

Comment Set 13

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To the California Public Utilities Commission, c/o Nicolas Procos
 PUC No. A.01-07-004

I have reviewed the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study (MND) on the Atlantic-Delmar Reinforcement Project. I believe the CPUC would be remiss in adopting the mitigated negative declaration for this project as outlined in the PG&E document and proposal. The use of 80-100 ft poles with overhead conductors along the railroad line creates aesthetic, wildlife, historical/cultural, and public safety issues which do not qualify the project as proposed for a mitigated negative declaration. For these reasons, the proposed powerlines should be routed underground along the the railroad.

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First, a comment on the arithmetic of the project. Per A-2 of the MND study, the proposed project would increase normal capacity from 65 MW to over 117MW, providing emergency capacity of 77MW. From where is the 77MW number derived? Why does PG&E consider an overage of 80% of limit to be a necessary "emergency capacity?" 77MW would suggest that the current requirement is actually 40MW, meaning the substation today has a greater than 25% emergency capacity.

Per the draft MND and the proposal, PG&E projects "possible power shortfalls" as early as Summer 2002. What is the cause of this shortfall? No detailed explanation is provided. What area does the Del Mar substation serve? If properly rendered with the housing density as it exists today, Figure I-1 would indicate that this area is already extremely densely populated. From where then is the projected spike in demand coming? Studies conducted this past summer by the State of California indicate that energy demands in California increase at a near-constant rate of 4% per year.

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The power line is to be built to 115KV standards for future conversion (using the same poles and conductors), although no requirement is projected by PG&E for this amount of supply. (The proposal is to maintain the existing 60KV lines where they currently route, and add the proposed lines on a separate route and circuit.) This begs the question: what do 60kV lines look like, since this is what the project is supposed to supply? Are the poles small/shorter, for instance, and thus less obtrusive?

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In Pages A-3 and B-5, it states that the poles along Sierra Meadows can be designed for double circuits. If this is true, why then is PG&E not replacing the existing 60kV poles/lines along the entire existing stretch from Atlantic to DelMar substations with the 115KV double

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circuit poles? A small part of the argument for this proposal is redundancy, i.e. lose one circuit, still have the other. However, this is not a requirement, but a "nice to have" feature which will upend the current quality of life and environment along the proposed line.

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Regarding EMF, on B-10 no mention is made on how PG&E will implement the CPUC's EMF mitigation requirements, only that PG&E is "committed." This is an incomplete mitigation proposal. Please specify how PG&E intends to actually implement the mitigation requirements. There are at least 10 homes on 2nd St, between Midas and Cedar, which would now lie well within the potential hazard area.

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Another safety issue: No mention is made in the MND or project proposal about the Kinder Morgan petroleum storage facility and pumping station located approximately 100 ft SW of Sunset Ave and within 100 feet of the railroad tracks. http://www.kindermorgan.com/ehs/ehs_kmp_page1.cfm This pumping station stores and supplies JP-4 and JP-5 jet fuel to Fallon Air Station in Nevada. There are 5 large above ground storage tanks filled with these fuels. A little information on fuels (I am an aeronautical engineer): <http://members.aol.com/afp1fire/jp-8.htm> JP-4 is comprised primarily of paraffin; thus the flashpoint for JP-4 is quite low - 0 degrees F (yes!). JP-5 has a flash point of 140 deg F. A derailment pushing power lines with high-voltage conductors into these tanks would be sufficient to cause a major disaster. This is not an insignificant possibility. A review of the Federal Railroad Administration's data from the Office of Safety Analysis on collisions and derailments indicates that Union Pacific Railroad alone had 80 derailments in California in 2000, 3 of them in Placer County. On average, there are 4.5 derailments/year in Placer County over the past 5 years. In fact, there was a collision between a Kinder Morgan truck and a UP train at the Rocklin facility in 1998. This safety issue alone is sufficient reason to underground the power lines.

