

The Town of
Woodside

February 27, 2003

Billie Blanchard
California Public Utilities Commission
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
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San Francisco, CA 94104-2906

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

On behalf of the Town of Woodside, I would like to provide you with several comments about the scope of the proposed Environmental Impact Report (EIR) PG&E's Jefferson-Martin 230kV Transmission Line Project. First, I would like to register our disappointment that we were not notified of the Public Scoping Meetings in time to send a representative. I would like the Town to be placed upon your list of interested parties so that the staff can monitor the progress of the EIR and the project approval process.

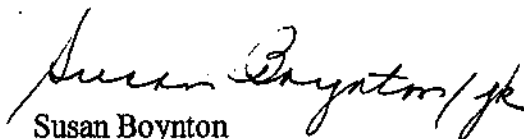
The project encompasses a monumental undertaking, doubling the width of the rights-of-way needed for the transmission lines and significantly increasing the height of the towers. The construction, which will include modification of the existing Jefferson and Martin substations to accommodate the new 230kV line will damage and disrupt areas within the watershed and other open space areas on the Peninsula, and may seriously impact native plants and animal species both during and after the construction. We are concerned about these impacts upon the biological resources within the project area and about the potential negative aesthetic impact of taller, more visible transmission towers. Our review of the "Summary of Potential Issues or Impacts" provided some assurance that these issues will be adequately addressed in the EIR, but I need to stress our ongoing concern about these potential impacts. Ensuring a rigorous environmental review process is extremely critical for the protection of this important region.

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Please place the Town's name and address on your list of parties interested in receiving notices of upcoming meetings and all relevant publications.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


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