Jefferson-Martin Transmission Project

From: Arline Dixon [dixon@pacbell.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2003 9:14 PM
To: jeffmartin@aspeneg.com
Subject: Jefferson-Martin project

I had meant to fax the comment sheet earlier today but my father just passed away and this was set aside. I hope my comments can still have some effect. I have become acutely aware of the impact of this project just recently. I can't believe how many homes are in very close proximity to the towers. I believe that the existing towers have no real EMF dangers as they currently exist but I have seen no safety information about the EMF safety relating to the new proposed project. I believe that many people are truly frightened at the potential dangers and no one seems to be able to provide evidence of safety. I am a real estate agent with a home listed close to a tower (about 300' away). There was a buyer a couple of weeks ago ready to put in an offer on the home but they decided against the house when they learned of the project. They had a 6 month old baby and felt that they could not put their child in jeopardy. If I could have told them of plans to underground at that area of Hillsborough, I know that they would have proceeded with the purchase. This is a definite example of how property values are detrimentally effected. Why can't actual facts be given relating to safety? If they can't be given then I definitely think human health should never be sacrificed to save dollars. My understanding is that it would be a small percentage of the project cost to underground part of the lines close to homes. I trust people will take precedent over costs and that a better route can be taken if not the underground one.
Thank you,
Arline Dixon

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From: Bobuc49@cs.com

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2003 9:41 PM

To: Jeffmartin@aspeneg.com

Subject: Oppostion statement relative to proposed Jefferson-Martin power line extension.

As residents of the Hillsborough area that would be negatively affected by the proposed Jefferson-Martin line extension along Interstate 280, we want to register our opposition to that proposal.

It has been indicated that these new lines would increase the risk to area residents from increased magnetic fields associated with the lines due to the higher voltages being transmitted. Whether or not these dangers to individuals in the affected area are a reality is immaterial. The significant factor is the PERCEPTION that potential buyers would have as to the associated risks when considering purchase of any affected property. All the assurances of "Big Daddy" corporations as to the safety aspect have no relevance whatsoever

A related factor is the negative affect erection of the towers would have on the environment. Currently these properties enjoy attractive, open views of the terrain which are a positive influence on potential property buyers. This benefit would be destroyed by a vista that is degraded by ugly towers in the forefront of the viewer.

It has been indicated that the benefactors of these new power lines would be the residents of San Francisco. If that is the case, then let the residents of San Francisco pay for the negative impact the towers would create by the imposition of a surcharge on their electric bills which would be collected in an escrow indemnity fund.. . The proceeds of this fund could be used in any of three (or more) ways:

1. Pay for a current property appraisal for all owners of any property that might be affected by erection of the new towers; and, pay for a second appraisal at a later date when a property is sold and then pay the owner for any loss of value incurred.

2. Pay for the investigation of, and incremental implementation costs, of alternative means of delivering the power to San Francisco. For example, what about an underwater cable system in the Bay. Surely, if the world has been able to survive and function for better than 100 years with undersea communication cables linking continents, the technology exists for accomplishing the same with power cables. Such an alternative would have a much less impact on everyone

3. Construct a power generation facility within the geographic confines of San Francisco itself. Who are they to foist their problems on some other municipality?

Probably the most ridiculous aspect of the entire proposal is the uncertainty as to whether or not these additional power resources are required AT ALL!

The proposed Jefferson-Martin Transmission line is once again an example the corporate and political proclivity to pursue "the approach that is cheapest and of the least impact on me", regardless of the impact on someone else.

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Scoping Comments

Proposed Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Line Project

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

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The addition on any additional power lines must be questioned. The lower level power lines are noisy and dangerous that are in place today. The homeowner should not be required to endure the changes that are being proposed. Laurel Hill Drive residents have had a higher lines put in place without prior notice in the past. The public was not informed at this time until a citizens group was formed. After the past energy scam that all citizens of California were subjected to in 2001, I am sure additional funds can be procured to move these lines underground.

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Wednesday, January 29, 2003

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As a Highlands resident I am concerned about electric & magnetic emissions from the new towers and the impact on views from various homes. We live in a beautiful area. We have lived here since 1973 and intend to stay. Please, if power lines are absolutely necessary put them underground or closer to the freeway for our health and for our pristine environment.

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George & Julie Beck
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February 26, 2003

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Re: PG&E Power Tower Project

Gentlemen:

We have reviewed the information dated February 24th regarding the proposed PG&E Power Tower Project and find the following problems:

1. We are not convinced nor do we trust PG&E's comments about minimum risk.

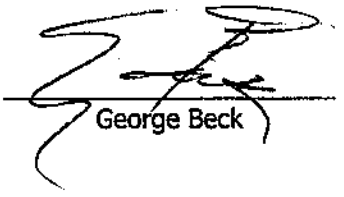
2. We agree with our neighbors that the noise and construction, including the impact on the open space, would be detrimental.

3. As usual, PG&E is trying to take an easy way out at the least problematic solution to them.

4. If this power is needed in San Francisco or in the San Francisco area, let it be built over there and not in Hillsborough.

In summary, we object to this project and whole-heartedly vote against it.

Very truly yours,



George Beck

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Enclosure
cc: Eugene & Holly Davis

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I strongly oppose the proposed plan of P.G.& E. and urge that all lines go underground. It is time for the Public Utilities Commission to act responsibly and protect communities from such health hazards as well as esthetics. We are already being threatened by E.M.F. emissions from G.J.E. and Oldudar One. We don't want any more!

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This PROJECT will have a tremendous IMPACT ON My PARTICULAR BLOCK As Those Towers are presently RIGHT Behind my Residence, where for a fact it will affect my family's HEALTH, STATE of MIND & of course PROPERTY Value, Those Towers are large enough as We SPEAK & visible from all ANGLES at The BACK of 'LAUREL Hill DRIVE, not to mention The STATIC NOISE That it Generates presently

We URGE You NOT To PURSUE This Matter of EXPANSION as it Will have direct IMPACT ON OUR Family & OUR BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD

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