

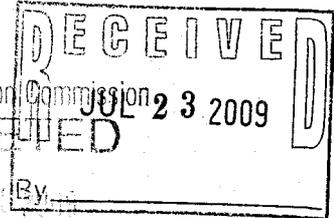


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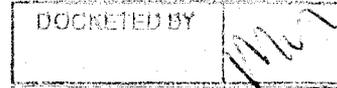
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RE: TEP Vail to Valencia 115kV to 138kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project and Alignment in Segment 2, Docket No. L-00000F-09-0190-00144 Case No. 144

Dear Chairman Mays & Commissioners

The Corporation Commission soon will be voting to approve the final Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Vail to Valencia 115kV to 138kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project proposed by Unisource Energy Services (UES). We are writing to ask that the Corporation Commission take another look at and consider the alignment on the west side of the Union Pacific Railroad grade in Segment 2 north of the Canez Substation in Rio Rico. We believe that this proposed alignment has merit and will provide relief to the many residents and property owners east of the selected preferred alignment in that residential area.

We support the placement of transmission lines on the west side of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) grade from Kiwi Corte to the Canez Substation in Rio Rico (SEE ATTACHMENT). This portion of Segment #2 of the proposed west alignment of the transmission line would not be in the old growth mesquite bosque, nor would it be close to the Santa Cruz River channel. There is already an existing ranch road on the west side, which is above grade and wide enough for UES construction and utility vehicles. The road ends approximately due west of Kiwi Ct., which is where the dense mesquite bosque begins and the Santa Cruz River approaches closer to the railroad grade. This segment of transmission line is approximately 1.3 miles and may require approximately 6 structures, if the east pole placement suggested by the UES is used. In addition, the west of the railroad grade alignment is within the 500-foot corridor requested by UES.

The Line Siting Committee has already selected the east side of the UPRR grade as their preferred alignment. During the deliberations, several committee members had expressed their preference for the west side of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) grade until receiving a letter from the Santa Cruz County Flood Control District, which offered a negative assessment of placing the transmission line west of the UPRR grade.

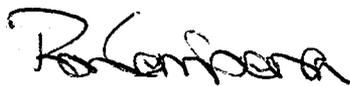
After speaking with John Hays, Santa Cruz County Flood Coordinator, he agreed that there would be minimal impact to the river channel and danger to the railroad grade, stating that his letter was based upon the information presented to him by representatives of the UES. We have requested that he write a letter to that effect, however he was leaving on vacation and it is unknown if he would get the letter completed prior to his departure. We have not yet received a reply from John Hays.

As Commissioners, you have the opportunity to lessen the impact on the residents by supporting the west alignment in this single area. The benefits include easier and cheaper access by the UES to maintain and service their structures and reduction in their liability by removing the lines from roadways and residential areas. For the residents, it provides improved view shed, improved property values, greater safety and reliability of our energy resource, and preservation of wild land habitat on the east side of the UPRR grade in this area.

Kathi and I have supported the preferred alignment along the east side of the Union Pacific Railroad grade from the beginning of this proposed project. We have written letters; talked to UES staff and consultants voicing our preference for the UES preferred alignment in this area of Segment 2. However, many of our friends and neighbors came forward near the end of this process and voiced opposition to the preferred alignment for environmental and right of way concerns. In support of our neighbors, we offered the alternative to the west of the railroad grade alignment to help mitigate their concerns.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. We know that the Line Siting Committee took a great deal of time and effort to consider their recommendations, however the denial of the west side of the railroad grade in this location, in our view, was based on misleading information. We commend the Line Siting Committee's work and efforts, but hope that you will consider our recommendation and concerns. If we can be of any assistance or answer any question you may have, do not hesitate to contact Kathi or me.