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Impacts to wildlife: According to Table B-3, the poles and conductors will be installed between Feb 2, 2002 and May 2002. This time period, by the MND's own statistics, is prime breeding season for all of the species mentioned in the special status wildlife table. How are the mitigation measures specified really expected to work in prime mating and birthing season? There are not a few birds here; from personal observation, there are at least 6 hawks and 6 owls who hunt and nest in the area between the Atlantic Substation and Farron St. Pages B-21 and B-51 state that 21 native oaks are to be removed. Please state specifically where these are, and how their removal will not "significantly impact" nesting of the special species.

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I am especially disappointed in the MND's approach and attitude towards the aesthetic impact of this project. This MND attempts to paint the proposed stretch through Rocklin as somehow already blighted by many power poles, the railroad, and a proposed multi-mode rail station. I note a huge lack of representative views of the true impact of this project. The three photos and simulations show the only existing distribution power lines in the area, in what I believe is a disingenuous attempt to lessen the impact of the proposed poles and circuits. The simulations of the 80 ft poles are unnaturally faint, also presenting a false image of aesthetic impact. I find the view along Sierra Meadows, with its parallel simulation especially deceiving: this is the small span a few hundred feet from the DelMar

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station which has always looked bad because it is a transition point for all supply and distribution to and from this substation. This view should not be representative of the conditions along the other 3.5 miles of the project!

The facts are these: I can stand on the tracks at Sunset Ave, Farron St, Rocklin Road, and Midas Ave, and whether I look up or down the tracks, I will see only two small poles carrying power distribution lines. I can stand along 95% of the span between Sunset and Midas looking across the tracks and see no poles. How then is the addition of 7 100-ft poles with the parabolic arc of drooping conductors in the same span of distance not a significant, non-mitigable impact? If this report were truthful, more views of existing scenic views without the lines should be shown, and the simulations would show the poles to scale and darkened accurately.

The MND also claims that the presence of the railroad alone is so deleterious from an aesthetic perspective that the addition of high-voltage lines is only a small contribution in visual blight. I would counter that the railroad is on the ground, below most people's line of sight. In addition, railcars pass intermittently throughout the day; power poles are eternal. The MND also indicates that a multi-modal rail station is proposed, and insinuates that it will not be attractive, as well. I have attended the City Council and Planning meetings in Rocklin for the past 10 years, and I have seen the City's and the railroad's Rail Station proposal. It is an attractive design, with some classic Craftsman-period elements. It will improve, not detract from, the aesthetics of downtown/Old Town Rocklin.

This leads me to another point. The City of Rocklin has literally spent over \$2 Million over the past 10 years to enhance the aesthetics of the Old Town historic district along Front St. We have a designated Historical District along Front Street. Putting the lines on the opposite side of the tracks is insufficient mitigation. The Old Town residents have individually each made \$40k+ in improvements to their homes and properties. My neighbor on Front St has carefully "gingerbreaded" his home front, and paid \$3500 to PGE when he personally undergrounded his power supply line last year to remove the visual blight. PG&E is now going to add new, ugly lines and poles back in to his vista?

Finally, there is the financial issue. PG&E states that it is more expensive to underground high-voltage lines, and they do not have the resources to pay for it. There is no data provided by PG&E to support this. It may be true that the acquisition cost to install lines is greater for undergrounding. However, the Life Cycle Cost, the true cost of any project, is much lower for undergrounded lines. Undergrounded lines require little to no maintenance; elevated lines are subject to weathering and downing. It is for this reason that PG&E insisted that Rocklin's distribution lines be undergrounded beginning 10 years ago. Is it not hypocritical to now state that overhead lines are cheaper?

