ardea alba</i>	Great Egret				WSC	030N220W
<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	LE	S		WSC	030N220W
<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	Razorback Sucker	LE	S		WSC	030N220W

Critical Habitat for the razorback sucker in project area: Colorado River.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Data Management System, January 6, 2006.

**Special Status Species within 2 Miles of the Devers Palo Verde Transmission Line (Subalternate Route 4)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>ESA</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOWNRANGE</b>
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N170W
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> (Sonoran Population)	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	SC			WSC	040N180W

No Critical Habitats in project area.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Data Management System, January 6, 2006.



January 6, 2006

Mr. Jeff Hatch-Miller  
Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**SUBJECT: Devers – Palo Verde 500kV Transmission Line No. 2**

Dear Chairman Hatch-Miller,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding the above referenced electrical transmission project. Given the tremendous growth occurring in Arizona and California, we recognize that new electrical transmission lines are necessary to deliver adequate and reliable power throughout the region.

Based on the information we have received, it appears that there are two potential transmission line corridors being considered in western Maricopa County. One of these routes, identified as the "preferred" route, parallels the existing Devers – Palo Verde No. 1 500kV transmission line north of Interstate 10 into neighboring La Paz County. Another potential corridor, identified as an alternative transmission line route, proceeds directly west from the Harquahala Generating Station south of Interstate 10. Our understanding is that this alternative would not parallel existing lines, but would rather establish a new transmission line corridor through the Harquahala Valley.

We strongly protest establishment of a new transmission line. The Harquahala Valley has historically been a farming community but will rapidly develop as urbanization approaches. The impact of a new transmission line would have a devastating effect on the Harquahala community and its future. We urge the Commission to approve the "preferred" route that parallels the existing Devers-Palo Verde No. 1 north of Interstate 10. This will help mitigate impacts to the Harquahala Valley by placing the new transmission lines along a route where comparable transmission lines already exist.

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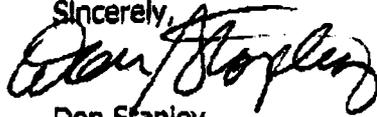
Max W. Wilson  
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Mary Rose Garrido Wilcox  
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Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss our comments and recommendations in greater detail. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input on this project. We look forward to working with you and the Commission to help identify a transmission corridor that meets the electrical needs of the region, and reduces the economic and environmental impacts to the Harquahala Valley.

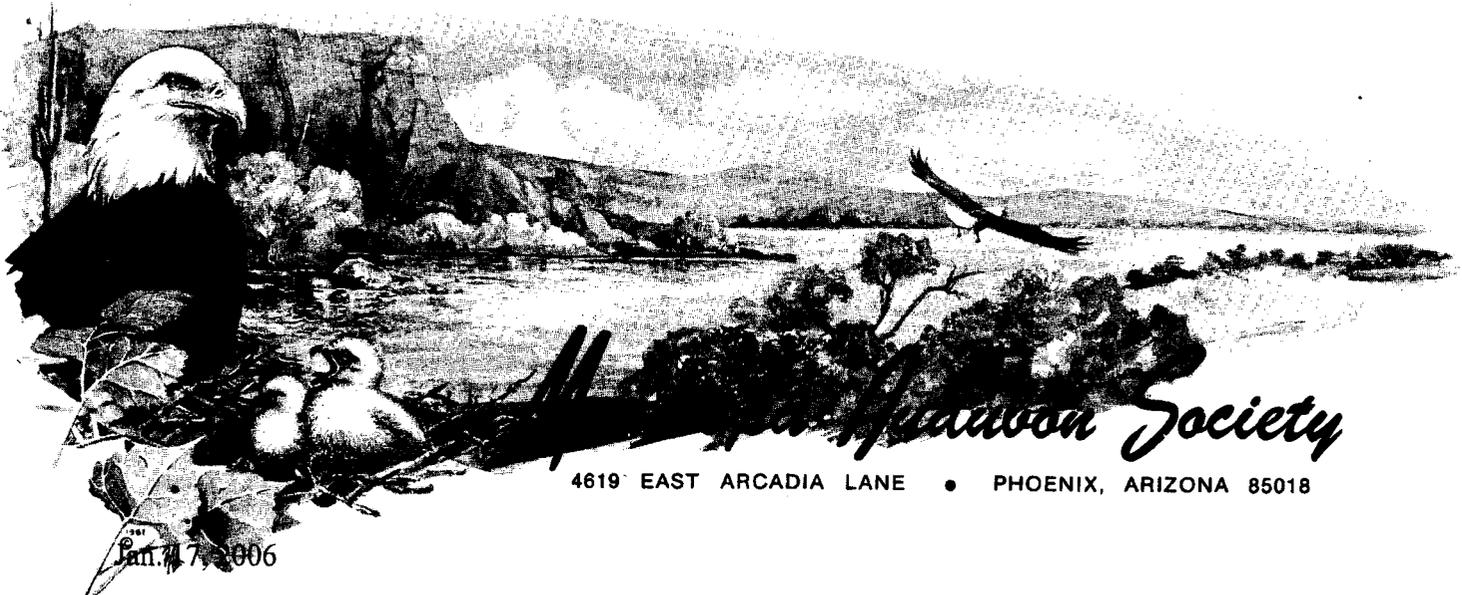
Sincerely,



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Supervisor, District 5



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Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

On behalf of the 2300 members of the Maricopa Audubon Society here in central Arizona, I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. Our chapter objects to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. We also question the need for this line. We greatly enjoy the untrammelled aspect and habitat of the Kofa NWR.

First of all, putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge is totally unacceptable. Our members spend many hours and days in the KOFA wildlife refuge in nature study, birdwatching and wildlife habitat studies.

This proposal will further fragment habitat and negatively impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. Furthermore, it will open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

Second, I strongly question the need for this line. This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years and California seems to be getting along just fine without the new power line. Besides, Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why then, is this line needed to bring power to California?

Have any non-development alternatives been considered? Can California institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry? Can clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources be implemented at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

We encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep the Maricopa Audubon Society informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Witzeman, M.D.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'R'.

Robert A. Witzeman, M.D., Cons. Chair, Maricopa Audubon Society 602 840-0052,  
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January 20, 2006

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Dear John Kalish and Billie Blanchard:

I am writing these scoping comments on behalf of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter and our more than 13,000 members in Arizona regarding the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2) being proposed by Southern California Edison. Our members use and enjoy many of the public lands along the proposed route and the alternate routes. Our members also have long been involved in protecting the habitat and the wildlife and wildlands along these routes. The Sierra Club has a significant interest in this project.

We strongly question the purpose and need for this transmission line. According to the scoping document, "...the proposed project is needed to create supply reliability and cost stabilization for electricity throughout California." SCE goes on to assert in the document that the goals are to increase California access to low-cost energy, enhance competition among generating companies in California, provide an incentive for development of future energy suppliers, and provide increased reliability of supply. All of these could better be accomplished by investing in conservation, efficiency and renewables. We ask that this be analyzed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

This proposed transmission line has been on the books for over 15 years and California has gotten along just fine without the new power line. While some might point to the rolling blackouts in California several years ago. It is quite clear that those rolling blackouts in 2001 were not due to the lack of transmission, but were caused by manipulation of the energy market ala Enron. According to the *Christian Science Monitor*, "FERC investigators say Enron and other energy traders engaged in "gaming" the system in order to inflate prices. The agency found that Enron's famously Byzantine strategies involved deceit and purposely false information." (August 19, 2002 edition) *The New York Times* indicated similar problems, "In the midst of the California energy troubles in early 2001, when power plants were under a federal order to deliver a full output of electricity, the Enron Corporation arranged to take a plant off-line on the same day that California was hit by rolling blackouts, according to audiotapes of company traders released here on Thursday." (February 4, 2005)

We also question the purpose and need for this project, because we question whether there will be excess energy in Arizona to export to California. Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. It is likely in the near future that the metro area will consume all of the power

generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why then, is this line needed to bring power to California?

We think that there are reasonable alternatives to this line that have not been considered. California can help meet its energy needs and provide more stability by focusing on energy efficiency and conservation programs. These are the least costly and most reliable ways to reduce demand. California can also consider additional investments in environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources such as solar and wind. While an agency is not required to consider every possible alternative, it must consider reasonable alternatives "necessary to permit a reasoned choice." Headwaters, Inc. v. Bureau of Land Management, 914 F.2d 1174, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 1990).

