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Assemblyman Hagman Expresses Outrage over California Public Utilities Commission Decision

Released Environmental Document Impacts 3,500 Residents

Sacramento – Assemblyman Curt Hagman today announced his frustration with the California Public Utilities Commission Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on electrical transmission lines that would cut a five-mile swath through Chino Hills, three miles of which cut directly through residential neighborhoods. Over 1,000 property owners, with approximately 3500 residents, live within 500 feet of the proposed behemoth towers.

“The human impact will be tremendous. In some areas, new 198-foot towers, with a wing span of 60 feet, would be located as close as 40 feet from residents’ backyards. This has never been done anywhere else in the country. How can the California Public Utilities Commission ignore the safety, health, and welfare of children and adults?” asked Assemblyman Hagman.

The Southern Cal Edison’s Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project will spend \$1.8 billion to access and construct renewable energy generators from Kern County to western San Bernardino County. The City of Chino Hills has proposed various alternate routes that move the transmission lines away from residential communities, parks, and schools. Under the various alternative routes proposed by the Chino Hills, the transmission lines would be routed through portions of Chino Hills State Park.

“Because of the proposed route’s proximity to homes, schools, and parks, an alternate route must be found,” Hagman stated. “At first glance, the State Park may not seem to be a preferred location. But a number of active transmission lines already traverse Chino Hills State Park and the Chino Hills alternative proposals are a win-win offer that has numerous benefits that State Park users may enjoy for years to come.”

The various alternate routes would:

- Propose \$50 million to mitigate impacts on the State Park including improvements to the Park, acquisition of more parkland, and removal of approximately 14 miles of active and inactive transmission lines from the park.
- Relocate many of the existing 500 kV transmission lines away from ridgelines and other prominent areas to protect and improve the view shed within the park.

The 60th Assembly District includes all or parts of the communities of Anaheim, Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, Industry, La Habra, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Orange, Rowland Heights San Dimas, Villa Park, Walnut, Whittier and Yorba Linda.