Please do not approve a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Atlantic-Delmar upgrade proposal until the proposal is to underground the lines.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Allegra Hakim

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Comment Set 14

Larry and Kathy Flure
3620 Farron Street
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November 6, 2001

Nicholas Procos, CPUC
c/o **Aspen Environmental Group**
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: *Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project*

Dear Mr. Procos:

This letter is written by not only concerned citizens of Rocklin, CA, but by people who are homeowners within a very short distance (approximately 150 feet) of where a High Voltage power line project proposed by PG&E is to run through the heart of our valued city. We have been residents of Rocklin, CA for 20 years and feel our comments and concerns should bear some weight in the CPUC's determination as to whether this proposed project and its power lines should either be aboveground or underground.

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When we moved here 20 years ago, we had just one young child. We have since raised our children and they still reside with us today. We are very concerned about the health risk this project may put us all at if these 110-foot, 60 kV power poles are erected so close to our home. We live only one house away from the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks. We bear a financial loss because of living so close to the Railway and we knew that when we purchased our home. However, it is a very small financial loss compared to the great financial impact this proposed project, with its 110-foot High Voltage Power poles in our front and back yards will have on us. Our real estate consultant has informed us that we would suffer a great resale value loss if this project were to be approved above ground. If we ever plan to sell our home it would most likely be very difficult to find a buyer with such restrictions this project would impose upon us.

There is another great concern to us, which is the Jet fuel tank farm just west of Sunset Blvd. We can only see the potential hazard of having such a highly explosive and flammable fuel next to High Voltage Power Lines and Railroad Tracks. Since we have resided here in Rocklin, there have been 2 train derailments that we know of in very close proximity of these Fuel tanks.

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Nicholas Procos, CPUC
 c/o **Aspen Environmental Group**
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There was a train versus truck accident with flammable gases on board at the crossing near the tanks in 1997. The potential of a catastrophic accident certainly exists and with this proposed project, it appears that another potential disaster is eminent and that scares us.

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We are also concerned with the esthetic impact this will have on our older part of Rocklin. We the citizens have worked very hard to preserve the historical views and rural setting of Old Town Rocklin. These 110-foot High Voltage Power poles do not fit into the area in which they are proposed to go nor do they fit in anywhere. We do not feel a fair environmental study was conducted. We are the environment and we are impacted greatly. Our health concerns are very real and impacted, as well as our financial future is impacted. This is all very real to us and our safety is a very realistic concern. All these topics discussed in this letter are very real to us and we simply cannot believe that a full and thorough investigation has been conducted because if this seems so clear for us to see, then why is it so impossible for a large corporation to see the environmental and health risks associated with this proposed aboveground project, especially with the resources available to such a corporation to conduct a proper investigation?

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For all concerned we come to you, the CPUC, and ask for your help in making a fair and smart decision and we also ask that if the project is approved in the proposed area, then you, the CPUC, insist that PG&E place the high voltage lines underground.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Flure
Kathy A. Flure

Larry and Kathy Flure

Comment Set 15

From: NELSON,KIM (HP-Roseville,ex1) [kim_nelson@hp.com]
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Subject: A.01-07-004

Importance: High

Hi,

I was at the "Informational Meeting" held in Rocklin on Oct. 25 on the Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project. This is the first time I had attended such a meeting. I was thoroughly disappointed and quite irritated at what I saw and heard. For an "Informational Meeting" there was little information given. There was a copy of a report available for most, but not all, of the participants. However, that report raised more questions that, for the most part, went unanswered. P.G.&E representatives were present, but made no effort to answer questions. The CPUC representatives seemed to be answering for them. If this is such a great project why did the CPUC answer for P.G.&E.? It appeared that the CPUC representatives were bored and were doing this because it was a "have to" situation. That the decision was a done deal. They did not even take any notes of the questions and concerns raised by the city representative and the citizens of Rocklin. I was not impressed.

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The city of Rocklin representative pointed out, early on, that there were misrepresentations and falsehoods in the report on the city's position and 'agreed to' statements in the report. No comment from the CPUC or P.G.&E. Individual citizens pointed out problems with the report as well, as in the incorrectness of the maps in the report. CPUC's reply---the report was P.G.&E.'s not theirs. But the report was and is all that was presented. It was presented as factual. When pressed the CPUC rep declared it was a factual and truthful representation.

