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Mr. Jensen Uchida
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Dear Mr. Uchida:

As a resident and citrus grower in the Elderwood District near Edison's Alternate Route #2 and alternate Route #6, we state the following objections to the plan.

Water in the Elderwood District is a vital and very scarce commodity. As members and a Director on the Board of the Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Co., our ability and that of many others to farm is solely dependent on the availability of a dependable source of water. The proposed Routes #2 and #6 place our water supply in great jeopardy. Route #2 removes one well vital to the district water supply and two private wells supplying water to a large acreage of citrus farmland.

Although Edison is supposed to replace these wells, there is absolutely no assurance that due to the capricious nature of water strata in the area that a well of equal volume and quality could be found.

The tubular tower foundations are placed up to sixty (60) feet deep, this could adversely effect the water table.

In this area, as the underground water strata tends to flow in narrow channels and in spotty locations, any interference with the fragile water supply would cause severe loss of productivity and livelihood to many.

The total amount of productive Citrus Land that would be removed from production for right of away is considerable and a large economic loss.

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The Elderwood Valley is a prime location blessed with natural beauty. The Route of Alternate #2 crosses the valley for approximately one and one-half (1 ½) miles during which five (5) different changes in direction occur. It is at these points that a change to the lattice towers is required. The amount of lattice towers placed in the middle of this beautiful valley would constitute an appalling eyesore. The amount of productive Citrus Land to be destroyed at each direction shift is considerable. This problem is not been addressed in the EIR.

The planned route through Antelope Valley poses two problems:

1. A section of the line passes directly through known vernal pools.
2. The Antelope Valley is known to the Yokut Indians as their Sacred Creation Site. It is here that they believe they arose from the earth. Their very vocal and obstructive actions must be taken into consideration.

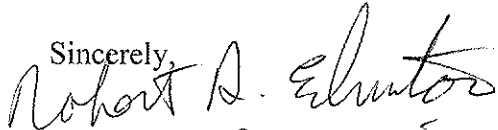
The objections to Alternate Route #3 because of the Vernal Pools has been shown to be invalid as a by-pass was not investigated thoroughly enough in the EIR.

Unfortunately, the EIR does not address any of the critical issues in any way.

Because of these critical circumstances it cannot be stated strong enough that the Northern Route Alternate #3 with modifications be selected as the preferred route.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert and Mary Edmiston