Energy efficiency and clean renewable energy technologies are cheaper and better solutions than investing in more fossil fuel plants and long transmission lines. A recent study from UC Berkeley demonstrated that investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency creates more jobs than does investment in fossil fuel generation.<sup>1</sup>

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005 the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) unveiled its version of the Million Solar Roofs program, called the California Solar Initiative. (See [http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/COMMENT\\_DECISION/51992.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/COMMENT_DECISION/51992.htm)) The initiative proposes an 11-year, \$3.2 billion incentive program to install 3,000 megawatts of solar on a million homes, businesses, farms, schools and municipal buildings. This program and a future expansion of it could also help meet the needs of consumers in California.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, our total solar electricity generation capacity in the U.S. is approximately 1 million megawatts<sup>2</sup>. Wind can and must also be an important part of the mix. In reviewing wind maps, there are many places throughout the United States that are ideal for generating electricity from wind. This technology is currently providing reliable electricity at costs competitive (4-6 cents per kWh) with traditional energy generation throughout the U.S.<sup>3</sup> Countries like Denmark already generate 20% of their electricity from wind.<sup>4</sup>

The proposed route for this transmission line would cut through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge. The KOFA (after King of Arizona Mine) National Wildlife Refuge was created in 1939 and contains 665,400 acres of desert habitat. The KOFA Wilderness area was created in 1990, after the first line was installed, and is approximately 516,300 acres in size. While there was a clause in the Desert Wilderness Act that excluded a right-of-way for the second line to cross the KOFA Wilderness, the Sierra Club has always considered this incompatible with the wilderness and with the refuge. "The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife and plant resources and their habitats with the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans." Under no circumstances is this transmission line compatible with that mission. This should be evaluated intensely in any National Environmental Policy Act documents.

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel M. Kammen, Kamal Kapadia, Matthias Fripp (2004). "Putting Renewables to Work: How Many Jobs Can the Clean Energy Industry Generate?" A Report of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley. <http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~rael/renewables.jobs.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Energy, [www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/usa.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/usa.html)

<sup>3</sup> U.S. American Wind Energy Association, <http://www.awea.org/pubs/factsheets/Cost2001.PDF>

<sup>4</sup> Archer, Cristina L. and Mark Z. Jacobson, *Evaluation of global wind power*, Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 110.

A second power transmission line would further fragment and reduce the quality and quantity of habitats on the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge. By that standard alone the proposed new 500 KV is incompatible with the mission of the refuge. The Right-of-Way (ROW) through KOFA is prime desert big horn sheep and desert tortoise habitat. The line will also obstruct the natural view of the area which is pristine desert landscape.

The KOFA National Wildlife Refuge is especially important desert tortoise habitat because it is contiguous with the Yuma Proving Ground and together they provide a larger protected habitat for Sonoran desert tortoise.

Nearly 400 acres would be affected through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge, by the measured right-of-way that is 130 feet wide and 24 miles long. More than likely, however, additional land will be affected as construction vehicles travel along the first line's ROW and then across to the new ROW or completely out of the limits. This wide corridor, 560 feet wide, (130 + 300 + 130) could eliminate the necessary ground cover or protection needed by some species to traverse this area, making a boundary to limit their domain or an area of prey if they try to cross the ROW. This proposal would also open up the area to more invasive non-native plant species via the soil disturbance, increased traffic, etc.

Mitigation of negative impacts to plant resources (i.e., transplanting cacti) was not successful during construction of the first power line. Major disturbances would occur at each of the 85 tower sites during construction for the pouring of the concrete footings and the equipment necessary to erect the towers and string the electric lines. Additional impacts would include establishment of invasive plant species in the disturbed areas and the increased probability of illegal use of the ROW by off-road vehicles.

The primary route is not an environmentally friendly route to plan the ROW, but the alternative routes are not good routes either. The proposed routes destroy pristine desert views, cross critical desert habitat, go through populated areas, and would destroy desert environments. That is just another reason to question the need for this project.

We are submitting these comments today as that is the posted deadline date, but would like to submit supplemental comments when we have had an opportunity to review this further. Thank you for considering our comments. Please keep us informed on this project.

Sincerely,

Sandy Bahr  
Conservation Outreach Director  
Sierra Club – Grand Canyon Chapter



## Arizona Wilderness Coalition

*Working Together to Protect Arizona's Wild Lands and Waters*

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1-20-06

### **RE: Comments for proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project**

Dear John Kalish and Billie Blanchard:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on the proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. The Arizona Wilderness Coalition's (AWC) mission is to permanently protect and restore Wilderness and other wild lands and waters in Arizona for the enjoyment of all citizens and to ensure that Arizona's native plants and animals have a lasting home in wild nature. The AWC has a membership of about 1,000 people.

In general the Arizona Wilderness Coalition is opposed to new projects that impact our natural desert landscape. The existence of the Devers-Palo Verde No. 1 line already has significant impacts to the native flora and fauna and recreational resources in AZ. The construction of more lines will surely further impact these resources and we hope that an alternative that does not construct more power lines can be found.

The Arizona Wilderness Coalition would like the EIR/EIS to address the following issues:

1. The transmission of power from AZ to CA has numerous social, environmental, and economic impacts that should be addressed.
  - a. Is it socially fair to create power in AZ only to ship it to CA, while AZ residents suffer the impacts to air quality, visual resources, and wildlife habitat?
  - b. What about AZ's continued population growth and our need for power? Will selling power to CA just force AZ to construct more powerplants in the future because we have already agreed to sell power to CA. What are the longterm impacts to AZ's air quality by needing more power generating facilities.
  - c. CA is often seen as a state that has a high regard for the environment and closely regulates industry to protect it. If CA's regulations make it easier to create power in AZ because of environmental compliance issues, then CA must address its power needs within its own boundaries through conservation and development of new sources within its own borders, not simply go next door and harm AZ's environment. This issue must be fully explained in the EIS as it relates to environmental and social justice
2. Can SCE implement new conservation measures and renewable energy sources to account for CA's power needs?
3. Please address the impacts to areas of BLM that are currently being considered for protection of wilderness characteristics in the Ranegras Plain region east of the Kofa NWR.

4. How will SCE ensure that no part of the project impacts existing wilderness through trespass during construction?
5. How will SCE ensure that construction activities stay within the designated ROW.
6. The Kofa NWR is a place that should be protected from destructive projects, such as new powerlines, how does this project help achieve the protection of the outstanding natural resources in the Kofa NWR?
7. In the event that the line is constructed please consider the following options
  - a. Is it possible to upgrade the existing towers to carry additional lines? Why or why not?
  - b. Can the corridor be smaller to limit impact on the desert landscape?
  - c. How many miles of new road will be constructed? Roads have significant impact on wildlife and natural hydrologic cycles. How will SCE mitigate these impacts?
    - i. The existence of roads encourages the spread of noxious weeds, specifically Saharan mustard.
      1. SCE should analyze and propose implementation of a plan to deal with the spread of noxious weeds.
        - a. Yearly monitoring and eradication should occur to mitigate the impacts caused by the existence of roads to construct and maintain the power lines. Please outline how this will be done.
      - ii. How will temporary roads and disturbances be restored?
        1. How much money will be allocated to restoration activities?
    - d. What assistance will SCE give to BLM, USFWS, and AZ Game and Fish to maintain existing wildlife population levels?
      - i. How will this be monitored?
  8. What mitigation measures will be used to limit the impacts/death of birds perching on the power lines and towers?
  9. The impacts of the existing and new power line to wildlife migration are present.
    - a. Can SCE assist BLM in acquiring and enhancing other wildlife corridors to help mitigate the impacts of this project?
    - b. Saddle Mtn is between the Harquahala switching yard and PVNGS.

Can SCE purchase private lands to the south of Saddle mtn to help BLM maintain this valuable wildlife corridor?

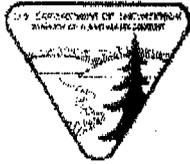
10. The Harquahala West alternative seems to be the most logical alternative to reach the switch yard. Why is this not the proposed route?

11. Placing the entire power line in the I-10 corridor should be considered as an alternative as it already has significant impacts to wildlife movement.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on this project. If you have any questions regarding the Arizona Wilderness Coalition comments please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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AZ Wilderness Coalition  
Regional Director  
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# U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Scoping Comments

## Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 01/20/06

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Comment: SEE ATTACHED

*\*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 received by January 20, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (800) 886-1888 or emailed to [dpv2@aspenerg.com](mailto:dpv2@aspenerg.com).