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I fail to see how this report can be considered factual when there are misquotes, untruths, and misrepresentations. The pictures supposedly indicating how the power poles will look are extremely misleading in the angle and convenient use of vegetation to hide them. They depict poles that appear to be only slightly higher, if at all, than a normal power pole and are mysteriously(?) lighter in color than a real photo would show. Information is purposely skewed in P.G.&E.'s interested and presented to the public as being a CPUC document. I expect more---a lot more from a supposedly unbiased government organization.

It appears the main reason P.G.&E. wants to put up the 110 foot poles is to be able to move the existing 60KV line over to it when Pacific/Taylor Rd. gets improved, not "a possible future upgrade" to 115kV. At the time of the street improvements they would have to address putting the existing line underground. They do not want to do that. Or perhaps do away with it completely. One of the unanswered questions at the meeting is what is their real need of another line? What is the current power useage on the existing line? The unclear statement by the CPUC on capacity increase of the additional line and the emergency capacity stated in the report was questioned and asked for clarification. This was never addressed as well. The maps presented in the report do not show any of the historical areas or Rocklin that may be disturbed by power line placement. Where is the location of the old roundhouse, turntable and repair areas that were located in Rocklin?

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Why is the tank farm not shown on the maps? Why are complete housing developments not shown on the maps? The list goes on and on. But no notes were taken by the CPUC so I doubt that answers will ever be forthcoming. I cannot overemphasize how unhappy and irritated I am at this situation. This is a bad idea and should not continue as proposed. There needs to be a full public revue with the interests of the city of Rocklin and its citizens fully supported. The report submitted to the public is full of holes and half truths to be purposefully misleading.

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It is obvious that P.G.&E. is trying to circumvent having to do a full EIR. It is obvious they feel this is just a formality that they have to do. That they are just going through the motions. That there is nothing the city of Rocklin or the citizens of Rocklin can do to change it. And the CPUC appears to be supporting and making it easy for them.

Kim Nelson
 PO Box 2228
 Rocklin, CA 95677

Comment Set 16

November 9, 2001

Nicolas Procos, CPUC
C/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery St., Ste 800
San Francisco CA 94104

Dear Sir:

Re: Proposed PG&E Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project -- Rocklin
A.01-07-004

We request consideration for undergrounding the proposed power line along the railroad tracks in Rocklin. We have seen two different train derailments with rail cars laying along the east side of the tracks at the proposed location of these poles. This is a very serious safety issue.

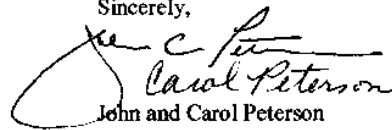
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As residents we have devoted a lot of time and effort providing input into the "Rocklin Downtown Revitalization Plan" and the plans for the reconstruction of the railroad depot. We have given much of our time and funds to preserve Rocklin's history and currently are working on the restoration of the Victorian house to be used as a museum. We plan to conduct living history programs and walking tours in this historic area. The City of Rocklin has undergrounded wires in much of this area and putting new lines in overhead is counterproductive to all the local efforts already achieved. These wires will be in the view from the front of the museum.

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As ratepayers and stockholders we urge your consideration of first costs versus maintainance costs in making this decision as well as the consideration of safety issues and quality of life issues in preserving the historic flavor of our downtown community.

Sincerely,



John and Carol Peterson
3410 Oakcreek Dr.
Rocklin CA 95677

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November 12, 2001

Nicolas Procas, CPUC
 % Apex Environmental Group
 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 800
 San Francisco, CA 94104
 Re: Atlantic - Del Mar Reinforcement Project

Dear Mr. Procas:

As a concerned resident of Rocklin, I oppose having High Voltage Power Lines suspended 75 to 110 feet high and running approximately four miles along the railroad tracks as proposed by Pacific Gas & Electric.

