

July 22, 2021

Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson City of Riverside 3900 Main Street Riverside, CA 92501

Mr. Kevin M. Payne President and Chief Executive Officer Southern California Edison P.O. Box 800 Rosemead, CA 91770

Dear Mayor Lock Dawson and Mr. Payne,

We write to express our continued concerns regarding the proposed Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). As we have previously shared in official comments with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), our constituents strongly oppose the construction of new, above-ground transmission lines as proposed in the RTRP.

The RTRP above-ground transmission lines will negatively impact aesthetics, natural resources, recreational opportunities, fire safety, and property values, especially in the city of Norco, along the Santa Ana River corridor, and in the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area. The residents of these communities have made their position clear – the transmission lines in these areas must be placed underground. While the CPUC has mandated to the undergrounding of sections of the project in other areas, the concerns of our constituents have gone unheeded.

We do not doubt the benefits that certain residents of Riverside will receive from this project, but these beneficiaries do not bear the burden of unsightly and dangerous transmission lines. We must continue to oppose the construction of the RTRP until the concerns of our constituents are adequately addressed. If you would like to discuss these issues in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact Richie O'Connell on Congressman Calvert's staff at 202-225-1986 or <u>Richie.O'Connell@mail.house.gov</u>, or Norco City Clerk Dana Roa at DRoa@ci.norco.ca.us.

We look forward to working with you to address these issues and find common ground as we work to accommodate the needs of our constituents.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

Mayor, City of Norco

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Cc: Riverside City Council Riverside County Board of Supervisors