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**City of Elk Grove, *Lent Ranch Marketplace Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)***

In the DEIR, electrical, aesthetics and visual sections mixes describing “69 kV” specific and just “electrical”.

On page 3.0-17 of the DEIR states:

[ Emphasis added: *Italic Supports SMUD*, Underline confuses Issue

**“Infrastructure and Utilities**

**Telephone, Electrical and Natural Gas**

Telephone service would be provided by Citizen’s Utilities. Electricity would be provided to the project site by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and natural gas by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Project development would *connect to extensions of the existing service lines*, with the *ultimate configuration to be approved by the service providers (i.e., SMUD and PG&E)*. The on-site service lines would be sized to meet the demands of the project and the *applicant would dedicate all public utility easements for underground facilities*. In addition, all development on the project site would comply with Energy Building Regulations adopted by the California Energy Commission (Title 24 of the California Administrative Code) and adopted City of Elk Grove energy conservation requirements.

Pursuant to a *request by SMUD, the applicant would make available for acquisition by SMUD an approximately 15,000 square foot site on the project site, so that SMUD could construct and develop an on-site electrical distribution substation*. SMUD has indicated that the minimum width of the site must be at least 95 feet. Two on-site locations are being proposed for the placement of the substation. The electrical distribution substation would either be placed in the northwest corner within District F or along the western boundary within District B. *Electrical service to the substation would be via an overhead 69kV line located on the south side of Kammerer Road (District B) or from an overhead 69kV line located along the freeway on the northern portion of the project site (District F)*. *The ultimate electrical connection point to the substation would depend on the selection of the site and approval by SMUD*. *Overhead lines would be extended from the connection point and would be converted to underground lines near the substation by way of one or two 40-foot risers*. A 10-foot fence constructed of the same materials used within the Lent Ranch Marketplace site would surround the substation site. In addition to the substation site, *SMUD would be provided with an easement along the western property boundary, and all weather access to the substation site.*”

The 69 kV subtransmission interconnection will be overhead from existing 69 kV lines to the new substation switch poles and transformers and that the 12 kV distribution from the transformer throughout the Lent Ranch Marketplace will be placed underground. Additionally, where the visual discussion (section 4.11 implies (or states) undergrounding that it refers to 12 kV electrical distribution lines.

Please be advised that either the City of El Grove and/or the developers are responsible, not SMUD, for anything beyond normal SMUD undergrounding practices (our design criteria). We also wish that that the 12 kV distribution and 69 kV subtransmission are addressed separately rather than giving one reference.

16. Letter from Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ron Knierim, dated December 8, 2000

**Response 1**

It is unclear precisely what revisions to the Draft EIR text, if any, are being requested in this comment. Consequently, no revisions to the Draft EIR have been made. The City acknowledges that when addressing electricity, 69kV subtransmission and 12kV transmission are different and should be discussed separately. The City and applicant would work with SMUD at the design stage to ensure project consistency with SMUD standards. Please also see Response 3 to the comments presented in the letter from Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Tom Lyons, dated December 8, 2000.