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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS

I am writing to register my objections to the DPEIS. I think this plan is extremely unwise. I see destruction to flora and fauna due to habitat-fragmenting corridors.

I object to the "pieces" on the DPEIS map, identified as "corridor # 4-272" being called a "federal corridor" since they are widely separated pieces of public parcels.

I am glad the wide-energy route corridor is kept out of the Siskiyoun National Monument, however, it still antagonized the problems of the I-5 corridor next to the monument.

I also object to the lack of public meetings at the local level when a project like this will have huge & devastating consequences.

Jim Greeberg
Ashland, OR

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Hello:

I am very concerned about the negative impact on wildlife and vegetation that the proposed energy corridor in the Crooked Creek area of Idaho will undoubtedly have. Due to this concern, I oppose the energy corridor.

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Argonne National Laboratory
9700 S. Cass Avenue, Bldg. 900, Mail Stop 4
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Re: Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of
Energy Corridors in Eleven Western States, DOEIEIS-0386, 72 Fed. Reg.
64591 (Nov. 16, 2007)
Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project, P-11858/ER06-278

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Nevada Hydro Company (TMHC) is pleased to submit the following comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of Energy Corridors in Eleven Western States (PEIS). TNHC is the developer of the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped (LEAPS) Storage Project and the Talega-Escondido/Valley-Serrano 500 kV Interconnect (TE/VS Interconnect) Project, located in Southern California. The LEAPS project is a 500 MW advanced pumped storage project now being licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in FERC's Docket P-11858. The TE/VS Interconnect is an approximately 30 mile, 500-kV transmission line that will connect the high voltage systems of San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Edison Company. The TE/VS Interconnect will also connect LEAPS into the regional grid. The TE/VS Interconnect is now completing its licensing at eh California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Docket A.07-10-005.

TNHC supports the Agencies in their efforts to fulfill the mandates of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the Act), and submits the following comments thereon. Please consider and include these comments in the administrative record for the PEIS.

TNHC submitted comments on the Notice of Intent on November 25, 2005. The comments included a number of attached documents, including documents prepared by the United States Forest Service (US Forest Service) and the California Energy Commission (CEC).

First, TNHC believes that the Agencies should take careful note of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared by the FERC and the US Forest Service, as cooperating agencies, on the LEAPS project in P-11858. The agencies should particularly note that the FEIS identifies a corridor traversing the Cleveland National Forest over which the LEAPS project will connect to the State's high voltage grid. An electronic copy of this FEIS is attached.

Second, the Agencies should also take note of the efforts now underway to identify National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors as required by Section 1221(a) of the Act. The corridor evaluated by the LEAPS FEIS is located within the area so identified by the DOE in

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connection with its Sec. 1221 efforts. A copy of the Federal Register notice for the corridor is also attached electronically.

Third, we request that the Agencies take note of the 2007 Strategic Transmission Investment Plan prepared by CEC in November 2007. A copy is also attached. This report identifies the LEAPS project and its associated TE/VS Interconnect as "strategic resources that require specific, swift, and priority consideration by state regulators."

Finally, we have also included an electronic copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Sunrise Powerlink Project prepared by the CPUC. In this proceeding the TE/VS Interconnect has been found by the PUC staff to be the environmentally preferred transmission alternative to the Sunrise project.

Taken together, these documents require, TNHC believes, that the Agencies include the corridor described in the LEAPS FEIS within the West-Wide Energy Corridors it is identifying in accordance with Section 368 of the Act.

We thank the Agencies for their consideration.

Very truly yours,

David Kates

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Attachments

1. Final Environmental Impact Statement, Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project, PN-11858, FERC/FEIS – 0191F, January 2007.
2. Federal Register Notice, National Electric Transmission Congestion Report, Federal Register Vol. 72, No. 193 Friday, October 5, 2007, page 56992.
3. California Energy Commission, Strategic Transmission Investment Plan, October 2007 CEC-700-2007-018CTF.
4. Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement, Sunrise Powerlink Project, California Public Utilities Commission and the Us Bureau of Land Management, January 2008.

LEAPS - FERC Final FEIS - January 2007. pdf



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January 2007

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Final Environmental Impact Statement



Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project

FERC Project No. 11858

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Regulatory Commission
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Trabuco Ranger District
U.S. Department of
Agriculture
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**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR HYDROPOWER LICENSE**

Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project
FERC Project No. 11858

California

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of Energy Projects
Division of Hydropower Licensing
888 First Street, NE
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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Cleveland National Forest
San Diego, CA

January 2007

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**STRATEGIC TRANSMISSION
INVESTMENT PLAN**

Prepared in Support of the 2007 Integrated Energy
Policy Report Proceeding (06-IEP-1F)

FINAL JOINT COMMITTEES REPORT

OCTOBER 2007
CEC-700-2007-018CTF



Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

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Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-02). A list of the acronyms used in this report and order, and maps of the two national interest electric transmission corridors are provided at the end of this order.

DATES: The designations are effective October 5, 2007 and will remain in effect until October 7, 2019 unless the Department rescinds or renews the designation after notice and opportunity for comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, (202) 586-1411, david.meyer@hq.doe.gov. For legal information, Warren Belmar, DOE Office of Legal Counsel, (202) 586-6758, warren.belmar@hq.doe.gov, or Lot Cooke, DOE Office of the General Counsel, (202) 586-0503, lot.cooke@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Statutory Framework

Section 1221(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) (EPA) added a new section 216 to the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824p) (FPA). New FPA section 216(a) requires the Secretary of Energy (Secretary)¹ to conduct a nationwide study of electric transmission congestion² within one year from the date of enactment of EPA and every three years thereafter. FPA section 216(a)(2) provides "interested parties" with an opportunity to offer "alternatives and recommendations." 16 U.S.C. 824p(a)(2). Following consideration of such alternatives and recommendations, the Secretary is required to issue a report on the study "which may designate any geographic area experiencing electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers as a national interest electric transmission corridor." FPA section 216(a)(2), 16 U.S.C. 824p(a)(2). FPA section 216(a)(4) states that in determining whether to designate a national interest electric transmission corridor (National Corridor), the Secretary may consider whether:

(A) the economic vitality and development of the corridor, or the end markets served by the corridor, may be constrained by lack of adequate or reasonably priced electricity;

¹ This report uses the terms "Secretary," "Department," and "DOE" interchangeably.

² Electric transmission congestion (congestion) is the condition that occurs when transmission capacity is not sufficient to enable safe delivery of all scheduled or desired wholesale electricity transfers simultaneously. Congestion results from a transmission capacity constraint (constraint).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 2007-OE-01, Mid-Atlantic Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor; Docket No. 2007-OE-02, Southwest Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor]

National Electric Transmission Congestion Report

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Order.

SUMMARY: The following is a report by the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) on its August 2006 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study under section 216 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). This report and order designates two national interest electric transmission corridors: The Mid-Atlantic Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-01); and the Southwest Area National Interest Electric Transmission

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**Environmental Impact Report/
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and
Proposed Land Use Amendment

San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Application for the

Sunrise Powerlink Project

SCH #2006091071

DOI Control No. DES-07-58

California Public Utilities Commission
and
U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Prepared by
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