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October 17, 2018

Riverside Transmission Reliability Project
California Public Utilities Commission
717 Market Street, Suite 650
San Francisco, California 94103

Re: Riverside Transmission Reliability Project, Request for Undergrounding

Dear Commissioners:

I write to you today to request your consideration for undergrounding a portion of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). Currently, plans call for only a short stretch of the project to be undergrounded. It is my desire to see the portion of the project from where it crosses Interstate 15 near Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road, to where it crosses the Santa Ana River to the south, be undergrounded. I believe this is a distance of approximately three miles.

This stretch of the project will traverse the I-15 corridor which is a very important scenic area to the City of Jurupa Valley and the City of Eastvale, for both existing and future development. Overhead transmission lines would severely impact residential and commercial development and would perpetually detract from an otherwise unobstructed view shed into these vibrant communities.

When this proposed project first arrived on my desk many years ago, the technology to underground transmission lines was new and essentially untested. Since that time however, a 3.5 mile stretch of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project through Chino Hills has been constructed using underground transmission technology, and has been up and running for several years. This nearby example is proof-positive that this is a viable alternative.

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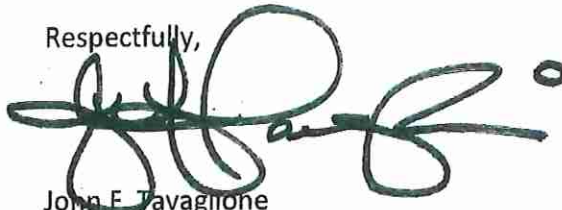
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While the need for this project is very clear, the communities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley who receive virtually no benefit from it, should not be forced to bear the brunt of its impacts. I urge the California Public Utilities Commission to require Southern California Edison to underground the portion of the project that impacts those who live and work in the neighboring cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley. I believe this is a fair and reasonable request, particularly when a similar project just ten or eleven miles to the west has already been required to do the same.

Thank you very much for considering my request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John F. Tavaglione', written in a cursive style.

John F. Tavaglione
Second District Supervisor
County of Riverside