To supplement comments at the Public Scoping Meeting at Estrella Mountain Community College on January 18, 2006 and to supplement my comments of November 28, 2005, Harquahala Valley Irrigation District ("HVID") owns a substantial number of miles of irrigation distribution system constructed of reinforced concrete. If the Harquahala West Alternative route is chosen, this high voltage transmission line could, through its electromagnetic force, adversely interact with the reinforcing steel embedded in the District irrigation structures. Further, we do not believe that this alternative route is financially viable because, even if it is shorter than the proposed route thereby eliminating a number of towers, the cost of land acquisition would reduce those savings considerably. In addition, I note from the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Project Update of August 2004 and the Fact Sheet put out by Southern California Edison, this sub-alternative route is not even shown or mentioned in either of those publications. Since this alternative route was rejected when DPV #1 was being proposed and since Southern Cal. Ed. has a utility corridor for DPV #1 that is wide enough to accommodate DPV #2, it would seem that the DPV #1 routing should be adopted. By not accepting this alternative route, it will save the landowners and tax payers in Harquahala Valley and Southern Cal. Ed. a considerable amount of money in having to re-fight the 1978 battle, which Southern Cal. Ed. lost the first time around.

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**William D. Baker**

**From:** William D. Baker [wdb@ellisbaker.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2005 3:17 PM  
**To:** 'SLee@aspenerg.com'  
**Cc:** 'rwarren@isp.com'; 'smartori@martorifarms.com'; 'wferguson@cox.net'; 'Jack Doughty'; 'Jay Moyes'; 'mark@marklewis.com'  
**Subject:** Application A.05-04-015 DPV-2 500kV line

**To Whom It May Concern:**

On behalf of Harquahala Valley Irrigation District, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Arizona (HVID), this office submits the following comments for the CPUC CEQA.

First of all, we deplore the lack of notice given to affected entities in Arizona concerning this proposed project. We only learned of this on November 23, 2005 and requested an extension of the comment period, which was not granted. To our knowledge, none of the affected landowners in this District were notified of this matter, which we find incomprehensible since one of the alternative routings goes east to west through the middle of the District, bifurcating the District and interfering with its operations.

HVID is an active irrigation district comprised of approximately 33,400 acres. It supplies irrigation water to these acres. These acres are productive agricultural lands located 60 miles west of Phoenix. Its remoteness benefits its agricultural lands because there are no impediments to farming. The scenic views of the mountains surrounding the valley are breath taking because of the clean air.

The Harquahala Generating Station is located on the eastern boundary of HVID. One the proposed alternative routes, dubbed "Harquahala West Subalternate Route", is an anathema to HVID and its landowners. This 12 mile route would impact the residents of the valley by destroying the rural atmosphere of the valley, impair visual impacts and destroy scenic quality; it would remove cropland from production; interfere with tilling and irrigation practices; cause interference with crop dusting and defoliating operations; it would adversely impact endangered species and other wildlife, and would devalue the land in the district.

All of these adverse impacts to the valley could be avoided if the HGC line to PVNGS was utilized and then the new line could use the already existing corridor from PVNGS that is used for the existing DPV-1 500 kV line.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit these comments even if they are submitted on such short notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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11/28/2005



**Water Resources**

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January 20, 2006

Aspen Environmental Group  
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San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Re: Proposed Devers-Harquahala 500 kV Transmission Line

The City of Scottsdale Water Resources Department is providing the following comments regarding the above referenced transmission line. Our comments are limited to the transmission line alignments in Arizona in the vicinity of the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District, which include the Proposed Alignment and the Harquahala Subalternate Route.

The City of Scottsdale owns 1,215 acres of agricultural land within the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District. This property is currently under lease for agricultural purposes and is in production. The farmland was provided to the City of Scottsdale by private developers for its water rights. In the future, water from this farmland will be transported to the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal through a new pipeline.

The City of Scottsdale has identified the pipeline corridor to transport the water from the farmland to the CAP canal. Easements and/or rights-of-way are in-place for a majority of this pipeline corridor. Our identified pipeline corridor south of Interstate 10 (I-10) runs in a north/south direction along Harquahala Valley Road from I-10 to about 9 miles south of the interstate. Our identified pipeline corridor north of I-10 runs in a west-northwesterly direction along Salome Road for about 8 miles, ending at the CAP canal. The final selected alternative must not impact our future ability to utilize the identified pipeline corridor. Based on available maps, it appears that the Harquahala Subalternate Route would cross our pipeline corridor at Harquahala Valley Road (south of the I-10). It is unclear whether the Proposed Alignment would cross our pipeline corridor along Salome Road (north of I-10).

In addition, the final selected alternative must not interfere with, or have a negative impact on, the following:

- Continued farm uses on the City of Scottsdale property
- Continued water deliveries to our property from irrigation canals
- Existing and future property values

If you have any question on this information, please contact Mr. Greg Crossman of my staff at (480) 312-5319.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Mansfield".

David M. Mansfield  
General Manager, Water Resources Dept.

c: Greg Crossman, Sr. Water Resources Engineer



U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

# Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 1-17-06

Name\*: Greg Glassco

Affiliation (if any)\*: Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

Address\*: 530 East Merritt

City, State, Zip Code\*: Prescott, AZ 86301

Telephone Number\*: 928-445-8790 x135

Email\*: gglassco@ypit.com

Comment: The Arizona portion of the Devers 2 transmission line will cross the aboriginal homeland of the Yavapai. The tribe would like to have thorough archaeological surveys of the alternatives, and would like the opportunity to identify traditional cultural properties. We are concerned about shipping clean power out of the state of Arizona to California. We are concerned about effects on cultural resources, wildlife, irrigated farmland, tribal land, the wildlife refuge, BLM lands, recreation, and aesthetics. Bighorn sheep are culturally significant to the Yavapai, and we are concerned of impacts to Bighorn Sheep.

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## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** Sosa, Ivan [Ivan.Sosa@yuma.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2006 6:55 PM  
**To:** 'dpv2@aspenerg.com'  
**Cc:** English, Randy  
**Subject:** DPV2 Project PEA

Thanks for your quick and detailed response.  
We certainly do not have any issues.  
However, Randy had the suggestion of: having the lines be constructed in accordance with "raptor-safe" specifications (i.e be built to minimize electrocution hazards to perching/nesting raptors).

Ivan



"Greg Glassco"  
<gglassco@ypit.com>  
11/18/2005 01:20 PM

To <Rolla\_Queen@ca.blm.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject new transmission lines

Good Afternoon Ms. Queen,

The Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe has received a notice on three proposed transmission lines, (Blythe, Desert Southwest, and Devers to PV). {CACA-19705/8120 (CA660)P}  
As the Arizona portion of the project is within the boundaries of traditional Yavapai territory, we would like to participate in the cultural resources and environmental review portions of the project. You can contact us as you make progress, have documents for us to review, Or when the time comes for us to try and identify TCPs in the project area.

Thank you for consulting with us on this project and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Greg Glassco  
Director, Cultural Resource Department  
Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe  
(928) 445-8790 x135



"Greg Glassco"  
<gglassco@ypit.com>  
11/21/2005 09:02 AM

To <Rolla\_Queen@ca.blm.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject RE: new transmission lines

Hi Rolla,  
I think from looking at the maps of the project,  
that the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe is interested in only the Devers-Palo  
Verde II project, and NOT the other two projects in California, we defer to  
the closer tribes on those projects.  
Look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,  
Greg

-----Original Message-----

From: Rolla\_Queen@ca.blm.gov [mailto:Rolla\_Queen@ca.blm.gov]  
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2005 8:15 AM  
To: Greg Glassco  
Cc: John\_Kalish@ca.blm.gov  
Subject: Re: new transmission lines

Greg,

Thanks for responding. We are still in the early stages for the Devers-Palo  
Verde II Project. I we will be back in touch soon about this project. Can I  
clarify that the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe only has an interest in  
consultation on the Devers-Palo Verde II, or do you also want to be kept  
apprised of the other two transmission line projects in California?

thanks

Rolla

Rolla Queen, Archaeologist/Heritage Programs  
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**White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office**  
**PO Box 507, Fort Apache, AZ 85941**  
**1(928) 338-3033 / fax: 338-6055**

**To: John Kalish / Billie Blanchard, BLM/CPUC**  
**Date: January 5, 2006**  
**Proposed project: Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project.**

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The White Mountain Apache Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) appreciates receiving information on the proposed project, dated January 03, 2006. In regards to this, please attend to the checked items below.

