Public Scoping Comment Form

USDA Rural Development

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal review process and return your completed comment form today or mail by September 21, 2009. Thank you.

Which meeting did you attend? Ft. Garland 8/17/09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- [x] Project Purpose and Need
- [ ] Visual / Aesthetic Resources
- [ ] Proximity to Residences
- [x] Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation)
- [x] Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings)
- [ ] Other: _____
- [x] Historic and Cultural Sites
- [ ] Radio or Television Interference
- [ ] Noise
- [x] Health and Safety
- [x] Biological Resources

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Residential
- [ ] Conservation Easement
- [ ] Commercial
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Other: _____

Please provide your comments on the proposed project in the space provided below:

I-039-001 1. What will the costs of construction of the new line be to SLV customers?

I-039-002 2. What will be the advantages of the new line to SLV customers?

I-039-003 3. Are any other options to managing peak demand to be considered in the EA process?

I-039-004 4. What percentage of the energy in the proposed transmission lines will be for export out of the valley? How much will be made available to SLV customers?

I-039-005 5. Will our energy bills be reduced? If no, why not?

I-039-001: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.

I-039-002: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

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I-039-003: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment from has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-039-004: Purpose and Need (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Project purpose and need will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.

Please submit comments by the following means:

- Leave this form at the public scoping meeting.
- Mail the form or a letter to the address above.
- Submit comments electronically at www.socotransmission.com

Please submit your comments by September 21, 2009.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Representing (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Daytime Phone (Optional): _____

If you would like to receive electronic newsletters on the project, please provide an email address: _____

Please fold this form letter style if you choose to mail it without an envelope. Make sure that your contact information is facing inward when mailing.

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I-039-005: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

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