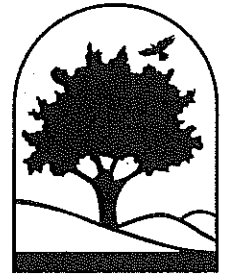


# City of Chino Hills



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Ms. Jacki Bacharach  
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Re: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segment 8A in Chino Hills

Dear Ms. Bacharach:

Every local government, at one time or another, has faced an uphill battle as they work to preserve and protect those things that are important to their residents. I'm sure each board member of the Council of Governments can think of an example where their city has engaged in a major effort to do the right thing for their residents. For example, when the State of California eliminated redevelopment agencies, every city with a redevelopment agency took action to advocate their position. Every city has the right to advocate for their community on important matters.

The City of Chino Hills is exercising that right, right now, at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in San Francisco regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project. We have been engaged in this process with the CPUC since 2007. Chino Hills took a responsible approach, in support of renewable energy goals, to prepare alternatives for the route that Southern California Edison (SCE) proposed through Chino Hills. In 2009, we did not prevail, and the CPUC selected the SCE route.

SCE built the 195-foot tubular steel poles (TSP) through Chino Hills neighborhoods in 2011 and even the PUC Commissioners were amazed at the massive high voltage structures when they saw them in person. TSP's had never been used before. Our residents launched a massive grass roots effort to bring attention to the significant safety impacts of the very high voltage towers. The CPUC stopped construction and ordered SCE and Chino Hills to review undergrounding options. SCE and Chino Hills have the burden to prove their case before the Administrative Law Judge at the CPUC, and eventually before the full Commission.

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SCE is asking various Councils of Government and other organizations in California to take a position on the matter of the TRTP route through Chino Hills. This very complex issue is being reviewed and considered by the CPUC which has the authority and expertise to consider electrical transmission matters. The City of Chino Hills has a simple request. All we ask is that you recognize our right to advocate for our community on this important matter. We ask that your Council of Government simply stay on the sidelines of this issue that is so important to our City.

I have attached some information and I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached by phone at (909) 364-2610 or via email at [mfleager@chinohills.org](mailto:mfleager@chinohills.org).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: City of Chino Hills Opposition to SCE's 500 kV Towers