- ▶ There is no need to send additional information – unless project planning or implementation results in the discovery of sites or items having known or suspected Apache cultural affiliations.
- The proposed Project is located within an area of probable cultural or historical importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT). As part of the effort to identify historical properties that maybe affected by the project we recommend an entnohistorical study and interviews with Apache elders. Ramon Riley, the Cultural Resource Director is the contact person at (928) 338-4625.
- The proposed project is located within or adjacent to a known historic property of cultural or historical importance to the WMAT and will most likely result in adverse affects to said property. Please refrain from further steps in project planning or implementation.

**NOTES: We have reviewed the information regarding the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project and we feel it poses no threat to the White Mountain Apache Tribe's traditional cultural properties and/or important religious places. The project may proceed with a finding of "No historic properties effected". In light of an inadvertent discovery all project implementation efforts shall cease and the proper authority notified to address such issues.**

We look forward to continued collaboration in the preservation of places of cultural and historical significance.

Sincerely,

**Mark T. Altaha**  
**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer**  
**White Mountain Apache Tribe**

# **Public Comment Materials**

## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** George Alderson [george7096@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2005 1:06 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** Mailing list

Dear BLM/CPUC:

Please keep us on the mailing list for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 transmission line project. We received your notice of public scoping meetings and the enclosed Notice of Preparation by California PUC.

We notice there is no mention of the California Desert Conservation Area in these materials, although it appears the route crosses CDCA lands. This should be addressed in future maps and narratives, because there is a specialized mandate from the US Congress for the management of the CDCA.

Sincerely,  
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12/27/2005

Krishan Knoles  
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December 31, 2005

Aspen Environmental Group

Dear Sir or Madam:

Upon reviewing your "Notice of preparation of an Environmental Impact Report" – I would like to submit, for the record, my comments.

I refer to a total failure of your proposed project under CEQA appendix G – VII – Hazards and Hazardous Materials. Your notice of preparation fails to take into consideration the generation of power by the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) – and how the completion of this project increases the importance of, and demand upon, the PVNGS in the electricity needs of California.

We are living in a time when the pursuit of less polluting, alternative forms of electricity generation are not only becoming possible but may well become an environmental imperative.

Your proposed project would only further tie our power needs to nuclear generation – at a time when the USA is at an emergency level of nuclear waste storage; at a time when the Yucca Mountain storage depot project is being reviewed; at a time when the United States has NO nuclear waste reprocessing facilities (for fear of plutonium theft).

Even if the Yucca Mountain storage facility comes on line, is it really in the best interests of the environment to be producing even more nuclear waste that will have to be transported through communities on its way to storage?

It is not stretching the point to say that your project transports a hazardous material – namely– electricity that is generated by nuclear means – and that the implementation of this project demands an increase in the production of nuclear energy and therefore an increase of nuclear waste. These effects are not secondary effects of your project – they are primary, direct effects – and your Notice of Preparation FAILS to even mention them.

Your project elevates the importance of the PVNGS at a time when the world is finally technologically ready to make itself dependant on far safer forms of energy – forms that are abundant in Arizona and California – sun and wind. This project instead, makes us more dependent on a deadly, mutagenic form of energy and is therefore environmentally irresponsible.

A power corridor, as proposed in this project, is a long term piece of national infrastructure that commits the end user to be permanently connected to the source. You are proposing to further commit our energy demand to nuclear generation for many years to come. This is NOT environmentally delicate – it is instead an Environmental Impact of the highest order – it is thoughtless, dangerous, and backwards. We need to look to the future – nuclear generation is old, deadly, outdated technology.

The creation of infrastructure that ties us to such significantly hazardous and foreseeably dangerous methods of power generation is environmentally incompetent.

The creation of infrastructure that will ultimately INCREASE the output of DEADLY, MUTAGENIC waste produced by that reactor is environmentally treacherous.

It is clear to me that Aspen Environmental Group and the State of California is denying consideration of the direct correlation between completion of the Transmission Line Project and the resulting increase in nuclear waste production. This can only be viewed as deceit – better known in this country as business.

You are scared to do a REAL environmental impact statement that takes this issue into consideration because Californians and humanity in general do not want more nuclear waste – in fact they want non polluting and less dangerous forms of power production – and that means building infrastructure that connects us to “clean” power – not deadly power.

**NEW GENERATION / NON-TRANSMISSION / NO PROJECT**

Rather than considering these alternative options as hypotheticals - why not look at the real issues at stake here - making long term choices for the safety of the environment and humanity. The New Generation option ties us to power sources that are without question cheaper, safer, environmentally conscious and modeled to the type of world that we all want to live in. The project should be massively reconsidered in light of this - you are designing the future - design wisely.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Krishan Knoles', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Krishan Knoles

P.S - I would like to be informed of receipt of this letter and of the inclusion of my comments in the scoping report

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** michael colbert [mrcolbert2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2006 5:02 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** [DPV2]:

I am strongly opposed to the proposed power line that will run through the Kofa W. R.- leave this place alone- let's all CONSERVE in our daily lives and leave what's left alone.

thanks,

Mike R. Colbert  
3509 east canter rd  
tucson. az 85739

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## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** Don Steuter [dsteuter@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2006 9:43 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** [DPV2]:

Is this transmission line across the Kofa's really necessary? We need open spaces and wild places left undisturbed as much as possible. I think we should pursue more distributed energy sources like solar and other renewables and also promote energy conservation to a greater degree.

Lets not build the Devers transmission line.

Don Steuter  
Phoenix, AZ.

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## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** mark grenard [haydukeaz@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 3:08 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** [DPV2]:

Dear Sir,  
I object to the scoping of the 500kv line through the Kofa wildness area. It will impact the desert tortutise and bighorn sheep. It will distrust views. California has gotten along just fine without such a power line for 15 years so it is not a real necessity.

Peace,  
Mark Hayduke Grenard  
haydukeaz@yahoo.com

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## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** Mike Mullarkey [mike\_mullarkey@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 11:06 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** Comments to BLM/CPUC regarding proposed power line in KOFA

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you concerning the Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I oppose the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant, negative impacts on the environmental. I also question whether this line is even needed.

To start with, it is wrong to even consider putting this line through the KOFA National wildlife Refuge. This would further fragment habitat and negatively affect wildlife like desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. And, this would open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

The KOFA is a spectacular place where people like me can find peace in the pristine desert. I don't want to go there and find the blight of a new power line in what was once an untrammled wilderness!

Now there is the matter of whether this line is needed. This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years, and California seems to have plenty of power without the new power line. Also consider that Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fastest growing metropolitan regions in the United States. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why, then, do we need this line to send power to California?

I would like to know if any non-development alternatives have been considered. California is a progressive state, so couldn't they institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy that this line would carry? How about implementing renewable and sustainable energy sources at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy that this line would carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mike Mullarkey  
71 East 13th Street #12  
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## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** Tim Lengerich [tim@songcatchermusic.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 11:33 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** No Kofa powerlines!

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

Please put me down for a "no" on the powerline across KOFA. Way too much of this crap going on.

Also, please do not send 12 pounds of paperwork with the EIS. Just let me know how and where to say "no" with the least loss of resources.

Thanks,

Tim Lengerich

POB 111

Ajo, AZ 85321

## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** Audrey Clark [audrey.auds@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 12:02 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** NO KOFA power line

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard  
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c/o Aspen Environmental group  
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Dear John Kalish and Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

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Furthermore, it will open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Audrey Clark  
332 N. Pleasant St.  
Prescott, AZ 86301