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I am proud of our City and what it has become. These high power lines would be an exposure for our wonderful City and I support the proposal by the City of Rocklin that these power lines be put underground.

Property values would fall and property tax revenues would also decrease and this is not fair to the citizens of Rocklin.

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Please support our plea for underground power lines.

Sincerely,

Beverly Hughes
 5915 Kingwood Circle
 Rocklin, Ca 95677

Comment Set 18



California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study Comment

PG&E's Proposed Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project

Name*: RONALD TALMAGE
 Affiliation*(if any): RESIDENT + FORMER REAL ESTATE APPRAISER (12 YEARS IN 2000)
 Address*: 5607 OELANO WAY
 City, State, Zip Code*: ROCKLIN, CA 95677
 Telephone Number*: 916-625-9373
 Email*: _____

I HAVE NUMEROUS CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PROJECT THAT LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT THESE LINES MUST BE PLACED UNDERGROUND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC. THE PG&E PROPOSAL APPEARS TO BE BASED UPON A DATED MAP (PROBABLY MID 1970S) WHICH DOES NOT SHOW THE SUBDIVISION I LIVE IN OR AN APARTMENT COMPLEX ADJACENT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON SUNSET BLVD (ADJACENT TO POLE 16 ON FIGURE H OF THE PLANNED VIEW POINT MAP). ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL + BUSINESS PROPERTIES NOT REPRESENTED ON THE MAP ARE ADJACENT TO POLES 8, 12 + 13. I AM TOLD BY LONG TIME ROCKLIN RESIDENTS THAT THE POPULATION HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED SINCE MAP WAS PUBLISHED, IT SINCE ANY CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY PG&E AS TO THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY WOULD APPEAR TO BE IRRELEVANT BASED UPON CURRENT CONDITIONS. THE ENTIRE STANFORD PARK DEVELOPMENT N.W. OF THE PROJECT IS NOT REPRESENTED ON THE MAP! AS A RETIRED REAL ESTATE APPRAISER (CRAT # A R 009242) I CAN TELL YOU THAT CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THESE LINES WILL AFFECT VALUE FROM 3% 10% MINIMUM FOR ANY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, IN MY OPINION. IN DOLLARS FOR MY NEIGHBORHOOD THIS WOULD MEAN A \$5,000 TO 20,000 PROBABLE REDUCTION IN VALUE.

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* Please print. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.

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I UNDERSTAND FROM KENT OZKEY THAT PG&E HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE THE ADDRESSES OF ALL COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN 150 FT. OF THE LINES & THE RIGHT OF WAY. PG&E APPARENTLY CLAIMED ONLY ONE PROPERTY WAS AFFECTED. (PERSONALLY MEASURED THE DISTANCE FROM THE RR TRACKS TO THE PROPERTY LINES (FENCE) AT THE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS FOR POLES 8, 12, 13, 16 & 22 AND WHERE POSSIBLE FROM FENCES PROBABLY BEYOND THE RIGHT OF WAY, IN ALL INSTANCES EXCEPT POLE #8, THE FENCES WERE WITHIN 150 FT OF THE TRACKS AND/OR RIGHT OF WAY FENCE. IN ONE INSTANCE AT POLE #12 THE TOTAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE FENCE & TAYLOR ROAD WAS ONLY 140 FT!! THIS MEANS THAT REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE POLE IS PLACED ALL SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON TAYLOR ROAD WILL BE WITHIN 150 FT. OF THE LINES ON A DAILY BASIS!! PUBLISHED STUDIES INDICATE THAT HARMFUL E.M.F. FIELDS MAY EXTEND TO AS MUCH AS 1000 FT FROM LINES SUPPORTED BY 80-110 FT POLES. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A GREATER THAN 50% CHANCE THAT THIS IS TRUE. IF THE STUDIES ARE CORRECT A REMENOUS NUMBER OF PROPERTIES WILL BE ADVERSELY EFFECTED. MANY OF THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THESE HOMES COULD BE AT RISK.

