

BARREN RIDGE RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Informational Public Meetings Questions and Comments from the Community February 17 – 26, 2009

Disclaimer: Below are the notes from the question and answer session of the public meetings. They are not official transcripts of the meetings.

Lake Hughes, CA February 17, 2009

1. Requested that visual impacts to rural communities be considered in analysis and siting.
2. Request LADWP reconsider other alternatives that do not affect their communities, such as Segment D.
3. Requested that all circuits be placed on one (multi-circuit) tower verses numerous towers.
4. Requested more information about eminent domain process and how/when it may be used.
5. Commented that Segment D was not shown on the resource maps, yet it is only a recommendation for elimination at this point. Also commented about the about visual impacts of numerous towers concentrated in an area. Recommends Segment D as well.
6. Asked that LADWP consider sharing resources and transmission lines with other utility companies.
7. Expressed opposition to Segment H. Comment noted.
8. Expressed general support for the use of solar and wind, but commented about cumulative effects of numerous transmission line projects that would impact their community.
9. Requested more information about eminent domain process. Expressed support for Segment D and recommends not impacting private property.
10. Requested more information about property owners' rights and the use of eminent domain.
11. Requested that Segment D be modified so that it is a feasible option.

Mojave, CA February 18, 2009

1. How does the City of Mojave benefit from the project? Will a local workforce be used? The wind and solar development will take away land from future development and expansion of urban communities.

**Agua Dulce, CA
February 24, 2009**

1. Does the power replace brown power with green power for LA? Is this more power or simply a replacement of power? Will the project cause growth induction aspects of the project? Is there adequate public service, such as police and fire, (i.e., the incremental effects?)
2. How long will these lines meet the needs of DWP?
3. How much will these new lines carry?
4. Will the footprint be increased? Stated that no alternatives should be considered besides the existing corridor.
5. Why aren't all of the lines in a single corridor?
6. Stated concern that if there was a fire near Segment H, homes would burn.
7. Stated that it seems like the planning is short term.
8. Stated that Assembly Bill 811 for rooftop solar would reduce the need for more transmissions.
9. Stated that the Sunrise Powerlink EIR/EIS preferred alternative recognized the need for in-basin solar (1000 MW). And this would retire old generation and still meet the RPS goals.
10. Which is required first, the wind projects or the transmission lines? These types of projects give the utilities a monopoly vs. the rooftop solar programs and the like. Which is the alternative?
11. Is Segment G where LADWP's Power Plant 1 is located?
12. What type of conductor is on the old lines?
13. Stated that option I is a patchwork of SCE and other facilities. Request maps showing the existing SCE and LADWP transmission lines and voltages, as well as after maps of the proposed transmission lines.
14. What will the RPS % after building this project?
15. What is current renewable percentage being met by LADWP?
16. Will LADWP be able to participate in the carbon market? These projects have big impacts on rural communities. Mitigation being requested from the PUC is to offer some carbon credits to the rural communities. Perhaps they would not be forced out their homes. Commute distances are too long and rural communities are viewed as not being "green".
17. Stated that the Sunrise Powerlink Project approved 50 miles of underground 230kV line and SDG&E has undergrounded lots of lines. Segments B, C, and E all have undergrounding potential. Much of Segment I also has potential for undergrounding as well. The cost to undergrounding is less than LADWP says. Fire fighters won't put out fires near 500kV line in Acton.

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18. Can LADWP use monopoles?
19. Stated that the existing lines are 100 feet tall and asked if the new ones will be about the same height or taller (150ft)?
20. Asked that standard fire fighting procedures be considered, such as what is the envelope for normal procedures for dropping retardant or water?
21. Stated that the Westside Energy Corridor (WVEC) Programmatic EIS is complete. Do these routes fit into these corridors? Is Segment I being considered because the Forest Service wants a corridor outside of the Forest? The corridors are there for a reason, and some are a mile wide. How wide will the corridor through the Forest be?
22. Asked if the EIS/EIR will consider socioeconomics and public health and safety? How about cumulative effects? How will Utah and Idaho projects be used? Will new lines be needed?
23. Stated that SCE has been incrementing out their segments? Is this the case for LADWP?
24. Asked for an explanation of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) process with developers.
25. Stated that CEQA says you cannot bifurcate the process or segment.
26. What is the need for transmission lines if the sources are not identified? Requested a discussion of the projects' affects to rate payers.
27. How will LADWP's service area be affected if Haskell Switching Station was out of service for an extended period of time?