P.S. I understand that this is a form letter. However, I'd like to add some personal comments. Last spring I visited KOFA NWR for the first time. It was after the phenomenal winter rains and the desert

was once-in-a-lifetime green. I had some of the best 4 days of my life camping and hiking in KOFA due to the intense beauty of the area (I'm sure it's still gorgeous, even without the wild greenery). The most significant factor affecting the quality of my experience there was that there are unbroken views of desert wilderness. I saw no other groups of people besides my own, and only the road we came in on. In a state that is increasingly developed, the views of which are increasingly being interrupted by human impacts, it is unbelievably refreshing to hike for days without seeing any signs of humans, aside from an old rusted tin can. Aside from what KOFA did for me, I must stress the importance of continuous habitat for wildlife. I did not see any bighorn sheep when I was in KOFA, but I saw countless trails. Bighorn sheep prefer remote, intact areas. Of course they would avoid a power line and associated roads running through their home. I saw no desert tortoises either, nor have I ever in all the years I've explored the unique Arizona desert. To me, this means they are rare and avoid humans. This means the tortoises in the vicinity of a new power line would suffer. Imagine you are sitting in your living room one day, and suddenly a bulldozer comes through and razes a hole through your house. Now the debris prevents you from getting to your refrigerator. You can't eat! Worse, the bulldozer killed your husband or wife, and you don't know anyone else you'd like to marry. It's kind of a funny scenario, but it is what could happen to many desert tortoises if the power line goes through. Also, I don't believe in treating a problem's symptoms instead of its causes. I'm sure you feel the same way. What I'm referring to is the fact that California utility companies hope to get more power from Arizona to continue feeding a wasteful population. If these power companies invested the same money they would put into a KOFA power line into energy conservation, they would not only avoid having to build the line, but I bet they would also conserve more power. Unfortunately, the utility companies are not just "power" hungry, but they are money hungry. They wouldn't want to institute energy conservation measures because they would lose money. In the long run, however, we will run out of power if we destroy nature—it is our life-blood. As an Arizona citizen, I believe in government for the people. I hope that the Arizona and California governments, as well as the utility companies, see that it is wasteful, wrong, and probably illegal to install a power line through the beautiful KOFA. KOFA is a wildlife refuge, not a utility company refuge. I heartily and earnestly encourage and demand that California and Arizona use nature wisely—harness solar and wind power and save energy so that our children can not only have energy from electricity, but energy from the inspiration and beauty of nature. Thank you for your time.

## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** Coper1658@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 12:57 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** [DPV2]:

I am A 65 YEAR OLD CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN FROM ARIZONA writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the significant negative environmental impacts.

CAL LASH  
2904 EAST DESERT LANE  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85042

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## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** Frank Mackowski [frankmackowski@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 1:44 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** [DPV2]: KOFA Refuge

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Tucson resident writing to oppose the proposal for running a power line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge. This is completely unnecessary and will harm the refuge and it's wildlife irreparably. Our very few and precious wildlife areas are to be protected, not exploited for corporate profits. Thank you and please deny this corporate land grab that comes at the expense of the refuge and the American public.

Sincerely,

Frank Mackowski

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** Lance & Cat Moody [catmoody@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 2:59 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspenerg.com  
**Subject:** Devers/Palo Verde No.2

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard

BLM/CPUC

c/o Aspen Environmental group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers/Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Lance Moody

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** john donovan [jpmndonovan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 5:03 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** PC Donovan, John - Don't build Devers Palo Alto No. 2 Transmission Line

Dear John Kalish/Billie Blanchard:

I am writing in regards to the proposed construction of the Devers Palo Alto No. 2 Transmission line. I am against the proposal because it would cause additional environmental fragmentation of the KOFA Wildlife refuge, and would add yet another monstrous eyesore to a desert rapidly becoming overrun by horizon-stealing works of man.

I've worked as a USFS backcountry ranger in the Superstition Wilderness and have seen how the glow of Pheonix's night lights hide the stars, even deep within that wilderness. I have also noticed with dismay the march of development in all directions around the city. I'm afraid we'll lose the open sky and vistas that we all love.

The KOFA is a beautiful place. Please don't let the same thing happen there! Surely this transmission line is unnecessary? California's been getting along fine without it for 15 years, and soon Arizona won't be able to spare the electricity given Pheonix's rapid growth.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

John P. Donovan  
115 1/2 South Elden Street  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

1/17/2006

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** Rovers [fw@theriver.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 7:34 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** regarding Power lines across the KofA

Hi, every effort to be brief, thankyou ...

I am a lifelong resident of Arizona. I have visited everywhere else, but love it most here. No worse transgression of our State's natural resources has ever occurred, in my humble opinion, than the destruction of our views by the seemingly permanent installation of big power lines: much of the State's beauty has been lost - at least for me, and likely for many other observers, wondering what all the fuss was, about the great west's wonders and all - but then they didn't know the place before all the power lines, as I did ... when it was indeed grand.

So now we want lines across the KofA. Are you kidding? We have no other virgin desolate regions left! Certainly the present power line system there is a serious abuse, but more and bigger? The southern two-thirds of our beloved southwest deserts were stolen from us by the military after The war, and kept, it seems, from me and mine for all our lives, despite our patience. Very sad. Most of these vacant spaces we mere mortals cannot now even visit. Why the hell don't you put big ugly power lines through THAT area instead of stealing from us people the one remaining vast vacant desert view-scape left for us to SEE??

Indeed much of the KofA has been destroyed for us too by efforts to make it roadless - like the pointless closing of paths in use for well more than a century - but such abuses do not justify yours. As much as it seems so, this is not a place to meddle with, but one to leave alone as absolute best we possibly can; one to make darn sure that future generations can see in much the same way as we did, even so little as 30 years ago, when it was still America's last great wide open frontier, before the special interests started closing in on it and competing, the place where there was no sign of civilization for as far as the eye could see ... and in the KofA, that, so recently, was a very long, long way....

Thanks much for listening,  
Sincerely,  
Alan Cowan  
Tucson  
520-294-3572

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** William Wesselink [wwesselink@prescott.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 8:10 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneq.com  
**Subject:** no new power lines

Dear John kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

bill wesselink  
san diego, cal.

p.s. we don't need or want the power, we got plenty

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** Linda Miller [azhums@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2006 5:39 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** Please do not invade the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge with a power line

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard  
BLM/CPUC  
c/o Aspen Environmental group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Miller  
7901 E Glenrosa Ave  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** David Barnes [weaintu@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2006 9:05 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** [DPV2]:

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

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Sincerely,

David Barnes  
7278 W. Maple Ridge Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85743

p.s.- I have spent a considerable amount of time in the Kofas over my years in Arizona and I hope to see it stay as wild and natural as possible.

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## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** David Dube [DavidDube@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2006 11:50 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneq.com  
**Subject:** Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project Comment

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I object to the proposal by Southern California Edison's to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line. A transmission line is incompatible within any Wildlife Refuge.

The need for this transmission line has been legitimately questioned. Can Southern California's power needs not be met with existing transmission lines that do not negatively impact an important and fragile area for bighorn sheep, desert tortoises, and migratory birds? Wouldn't power needs for Southern California be better met by constructing power capacity in Southern California? Any additional generating capacity in Arizona will quickly be needed in Arizona. Phoenix is among the fastest growing cities in the United States, and additional generating capacity will be needed in Arizona.

Have any non-development alternatives been considered? Can California institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry? Can clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources be implemented at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

Fragile wetlands and desert riparian regions have been increasingly under attack, and I support efforts to preserve and protect these treasures.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,  
David Dubé  
[daviddube@cox.net](mailto:daviddube@cox.net)

January 18, 2006  
1505 W. St. Marys Rd. #154  
Tucson, AZ 85745

Billie Blanchard  
BLM/CPUC  
c/o Aspen Environmental group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002  
fax (800) 886-1888

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

I am writing in regard to Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers/Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts

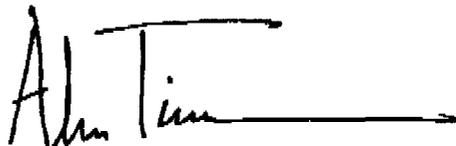
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Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Timmerman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Alan Timmerman

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** Tammy Snook [tjsmarie@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2006 8:00 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** Transmission Line Comments

John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard  
BLM/CPUC  
c/o Aspen Environmental group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you because I will be unable to attend any of the upcoming public comment meetings concerning the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2).

As a resident of Yuma, Arizona, I frequently have the opportunity to go hiking in the Kofa National wildlife Refuge. I was greatly upset to learn that this transmission line project would affect the refuge. As a frequent refuge hiker, I can personally attest to the diverse plant and animal life of the refuge. The construction of the transmission line would have irreparable damage on this plant and animal life in so many ways. This is unacceptable and unnecessary.

Not only would the transition line severely impact the plant and animal life of the refuge, it would also create an unsightly mar on the landscape for those of us that enjoy this pristine desert habitat. During construction, the creation of roads (whether meaningful or not) would ultimately encourage illegal ATV use, further impacting the local plants, animals, geology, and cultural integrity of the site.

Construction of this transmission line is completely unnecessary. Southern California is blessed with sunny weather. It is time to turn to such renewable energy sources as solar power.