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Comment**

PG&E's Proposed Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project

Name*: RONALD TALMAGE
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Address*: 5607 ORLANDO WAY
City, State, Zip Code*: ROCKLIN, CA 95677
Telephone Number*: _____
Email*: _____

I BELIEVE THAT THESE LINES MUST BE PLACED UNDERGROUND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY/HEALTH AND PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY VALUES FOR WORKING CLASS CITIZENS. THE PROXIMITY OF POLE #12 ALONE SHOULD DICTATE THE ONLY VIABLE OPTION IS TO PLACE THESE LINES UNDERGROUND. TAYLOR ROAD IS THE PRIMARY FRAZER STREET IN ROCKLIN FROM EASTBOUND. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPENSATE ALL OF THE COMMUTERS + RESIDENTS THAT TRAVEL THIS ROAD REGULARLY THAT DO NOT RESIDE IN HOMES WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE LINES.

DO THE RIGHT THING. I DO NOT BELIEVE ANY REASONABLE PERSON COULD POSSIBLY AGREE TO ALLOW PG&E TO INSTALL THESE LINES ABOVE GROUND BASED UPON THE PROXIMITY TO SO MANY HOMES + A PRIMARY ROADWAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

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Comment Set 19

To: Nicolas Procos, CPUC
 From: Kevin R. George
 Date: 8 November 2001

Dear Mr. Procos, I'm a resident of Rocklin, CA, and live near the railroad tracks that cross between Sunset Blvd. and Midas Ave where PG&E plans to put 100' tall power poles of high voltage in the near future. I have many concerns about this project to say the least.

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First is the eye sore this will create as Rocklin has done a good job of having the majority of its power lines underground. The downtown area has been rebuilding for several years now and starting to take good shape and bring in people to shop. The aesthetics are pleasing in downtown Rocklin and these power poles would be a major eye sore, as with viewing these poles from my residence on Delano Way near the tracks.

My second concern is property values. I had looked at buying a house in Folsom, CA prior to buying my house in Rocklin. Practically every place I looked in Folsom I'd walk into the backyard and the first thing I'd see were these unsightly power poles buzzing overhead. No wonder the prices of these houses were so reasonable. Nobody wants to view this from his or her yard. I'm inclined to put my house on the market if this plan goes through. I'm in the middle of a refinance, and I've put that on hold, as I don't know if I'll stay in the house now.

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My third concern is the proximity of the power poles to the railroad tracks. There have been a couple of derailments in the last couple of decades and sooner or later there will be another. Things like broken axles, and engineers falling asleep just happen. I understand the power poles will be within 15 feet of the tracks, which makes them a likely target in the event of a derailment. With the height of these power poles, they're within reach of several residences along this section between Sunset and Midas. To me, it's not a question of if, but of when.

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My fourth and last concern is the one that bothers me most. About a half mile away as the crow flies from my house, just on the other side of Sunset near the corner with Pacific Ave. is a facility with a set of large storage tanks containing jet fuel. This facility supplies jet fuel to places like the Air Force bases in Fallon, NV and Beale AFB near Marysville, CA. I walked along the train tracks next to this facility and a planned power pole is close enough to the tracks that a derailment could bring the power lines down on a nearby transformer leading into the storage tank facility. I can't even fathom what an explosion at this facility would do. Not only are the power poles susceptible to a train derailment, but there have been several accidents in recent years around California where low flying aircraft like helicopters have flown into power lines, particularly in inclement weather.

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So I plead with you. Please look into having these power lines put underground. I'm having a hard time believing the cost is that much more. And over the life of these lines, I would believe maintenance would also be cheaper in the long run. Help save our city from these eyesores and potential catastrophic emergencies.