**Saugus, CA
February 25, 2009**

1. Will Haskell Canyon Road off Copper Hill be improved? How long will the construction process be for the switching station?
2. What is the footprint of the station?
3. Is Segment I in an existing ROW? How much ROW? Segment I would go through a populated area and have visual impacts as opposed to the middle of the forest or the desert. Is this alternative likely to be rejected?
4. Is Segment H the one parallel to the new SCE line? What tower types for Segment I.
5. Is 150 feet typical height for the proposed structures?
6. Would the rebuilt portions use existing structures? Would the new towers be bigger?
7. Will there be grading for new roads in the Green Valley area?
8. Will smaller ridgelines be mitigated for visual impacts?
9. Asked if tubular steel poles could be used to mitigate in the visually sensitive areas?

10. Is tubular steel more expensive or is there a problem structurally?
11. How much bigger will the new structures be than the ones being built by SCE?
12. How much shorter will these be than the SCE structures?

**Leona Valley, CA
February 26, 2009**

1. Are there professional advocates in the area? What would be the process for the community to provide input? The community has to pay for being involved from their own pockets. The commissioners are outside the community. Commissioner Antonovich does not plan to be involved. He was not helpful during the SCE process.
 2. Why isn't the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) involved?
 3. Why can't the land west of I-5 near Sylmar be used for development of wind? Stated that there is no benefit to the community, so LADWP should find resources closer to the city. The lines keep coming.
 4. Why not use 500kV like SCE? Isn't 230kV short sighted?
 5. Won't there be more lines built because of the size of the resource?
 6. Wouldn't it make sense to share SCE's lines?
 7. Is LADWP connected to the western grid?
 8. Since deregulation everyone is developing power resources, and they are "cobwebs" all over the place. There is no point in destroying the environment and taking properties. The projects should stay in the federal corridors.
 9. How big is the easement being sought?
 10. Stated that the Lakes Town Council has developed a scientific neutral survey that deals with the elimination of Segment D. (The computerized sample does not currently break out Leona Valley, but 100% of those polled have seen the Leona Valley.) The poll has the following findings:
 - Does the line affect the integrity and beauty of the valley? 94% said it very significantly affected the valley. 92% said would affect the integrity and beauty of the Lakes area.
 - Do those polled support the Lakes Town council in their decision to support Segment D? 92% said they agreed.
- Renewable energy flows through, but is not available to the community. Asked the agencies to slow down and consider their decisions and actions. There must be a way to satisfy the millions of residents in the city without destroying the local area that the line goes through. Renewable energy can only provide a certain amount of the RPS. The current proposal does not have the capacity to support the total needed. This means more lines will be needed within 10 years, therefore recommend Segment D be evaluated in the document.
11. Area D resident opposes it. Why add impacts to another completely beautiful area when one is already impacted?
 12. With the multiple transmission lines being proposed across the Angeles National Forest, is anyone considering the multiple impact (i.e., cumulative analysis)?

13. In the next 6 months SCE will be through with another line. When will the destruction of the community stop? There needs to be a better solution than wiping communities off the map. FS would sometimes rather destroy homes than the Forest. LADWP should work together with other utilities.
14. Why can't easements be shared?
15. The endangered species are the communities and people. Land owners have to give up land and still pay taxes on it. Why should there still be property taxes for the landowner?
16. Some farmers in the Midwest are putting wind towers in and are making money "hand over fist". Why aren't people whose lands are crossed with transmission lines paid compensation?
17. Stated that property owners do not get paid annually.
18. Commented about Forest Service crushing thousands of acres of brush on the Forest and lack of public meeting for activity.
19. If the locals all agreed to keep Segment D would that make a difference?
20. Birds collide with the lines. How many would be killed per year?
21. Lake Elizabeth is one of the largest natural lakes in southern CA. Can the lines be buried to avoid the visual blight and animal impacts? It's not without precedent.
22. Stated that SCE lines were pretty determined to be off Forest System lands.
23. Have you considered triple circuit near Green Valley and the Lakes area? Would only require 6-7 towers.
24. Migratory birds – Lakes Town council considering mitigation for land purchase exchange. Over 200 species of migratory birds have been identified on the private lake. Also some protected species and bald eagle nesting in the area. No one wants to see bald eagles fried. This is a unique habitat and special place.
25. Two weeks ago there were 1500 tri-colored black birds identified. Will there be community specific mitigation considered, such as taking these small towns off the energy grid? SCE didn't do anything like this.
26. Any lights on these towers?
27. Will the new line be going through poppy preserve?
28. Does Forestry get paid for the easement? Why don't landowners get paid annually?
29. 110th Street Route should follow a SCE's future ROW. SCE is proposing to move their alternative to 115th street.
30. The four small communities in LA County do not have the best interest of LADWP. Since this is the case, should the four communities get together with Antonovich and recommend Segment D? Who could go around LADWP?
31. How many people support Segment D?