Sincerely,



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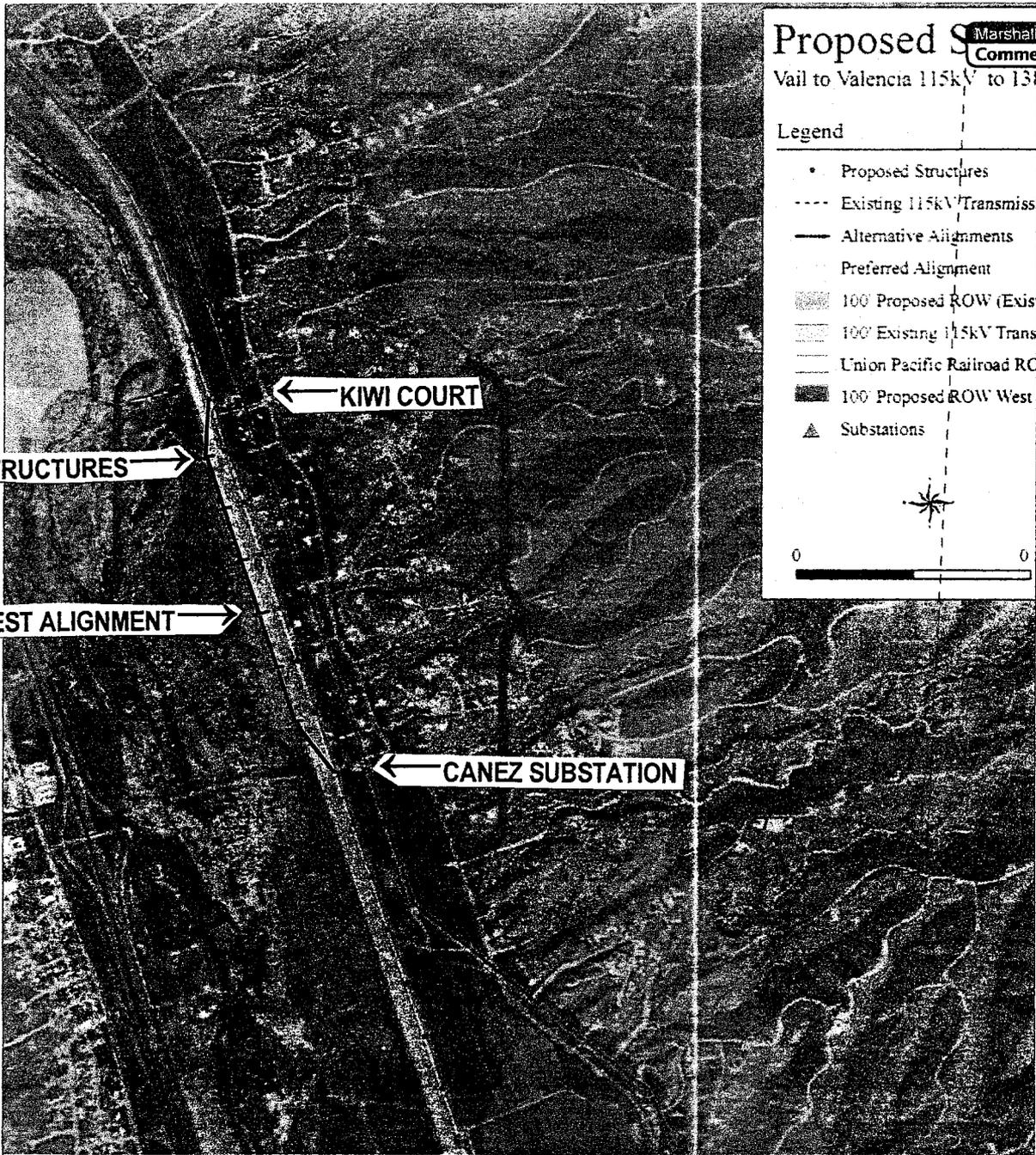
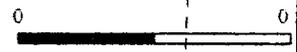
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Vail to Valencia 115kV to 138

Legend

- Proposed Structures
- Existing 115kV Transmiss
- Alternative Alignments
- Preferred Alignment
- ▨ 100' Proposed ROW (Exis
- ▨ 100' Existing 115kV Trans
- Union Pacific Railroad RC
- ▨ 100' Proposed ROW West
- ▲ Substations



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STRUCTURES →

WEST ALIGNMENT →

← CANEZ SUBSTATION