Please truly take into consideration what I have written. Please also keep me informed on the decisions concerning this transmission line and any further public comment meetings you will be hosting.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Snook  
1905 W. 5th St.  
Yuma, AZ 85364



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# Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 1/18/05  
Name\*: MATTHEW MARTIN  
Affiliation (if any):\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Address:\* \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code:\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number:\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Email:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: I AM AGAINST ANY POWER  
LINES ADDED TO COURTHOUSE ROAD  
OR ANYWHERE. NO POWER TO  
CALIFORNIA. THEY SHOULD GO  
SOLAR & WIND. WE GIVE THEM  
ENERGY & THEY GIVE US ~~OUR~~ THEIR  
HUMAN WASTE.

*\*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 received by January 20, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (800) 886-1888 or emailed to [dpv2@aspeng.com](mailto:dpv2@aspeng.com).



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## Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 1-18-06

Name\*: Jim Vaaler

Affiliation (if any):\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: 4038 E. Turney, ~~Phoenix AZ~~

City, State, Zip Code\*: Phoenix AZ 85018

Telephone Number\*: 602-553-8200

Email\*: JimVaaler@usgs.gov

Comment: California needs to generate there own power thru wind, solar, or by practicing good conservation measures. We need not have any more power lines in Arizona.

All the alternatives adversely impact on Desert Big Horn Sheep & Desert Tortoise and there habitat.

Views from our Wilderness areas will be adversely impacted by any new power line corridors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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## Scoping Comments

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 1/18/06  
Name\*: Susan E. Hoas  
Affiliation (if any):\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Address:\* PO Box 576  
City, State, Zip Code:\* Tonopah, AZ 85354  
Telephone Number:\* 928 372 2236  
Email:\* AZ RABBIT@20L

Comment: I am against the Harquahala  
Valley West alternate route. The North  
route would be better. It would ruin  
or views and destroy property values

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## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** John Alcock [j.alcock@asu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2006 8:19 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** [DPV2]:

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you about Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. To build this line across the KOFA National wildlife Refuge is a very unfortunate idea, damaging the value of the refuge in several ways. Power lines are an aesthetic disaster. The construction will introduce nonnative plants and the resulting powerline service track will surely be used illegally by off road vehicles. Big horn sheep are likely to be negatively affected as well and the fragmentation effect will doubtless harm other wildlife as well. And excess capacity from Palo Verde is likely to be small in any event given the growth in greater Phx. So I write to vigorously oppose this project with its negative effects on an important wildlife refuge.

Sincerely,

John Alcock  
705 E Loyola Drive  
Tempe AZ 85282

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** Clete Bjornstad [bjornsta@mich.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2006 9:35 AM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Subject:** KOFA  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

Dear John Kalish/ Billie Blanchard:

I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because this line runs through the KOFA Wilderness Area. It is my understanding that wilderness areas are set aside to preserve and protect wild lands from development and abuse. This project would require access roads, which in turn would open the area to jeeps and ATV's

I hiked in the KOFA looking for pictographs and big horn sheep. I saw both and I even had the opportunity to hike an old Indian trail to an ancient spring. To ruin this area with a 2<sup>nd</sup> power line is just tragic.

This same disturbing scenario can be seen all over the country. If the expressways are crowded just build more lanes. If we are short of oil just drill more oil wells. The question of what to do when these short-term solutions don't solve long-term problems is never discussed. What is need is conservation, renewable energy sources and low impact development.

Sincerely,  
Paul Bjornstad  
2010 Frieze Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI  
48104

January 17, 2006  
13211 N. Kingair Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85737

John Kalish  
c/o Aspen Environmental group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002  
fax (800) 886-1888

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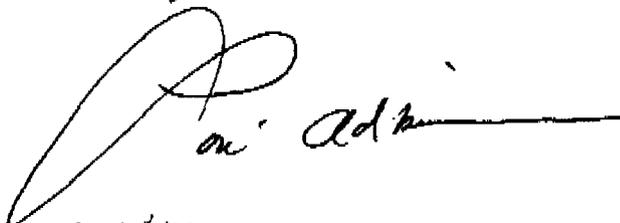
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Please make my comments part of the official record.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Adkison", written over a horizontal line.

Lori Adkison

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** JMyers1050@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2006 7:08 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneq.com  
**Subject:** Devers-Palo Verde No.2 Transmission Line Project  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I am writing to you regarding Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I object to the proposal because of the proposed routes' significant negative environmental impacts. I also question the need for this line.

First of all, putting this line through the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge is totally unacceptable. It will further fragment habitat and negatively impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep. Furthermore, it will open the area to possible invasion of non-native plants species and illegal off-road vehicle use.

Second, I strongly question the need for this line. This project has been in a near "finalized" form for over 15 years and California seems to be getting along just fine without the new power line. Besides, Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation and one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. It is likely that in the near future, the Phoenix- metro area will consume all of the power generated in the area and therefore will not have any additional electrical energy to transport out of the area. Why then, is this line needed to bring power to California?

Have any non-development alternatives been considered? Can California institute energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry? Can clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources be implemented at a level where this transmission line is not needed?

I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the implementation of conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line will carry and to look to environmentally-friendly, renewable, and sustainable energy sources like solar, wind, or biomass, to offset the need for this line.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,  
Jean Myers  
3048 S. Torrey Pines Circle  
Yuma, AZ 85365

1/20/2006

## **Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project**

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**From:** Patricia Kenyon [pak803@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2006 12:53 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneq.com  
**Subject:** Scoping for Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

John Kalish, Southern California Edison  
Billie Blanchard, California Public Utilities  
Commission  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear Mr. Kalish and Ms. Blanchard:

I object to Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project because of the proposed routes' potential for environmental damage and because it is not one of the better ways available to meet the purported need for power in California.

The KOFA National wildlife Refuge was created in 1939. The KOFA wilderness area was created in 1990--after the first transmission line was installed. There was a clause in the Desert Wilderness Act that excluded a right-of-way for the second line to cross the KOFA wilderness, yet this is the primary route proposed for the No. 2 line. Putting this line through the KOFA National wildlife Refuge would further fragment habitat, adversely impact desert tortoises and desert big horn sheep, and open the area to invasion by non-endemic plant species as well as illegal ORV use. Past experience has shown that mitigation of these impacts would not be successful. I believe the alternative routes are also not environmentally friendly--or even neutral.

I question the need for this line. This project has waxed and waned in the planning for more than 15 years. Aside from the one episode of power shortages now revealed to be the result of human intrigue and manipulation for financial gain, I am aware of no power supply crisis in California. Arizona currently shows very robust growth and soon the Phoenix metropolitan area will most likely be consuming the power generated at the Palo Verde Station. There will be little or no surplus electrical energy to sell to other entities. Why then, is this proposal even being reactivated? Who stands to gain?

Have any alternatives which do not involve additional

development been considered? Can California--already successful with some energy-conservation measures--create additional energy conservation programs equivalent to the amount of energy this line would carry? What about implementing alternative sources using solar or wind-based technologies? I encourage Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission to examine these options sincerely and in good faith rather than proceeding with the current proposal.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me informed about any developments on this issue.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Kenyon

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Fax 800-886-1888

Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: 1/20/2006

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Comment: See 2 separate pages

Multiple horizontal lines for additional comments.

*\*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 received by January 20, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (800) 886-1888 or emailed to dpv2@aspeng.com.

I support the "No Project Alternative" as the best option for the Devers-Palo Verde No 2 proposed transmission line.

The D-PV No 1 line was completed 25 years ago when Phoenix was still a small metropolis. Arizona Public Service (APS) and some shareholders had the foresight to build the largest nuclear reactor in the country. 25 years ago there was plenty of extra power and it was shipped to California.

Today, Phoenix is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country and one of the fastest growing in the nation. The power generated by the APS power plants and others in the area will soon (one knowledgeable estimate at less than 5 years) be completely consumed by the Phoenix metropolitan area. What good would a power line going out of the state serve?

The "new" line has been a dream of someone's since the initial line was installed. As some of the original poles have already been constructed to accept a second circuit. California has managed without this line for 25 years and has managed 15 years since the 2<sup>nd</sup> line was initially permitted. Now that Arizona is needing this power in the near future, it makes sense not to build a line and send the power out of state.

Based on proposed transmission lines in the Southwest and California law, it is foreseeable that SCE would try to swap power or classify "clean" or renewable power with "dirty" or coal generated power coming into California. This is an underhanded way to claim that they are using clean power when actually they are not. Not to mention that this clean power has had to be transported so far across the region that it has lost its benefit of being clean. Why doesn't SCE generate their needed power using these "clean" methods in California?

