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**From:** Lynette Ramirez [mailto:hlsbramirez@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2009 11:21 PM  
**To:** San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Project  
**Subject:** power lines

Dear Mr. Jensen Uchida,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed power line route. My address is 28687 Rd. 148 in Visalia, directly north of the substation. No matter what route you take our property will be affected. We are actually somewhat encouraged that the powerlines will be taller and have fewer poles on our property. This is especially concerning since we have three small children.

My personal request is that we would receive proper notification of when our property will be affected, and on how large of a scale. We currently farm mandarin oranges under the current power structure. Considering the fact that the new lines are proposed to go in during the winter months is particularly concerning since watering the trees is our only source of frost protection. We would appreciate knowing the exact location of the proposed poles and how they would affect our farming operation.

My second and greatest concern is over the proposed route 2 line. This would run directly through the Hengst property in Elderwood. Being the daughter of Bob Hengst, I am particularly concerned that this route would completely destroy a long established farming operation. This would be heartbreaking to our family and also affect future generations of our family.

It was the desire of my husband and I to one day move on to the Hengst property in the exact path of the route 2 line. To top things off, we have been unable to sell our current property largely because of the devaluing of our property value due to the existing lines. Although we currently have about 30 acres. We have been told that the 15 acres surrounding the powerlines is of little to no value.

Although I realize we need to update our power system and that our current property will have to be affected in some way, I am pleading with you to show some common sense and take the alternative route 3.

Sincerely,  
Lynette Ramirez