



1 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside is opposed to any proposed alternate transmission  
2 line corridors that would be located North of the Interstate 10 freeway between the  
3 Southern California Edison-Devers II substation and the City of Banning; and

3 WHEREAS, other existing high tension transmission line corridors are available for the  
4 "Green Path North" project that would not create adverse environmental impacts; and

5 WHEREAS, the residents of the area of the proposed transmission line alignment have  
6 voiced their strong objections against the "Green Path North" project; and

6 WHEREAS, the County of San Bernardino has adopted Resolution 2007-367 in  
7 opposition to the proposed Green Path North transmission corridor; and

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Riverside opposes the  
9 construction of high tension power lines through MSHCP designated lands that have  
10 been set aside to protect environmental sensitive populations within the Coachella  
11 Valley; and

11 FURTHER RESOLVE and recommend that LADWP work diligently with all potentially  
12 affected communities including any negotiations with energy partners such as Southern  
13 California Edison to find existing alternative transmission corridors that will have the  
14 least impact on the environment and the citizens of both Riverside and San Bernardino  
15 counties.

16 NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside, in regular  
17 session on July 15, 2008, do hereby by APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION  
18 2008-346.

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Roy Wilson, Chairperson  
Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor, Fourth District

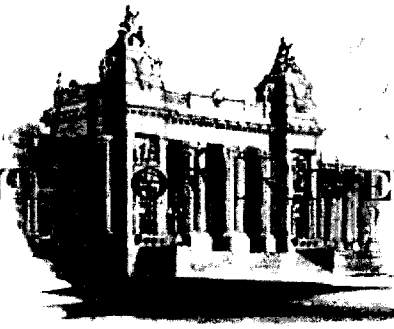
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July 15, 2008

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111 North Hope St.  
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RE: Green Path North Project

Honorable Mayor Villaraigosa, City Council Members, Mr. Nahai and Mr. Patsouras,

The County of Riverside has been monitoring the Green Path North Project, a new 500 kV transmission line corridor project being proposed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) that will traverse parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It is the understanding of county staff that the Green Path North Project is designed to bring geothermal and other renewable energy sources to the City of Los Angeles. The County of Riverside applauds your efforts to increase California's alternative energy portfolio.

However, the County of Riverside has concerns with any route that would impact the county's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The MSHCP was adopted by all of the cities and the county within the Coachella Valley and approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and serves as a mechanism to ensure controlled and managed development within the desert region. The construction and maintenance activities to support a new transmission corridor would leave a lasting impact on an already fragile habitat that has been set aside to protect rare and endangered desert flora and fauna, and protect public lands that have historic and cultural significance.

The County of Riverside encourages the City of Los Angeles and the LADWP to evaluate alternate corridors that have been designated by the Department of the Interior-Bureau of Land Management. Many of these corridors have adequate capacity for additional transmission lines and would help preserve the decades of work undertaken by numerous local, state and federal agencies in the development and approval of the Coachella Valley MSHCP.

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The County of Riverside supports responsible renewable energy projects, especially those that can be generated and distributed locally as can be attested to by our commitment to solar, wind and geothermal energy production in our region. All of these projects have had transparent public participation and input through the CEQA process and through public forums that educate the community on proposed project details.

The County of Riverside supports the intent of Resolution 2007-367 adopted by the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2007, in opposition of the Green Path North Project.

Finally, the County of Riverside respectfully opposes any new transmission corridor project that traverses land that is part of the Coachella Valley MSHCP or affects the visual aesthetics of Joshua Tree National Park. Furthermore, the County opposes any new transmission line corridor that is north of the Interstate 10 freeway between the Devers II substation and the City of Banning. The County of Riverside encourages the City of Los Angeles and the LADWP to work diligently with all potentially affected communities and with energy partners such as Southern California Edison to provide an alternate route that has the least impact on the environment and the citizens within the two-county areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Roy Wilson, Chairperson  
Supervisor, Fourth District

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cc: Sierra Club