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Assemblymember Steven Bradford, Chair

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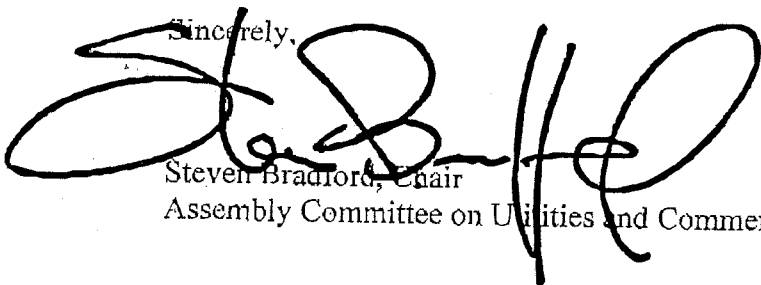
Dear Assemblymember Torres:

Thank you for your letter requesting the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce to hold an informational hearing to examine the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

The committee is in process of scheduling a hearing. Once the details are confirmed we look forward to your participation as well as Assemblymember Hagman and Commissioner Timothy Simon from the California Public Utilities Commission. In the meantime we would greatly appreciate it if your staff would forward us any background information or data that is available which would assist us in our research.

Please contact the committee staff, Sue Kateley or DaVina Flemings at 916-319-2083 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Steven Bradford, Chair
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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Towers in Chino Hills

Dear Assemblymember Torres:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) and the newly built towers in the city of Chino Hills. I appreciate your concerns over how the new towers impact Chino Hills residents near the right-of-way (ROW). I have personally gone to Chino Hills to see the new towers and agree that based on new information the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will reevaluate potential modifications to the approved route.

Based on input we have received from Chino Hills officials, state government representatives and residents, on October 19, 2011, the CPUC directed Southern California Edison (SCE) to stop work on the project that involves FAA tower and conductor marking requirements until the CPUC issues a supplement to the Environmental Impact Report. This stop work order also includes all tower and conductor work in Chino Hills (construction will continue on other segments of the project not affected by the FAA requirements and the Chino Hills concern).

On November 10, 2011, the CPUC reopened the analysis of the Chino Hills section of TRTP and ordered SCE to present testimony on the costs, viability and time lines of alternates, including alternate routes for the line away from the present ROW, undergrounding a portion of the transmission line along the present ROW, and different tower configurations.

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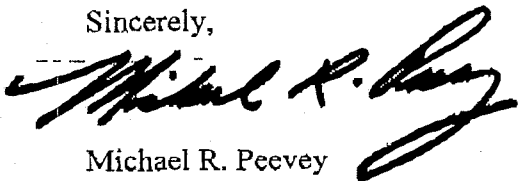
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This will be a public process and the residents and officials of Chino Hills will be given the opportunity to comment. Most likely, some of the alternatives will need to be included in the about mentioned supplemental environmental document. This will take time.

The CPUC is committed to reevaluating the situation in Chino Hills. Thank you again for your letter voicing your concerns regarding the Tehachapi project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Peevey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Michael R. Peevey
President