The power lines lose a great deal of energy to heat loss in the lines. If SCE was to build local clean power plants, i.e., wind, solar, geothermal, etc., they could build smaller plants than are in Arizona or wherever and still be able to have the same amount of power available to its customers.

Energy Storage Systems are available for commercial projects that could reduce the peak load demand for the size of power plants needed. Arizona uses a huge block of ice to cool office buildings in the downtown area by using off peak power to create the ice. Commercial electrical storage devices are also available for shaving peak power consumption. These alternative methods need to be explored.

Then there is the wildlife issue. This line goes right through the KOFA Wildlife Refuge. A wildlife refuge is for animals, not powerlines. This is prime desert bighorn sheep and desert tortoise habitat.

This is supposed to be closed to off road vehicle use, but people will still get around any obstacles and go along the right of ways for the transmission lines and pipelines. Another line just makes it that much easier for people to access the area. Construction will also take a heavy toll on ground disturbance. This is a very harsh environment but also a very

delicate ecosystem that when disturbed takes many years, if ever, to return to its original condition. More ground disturbance means more invasive plant species establishing in the area.

On the issue of views. This is very rugged land that has its own beauty, I want to see the mountains and landscape, not a string of powerlines. One power line is bad, two is terrible.

I support the "no project approach". I believe SCE can achieve the goal of providing as much power to its customers by using the ideas presented here and informing its customers of energy conservation measures than it would spend on the construction of a power transmission line. SCE's public image would be improved with its "green" approach to power and would consequently benefit much more than building an old technology powerline.

JOHN KALISH, BLM  
C/O ASPEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA 94104

January 20, 2006

Dear Sir:

We attended the Scoping presentation yesterday at the Quartzsite area.

We have had almost a 100% response from home owners in the La Paz Valley (Alternate 1) against the power lines through our valley.

Enclosed is a petition with signatures of concerned property owners.

Thank you for your consideration.



Al Johnson

President, La Paz Valley Concerned Citizens

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Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: January 18, 2006

Name\*: Donald G. Begalke

Affiliation (if any)\*: (A Harquahala Vly, Az. group, which did not receive notice of today's meeting; group has not had opportunity to meet)

Address\*: PO Box 17862

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Telephone Number\*: 602-279-3402

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

~~Comment: Since our group was not knowledgeable about the project and the scoping meeting, and could not comment by the informed deadline of January 20, 2006, please, consider the below attributable only to me.~~

~~1. The project is not necessary since the Applicant, Southern California Edison, has not shown their unproductive in their own service area~~

~~2. Arizona is growing at a very fast rate, and what electrical power produced in Az. must remain in the state for Arizonans' needs, both residential and commercial.~~

~~3. Any special need that California would require a temporary power supplement (if at all possible in the future) is transmittable on existing transmission lines of the "western grid".~~

~~4. In today's meeting at Estrella Mtn. College, one of the Public Presentors informed of a planned power line from an Idaho coal-fired power plant south/crossing Utah/extending south in Az. to meet the Devers-Palo Verde Line. Arizona has not requested this Idaho based power. The presenter stated that this particular line's disclosure was very curious in connection with Devers-Palo Verde No. 2. Thus, Arizonans must be concerned in numerous other ways about the No.2 Project.~~

~~5. The No.2 agenda etc-schedule is announced late, needs a moratorium.  
\*Please print. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.~~

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*Donald G. Begalke*

Donald G. Begalke, January 18, 2006

→ When will we Commentors receive copies of comments made at all the Az. & Ca. Scoping Meetings for this Devers-Palo Verde No.2 Transmission Line Project?

## Devers-Palo Verde #2 Transmission Project

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**From:** Jacoba van Sitteren [keyupy@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2006 4:07 PM  
**To:** dpv2@aspeneg.com  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

Dear John Kalish and Billie Blanchard,

This is to let you know that I oppose the Southern California Edison's proposal to construct the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. I do not like the negative effect this would have on this beautiful piece of desert and its animal life, especially the tortoises and bighorn sheep. These animals need a continuous stretch of desert to move around in and the protection the vegetation gives them from predators.

It is not only the detrimental destruction that will occur during the construction of the line and the upkeep of same, it will also encourage people with off road vehicles to travel along these path ways. , even though it is against the law.

Also, once the delicate desert vegetation has been disturbed, more invasive, non native plants will move into the area. We have very few pristine desert areas left. We can not afford to loose this one.

As a last point I do not think California needs the power . This has been proposed for about 15 years and has not been needed. Besides Arizona and the Phoenix area are growing in population at a high rate and are going to be using the energy themselves.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Jacoba van Sitteren

1474 University Ave #137, Berkeley, CA 94702



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Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Date: JAN 19, 2006

Name\*: HARRY THOMAS OF HARQUAHALA VALLEY

Affiliation (if any):\* \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code\*: TONOPAH ARZ 85354

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Comment: WE DO NOT need any more TOWERS  
and WIRES destroying the SCENERY  
and beautiful views in ARIZONA.  
California should have built this  
plant in California so they destroy  
their own landscape. Not ARIZONAs  
If you have to run these TOWERS  
run them north of Hwy 16 where there  
are access roads.  
I would like to be informed  
of where the lines are going  
and why.

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**Characterizations of Oral Comments  
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**APPENDIX D-5a**

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Summary of Oral Comments Received at  
Scoping Meetings

**Appendix D-5a. Summary of Oral Comments Received at Scoping Meetings**

Date	From	Comments
<b>Scoping Meeting, January 18, 2006 (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm) – Avondale, AZ</b>		
January 18, 2006	<b>Harquahala Valley Irrigation District (HVID)</b> William Baker (via Ellis & Baker Attorneys at Law)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly opposes any consideration of the Harquahala West Subalternate Route (Harquahala West Alternative). This Subalternate Route traverses the middle of the HVID.</li> <li>• Understands the reason DPV2 would tie-in to the Harquahala Generating Station because it is bankrupt and the only way to make it operational from an economic point-of-view would be to enable it to connect to transmission lines, such as DPV2, to distribute the power it generates. However this does not justify taking private property and disrupting productive agricultural operations for the DPV2 project.</li> <li>• Agriculture in central Arizona (AZ), especially Maricopa and Pima Counties, is disappearing due to AZ water issues and the Indian Water Rights Settlement Act. Therefore remote areas of AZ, such as Harquahala, are the only viable areas for agriculture in AZ and Maricopa County.</li> <li>• The Harquahala West Subalternate Route would adversely impact the Harquahala Valley and its residents through destruction of the rural atmosphere; harm scenic and visual resources; remove cropland from production; interfere with tilling, irrigation and cropdusting practices; devalue land; and harm endangered species.</li> <li>• Believes the best option is the Proposed Project, which exits the Harquahala Generating Station switchyard to the east and parallels I-10 north of the Harquahala West Subalternate Route. The area to the east has less cropland; therefore there would be fewer impacts to agriculture. Also the option to the PVNGS (SCE Palo Verde Alternative) would also be more appropriate.</li> <li>• Intends to vigorously fight the Harquahala West Subalternate Route through processes offered by CPUC/BLM, Maricopa County, and Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).</li> </ul>
January 18, 2006	<b>Central Arizona Project /Central Arizona Water Conservation District</b> Richard Gibson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Arizona Project (CAP), also known as the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, (CAWCD) which is a municipal corporation of AZ and empowered by AZ and federal government.</li> <li>• CAP was turned over to the CAWCD for operation, maintenance, reconstruction, and repayment for infrastructure. In addition, it manages the lands under the CAP canal.</li> <li>• CAP contact and correspondence should be directed to Sharon Hood.</li> <li>• Map identifies that DPV2 crosses CAP canal in two locations and parallels it for several miles. SCE must obtain license to cross CAP canal and associated land.</li> <li>• CAP has a 22-foot diameter pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe located in the area where DPV2 would run parallel to it after it crosses I-10. CAP has noticed that electromagnetic interference from DPV1 has potential to degrade the pipe. This pipeline is critical as it supplies all of AZ with water, and would require that any impacts from DPV2 to this pipeline be mitigated.</li> </ul>

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**ADDENDUM TO THE SCOPING REPORT**