 Yours truly, Kevin R. George
 5615 Delano Way
 Rocklin, CA 95677
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Members of P.U.C.

I am Roger Barkhurst. Several years ago I was on the Rocklin City council. We with P. G. & E. passed under grounding power lines in which P. G. & E. was very happy with A5-vote. Now I see about face by which they want to put High voltage power poles made with metal 110 feet high down on Railroad right away.

Gentlemen, with the rate of hazard materials going through Rocklin and more traffic than ever more Union Pacific and other Railroads using the same Rails, now you have got all this High power wires plus the fact you have fuel farmtanks along side them, then here possible comes a derailment at that point and hits a power pole and the power pole is knocked over into the farmtanks full of gas, jet fuel or other chemicals. I do not need to tell you what will happen with all the housing close by.

I have been on derailments, they can be miner or very bad. We have had derailments in Rocklin not to long ago. One instant where a single locomotive was out of control was going to fast it flipped off the track. The firemen was killed and the engineer was injured. I have photos of this. There has been derailments since then.

I was with the S. P. Fire Department, I spent 33 year with the Rocklin Government. So I say where is the common sense putting more danger in the area?

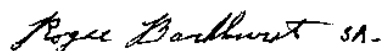
Yours Truly,

Ex Firechief

Ex Mayor

Ex City Councilmen

Roger Barkhurst SA.



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November 1, 2001

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Ref: Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project

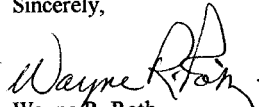
Dear Mr. Procos,

As a concerned citizen, I oppose the running of High Voltage Power Lines through the City of Rocklin above ground level.

The City of Rocklin is currently protesting this proposal by Pacific Gas & Electric, asking that these power lines be put underground. I support this request. The day of running overhead High Voltage Power Lines through cities and incorporated areas is a thing of the past.

As a PG&E customer, I am fully in support of having PG&E offer a plan to put the power lines underground, regardless of the cost. That is simply the cost of doing business in a responsible way today.

Sincerely,



Wayne R. Roth
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Rocklin, CA 95677

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Re: Atlantic Del-Mar Reinforcement Project

Dear Mr. Procos:

As a concerned Californian citizen, I oppose the installation of suspended High Voltage Lines in Rocklin, CA. These High Voltage Lines will cause problems for the citizens of Rocklin, as well as negatively change the quality of life in Rocklin.

As you may be aware, the City of Rocklin is currently protesting this proposal by Pacific Gas and Electric and ask that the power lines be placed underground. It is understood the need for additional power lines exists to allow the City of Rocklin to continue to thrive in its current state as well as grow in the future. However, they do not need to be above ground. I have checked with a family member who works for another large power company about this issue and he agrees that, while it is cheaper for a company to install above ground lines, that the lines can be unsightly. There is no reason why they cannot be placed underground.

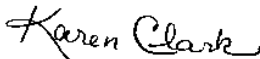
I recently moved to Roseville, CA, a wonderful town with great people and great opportunities. However, Roseville has taken the cheaper way out with their power lines. Instead of enjoying the beautiful landscape, parks and the corresponding architecture, we are stuck with looking up and seeing large towers with High Voltage Lines. Not only is this unsightly, we must listen to incessant buzzing while trying to walk, bike or even talk with our neighbors. Believe me, this has truly placed a negative twist on my total view of the City of Roseville. Please do not allow this to happen to Rocklin.

In addition, many people are concerned about Electro-Magnetic Field (EMF) emissions. Granted, there are still studies being done about EMF, but the bottom line is that if people are concerned about their and their family's safety, they will act – and very possibly leave areas of Rocklin to escape from the High Voltage Lines. The negative impact of falling property values stands as a barrier for Rocklin's current and future way of life.

