

Regional Open Space

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

March 27, 2003

Ms. Billie C. Blanchard
California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Jefferson Martin 230 kV Transmission Line Project

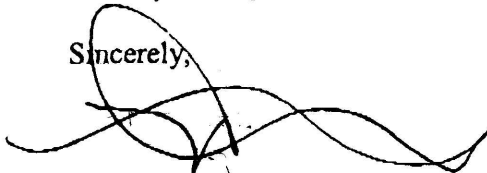
Dear Ms. Blanchard:

In an effort to clarify a statement that was made in our letter to you regarding the Proponent's Environmental Assessment for the Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Line Project prepared by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, dated March 13, 2003, the District would like PG&E to pursue a project alternative that would not impact and/or encroach upon dedicated park and open space lands. This includes land owned and/or managed by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, San Mateo County, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

As a public agency, the District has acquired over 48,000 acres of land in the foothills, hillsides, and ridgetops of the Santa Cruz Mountains over the past thirty-one years. Together with other agencies, the District works to preserve an open space greenbelt to protect the Bay Area's scenic and wildland backdrops for its visual beauty, historic landscapes, for the protection of natural resources and sensitive habitats, and for public enjoyment and recreation. It is our belief that implementation of the Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Line Project, as proposed, will greatly compromise these public lands that have been protected.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



L. Craig Britton
General Manager

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cc: MROSD Board of Directors