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**Subject:** Edison proposal

Mr. Jensen Uchida  
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Dear Mr. Uchida,

I write regarding the proposed new high-capacity power line to be run from Big Creek to Visalia. I would like to express my support for the third proposed route because it would do the least damage to farmland.

I am a relative of the Hengst family, whose members operate Hengst Farms, which would be deeply impacted by the PUC's route. I therefore write out of concern for my family members. But I am also concerned about the impact of development on farmland, especially farms that are operated by family farmers, who are a disappearing breed in this country. Farmers are being squeezed from many different directions - by the global economy, by local development in service to an increasing population, by an increase in regulations, and by other factors. Development in the form of electricity is usually a good thing, but it should be carried out with the least impact on the small farmer.

There is no route that will satisfy absolutely everyone, and I do realize this. I realize there are environmental considerations, although it seems that those can be satisfactorily addressed with any of the three proposed routes. But in any case I urge you to choose a route that has a low agricultural impact and does not go through the Hengst properties.

Sincerely,

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