Safety is yet another problem. As a hot air balloon crewperson, I am aware of the dangers of these lines. Not only will they obstruct the usage of the air for activities such as ballooning, kiting, etc., but they could be a problem if the lines were damaged or loosened and become grounded. Please keep in mind the safety concerns for the individuals in Rocklin in their outdoor activities and travels.

Mr. Procos, I ask that the power lines be placed underground instead of above ground and the costs of this procedure be shared amongst all PG & E customers, making the cost minimal. I stand behind the City of Rocklin and protest against overhead High Voltage Power Lines.

Sincerely,



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Date 11-3-01

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
Dear Mr Procos,

As a concerned citizen, I oppose having High Voltage Power Lines, suspended 75 to 110 feet high, running for roughly four miles through historic, downtown Rocklin, along the railroad tracks. This proposal represents a threat to Rocklin's quality of life.

The City of Rocklin is currently protesting this proposal by Pacific Gas & Electric, asking that these power lines be put underground. I support this request, despite the costs involved, because it is the right thing to do. Overhead, high voltage power lines, cause many concerns that have not been fully addressed in the PG& E plan. For instance, Rocklin has renovated downtown with repaved streets, new landscaped medians and other improvements. Overhead power lines would take away from downtown's redevelopment, and permanently mar Rocklin's skyline. Crossing through town, residents would pass under these lines many times a day. At outdoor restaurants, church parking lots, and backyards, residents will hear the electrical buzzing sounds. This is a threat to our quality of life.

Safety issue will also ensue. Elector-Magnetic Field (EMF) emissions are problematic, whether real or perceived. Train derailments, however, could be cataclysmic. If a tower in the railroad corridor were struck, the impacts would be un-estimatable, especially if the tower struck the fuel depot on Sunset. Property value issues are also very real. Real estate agents are already having trouble showing properties in the downtown corridor. Property values will fall from 10% - 20%. This means that everyday people stand to personally lose from \$20,000 to \$50,000 on up, most without compensation from PG & E. This is devastating. Power to accommodate new growth is being supplied on the backs of the downtown residents through their loss of property value, just to save PG&E money. Property tax revenues would also decrease. This is not fair to anyone in Rocklin.

I am in support of having PG&E offer a plan to put the power lines underground, regardless of the cost, which, when spread across all PG&E customers Statewide, would be minimal to none. I stand behind the City of Rocklin and protest against overhead high voltage Power Lines.

Additional comments (handwrite or type) I very much agree with this letter and feel I you need to up date your map & investigate how many people this will effect. I also feel that we should put the power lines under ground for all the above reasons & many
 Sincerely, 

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(Sign letter, fold, seal and mail - Thank You!)

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←(cont) → more. Why are we paying for San Francisco's underground lines? We also have a very good business off Sunset & Pacific by the big tanks that view is enough, the danger is already there if you put the towers next to the tanks & the track & the already flood problems in that area WOW! what a mess. Then we only live 3-4 min from work by the tracks, our home is over 100 yrs & has been in the family for that & we have all seen many changes but I really feel as a mother of 3 young children & a business owner that this would really hurt us At home & work.
Please put them underground for everyone business & families in Rocklin save our beauty.

Also see notes on the attached papers. *[Signature]*

* Please print. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.

Please either deposit this sheet at the sign-in table before you leave today, or fold and seal, stamp and mail. Attach or insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be received by November 16, 2001. Comments may also be emailed to atlanticdelmar@aspenerg.com

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Comment Set 24



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PG&E's Proposed Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project

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As Rocklin residents we feel strongly that the proposed power line plan is a mistake. These lines should be buried underground where they would be a concern to only those responsible for or directly benefitting from them.

To run lines above ground is against a city ordinance. Just because you have an easement right doesn't mean its the best solution. To run lines through peoples lives, next to tanks full of explosive/flammable liquids, a newly redeveloped town doesn't seem worth the few dollars it would save

Please put these lines underground.
Thank you.

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