

Jefferson-Martin Transmission Project

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Billie Blanchard at the California Public Utilities
Commission
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Re: PG&E Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Line
Project

Gentlepeople:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Trail Users Group I
am writing to you to express our support for
Alternative 1B for the PG&E Jefferson-Martin 230 kV
Transmission Line Project. This alternative would
underground the proposed new transmission lines under
Canada Road and Skyline Boulevard.

1. Undergrounding of the southern segment under Canada
Road and Skyline Boulevard would be the most aesthetic
approach. Because the Federal Government holds both a
Scenic and Scenic and Recreation Easement on the
watershed lands, an EIS (Environmental Impact
Statement) must be prepared to comply with federal
environmental requirements.

2. Since PG&E proposes to underground the northern 12
miles of the project, from San Bruno Avenue to the
Martin Substation near the Cow Palace, all under city
streets, it is clearly feasible to underground the
southern segment as well. While PG&E has proposed to
reduce impacts to sensitive serpentine grassland areas
in the Edgewood Park and Preserve by helicopter
installation, this would not avoid the construction
disturbance for excavation and pouring concrete for
the foundations. If you are going to disrupt the
environment requiring an EIS, why not simply
underground this area from inception and enhance the
Scenic and Recreational Easement, and address impacts
to special status plant and wildlife species,
particularly those endemic to serpentine grasslands
and wetlands all at once.

3. Undergrounding will improve security from terrorism
and vandalism.

Thank you for consideration of this viewpoint.

Regards,

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