**Appendix D-5a. Summary of Oral Comments Received at Scoping Meetings**

Date	From	Comments
January 18, 2006	<b>Sierra Club – Grand Canyon Chapter</b> John Findley, Chair of Energy Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand DPV2 project has been “in the works” for many years.</li> <li>• The Project Purpose section of NOP only mentions that California (CA) needs the DPV2 project; there is no need for this project in AZ. Yet, CA portion of DPV2 project follows existing ROWs with little impact, but in AZ it would traverse new lands including Kofa NWR and agricultural lands. Therefore DPV2 project would be a benefit for CA, and a losing situation for AZ.</li> <li>• AZ is growing and will need power, especially all the “clean” energy generated in AZ. CA requires clean energy through the importation of only “clean” energy, and does not allow “dirty” facilities. CA looking for “clean” energy sources, but AZ will need all the “clean” energy.</li> <li>• There is a proposal for a transmission line from a coal power plant in Idaho to central AZ. CA will not permit this dirty energy to be directly imported into the state, therefore it is being routed to AZ where AZ will use the “dirty” energy and ship “clean” energy generated via wind or solar sources in AZ or New Mexico to CA. This proposal appears to be a “laundering scheme” in which CA can get energy from “dirty” sources while appearing to be actually using “clean” energy.</li> <li>• Supports the No Project Alternative.</li> </ul>
January 18, 2006	Jim Walters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned that DPV2 project would traverse Kofa NWR, and cause impacts to native AZ wildlife resources that already have been decimated.</li> <li>• DPV2 and its impacts are not necessary.</li> </ul>
January 18, 2006	<b>City of Scottsdale; Harquahala Valley Farms; Vanderbilt Farms, LLC; ABCDW, LLC; Torrey Pines Development, LLC</b> Valorie D. Melton, Consultant (via Five Star, Inc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports William Baker’s (HVID) comments.</li> <li>• Approximately 27 years ago, SCE attempted to route DPV1 through the same Harquahala Valley area.</li> <li>• Opposes the Harquahala West Alternative, and objects that any routes through the Harquahala Valley are being considered again. There are numerous possible routes, but the decision has already been made because the Harquahala Valley land is the most financially attractive.</li> <li>• Why is a route through the Harquahala Valley being considered again when there is much opposition to it. It is because SCE implies that the Harquahala Valley should not fight this because they are too small.</li> <li>• There are many reasons why the Harquahala Valley should not be considered including the existence of prime agricultural lands, and landowners’ investment of \$100 million on their property. Landowners were not aware of the potential for DPV2 to traverse their property and the Harquahala Valley.</li> <li>• Not a small concession to traverse the Harquahala Valley that consists of 20,000 acres of private and municipal land.</li> <li>• A transmission line route through the Harquahala Valley was denied in the past; why has this route been identified again for use in DPV2?</li> </ul>
<b>Scoping Meeting, January 18, 2006 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm) – Tonopah, AZ</b>		
January 18, 2006	<b>Martori Farms</b> Peter Martori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objects to Harquahala West Alternative or any other alternatives that bifurcates the Harquahala Valley.</li> <li>• Supports the Proposed Project due to impacts that the Harquahala West Alternative would create including significant impacts to agricultural lands, visual/aesthetic resources, and property values.</li> </ul> <p><small>*Submitted letter on behalf of Maricopa County dated 1/6/06 from Don Stapley, Chairman of Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, and Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County Supervisor from District 5 to ACC documenting Maricopa County Board of Supervisors’ opposition to the Harquahala West Alternative and support for the Proposed Project that follows the existing DPV1. See Appendix D-1.</small></p>

**Appendix D-5a. Summary of Oral Comments Received at Scoping Meetings**

Date	From	Comments
January 18, 2006	Jim Vaaler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA must generate its own power through wind or solar sources, or implementing energy conservation measures.</li> <li>• AZ does not need more transmission lines.</li> <li>• All alternatives would adversely impact bighorn sheep, desert tortoise, and viewsheds in wilderness areas.</li> </ul>
January 18, 2006	<b>Sierra Club – Grand Canyon Chapter</b> Sandy Bahr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly questions the need for the DPV2 project because AZ is growing quickly and may consume all the power produced in AZ.</li> <li>• Proposed Project and Alternatives would significantly impact Kofa NWR and other wilderness areas; wildlife in the area, including desert tortoise and bighorn sheep, and their habitat; and the viewshed.</li> <li>• CA should implement energy conservation measures, energy efficiency practices, and use of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind to meet needs to offset energy supplied by DPV2.</li> <li>• Use of CA energy crisis as a scare tactic to illustrate the need for the DPV2 project and its approval is inappropriate because this crisis was not due to lack of transmission, but rather market manipulation.</li> </ul>
January 18, 2006	Lon Stewart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Sierra Club's (Sandy Bahr) comments.</li> <li>• Showed an aerial photo of Phoenix (from AZ Republic advertisement entitled "Building Dreams") that identified planned new developments in the area. These developments will require more energy in the future; therefore the power generated in AZ should stay in AZ and not be transmitted to CA.</li> </ul>
<b>Scoping Meeting, January 19, 2006 (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm) – Quartzsite, AZ</b>		
January 19, 2006	Al Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of informal community group called La Paz Valley Concerned Citizens.</li> <li>• Understands that DPV2 is necessary and the associated benefits to society, but group does not want to sacrifice its lifestyle to accommodate DPV2.</li> <li>• Does not object to the existing DPV1 transmission line, but strongly opposes Subalternate Route 1.</li> </ul>
January 19, 2006	<b>Vanguard Development LLC</b> Jim Kunisch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a good reason to deviate from the Proposed Project because the desert has already been disturbed (for DPV1) and there is no reason not to use this previously disturbed route for DPV2.</li> </ul>
January 19, 2006	Jewel Seim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stray electric power and voltage is very dangerous to people, farm animals, and wildlife.</li> <li>• DPV2 goes through private land.</li> <li>• Opposes DPV2.</li> </ul>
January 19, 2006	Robert Heisel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 kV transmission line is too dangerous to develop within a 1/8th mile of people and residents.</li> <li>• Suggests locating DPV2 along the existing DPV1 ROW.</li> </ul>

## **Agencies Consulted**

## Appendix 4. EIR/EIS Information Contacts

Table Ap.4-1 lists the people who were contacted and consulted during the preparation of this document and in what section their information was used.

Table Ap.4-1. EIR/EIS Information Contacts

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Kofa National Wildlife Refuge	Ron Kearns, Kofa Wildlife Biologist	D.2 Biological Resources
Kofa National Wildlife Refuge	Lindsey Smithe, Kofa Wildlife Biologist	D.2 Biological Resources
Kofa National Wildlife Refuge	J. Paul Comes, Kofa Refuge Manager	D.2 Biological Resources
Southern California Edison	Gary Dudley, Environmental Affairs	D.2 Biological Resources
	Dan Pearson,	
Bureau of Land Management	Karen Reichhardt, Team Lead-Resources	D.2 Biological Resources
Bureau of Land Management	Stephen Fusilier, Team Lead-Lands & Minerals	D.2 Biological Resources
Bureau of Land Management	Jeff Young, Wildlife Biologist	D.2 Biological Resources
Arizona Game and Fish Department	William C. Knowles, Habitat Specialist	D.2 Biological Resources
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Steven L. Spangle, Field Supervisor	D.2 Biological Resources
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Department of Fish and Game	Scott Dawson, Biologist	D.2 Biological Resources
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Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority	Ken Graff	D.2 Biological Resources
U.S. Bureau of Land Management Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office	Jim Foote, Outdoor Recreation Planner	D.3 Visual Resources
U.S. Bureau of Land Management Yuma Field Office	Aaron Curtis, Outdoor Recreation Planner	D.3 Visual Resources
U.S. Bureau of Land Management Phoenix District Lower Sonoran Field Office	Jack Ragsdale, Outdoor Recreation Planner	D.3 Visual Resources
California State Lands Commission	Ninette Lee	D.4 Land Use
City of Loma Linda	Deborah Woldruff, Director of Community Development Department	D.4 Land Use
Riverside Land Conservancy	Gail Egenes, Coordinator	D.5 Wilderness and Recreation
California Department of Parks and Recreation	Michael Brown, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division	D.5 Wilderness and Recreation

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**APPENDIX 4**

**Table Ap.4-1. EIR/EIS Information Contacts**

<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Information Used In</b>
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California Department of Conservation, Department of Land Resource Protection, Williamson Act Program	Bob Blanford	D.6 Agriculture
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US BLM, Phoenix Field Office	Camille Champion, Project Lead	Public Scoping Report
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Arizona State Land Department	Linda Beals, Right of Way Section Manager	Public Scoping Report
Maricopa County Planning and Development	Matt Holm, Principal Planner	Public Scoping Report
La Paz County Community Development	Robert Wall, Acting Director	Public Scoping Report