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505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Attention: Judith Ikle, Regulatory Analyst

Subject: File No. A.99-09-029 / Northeast San Jose Transmission Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Ikle:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) staff have reviewed the Draft EIR for construction of a 7.3-mile long transmission line from Newark Substation to a new substation on the north side of SR 237, east of Zanker Road. We have the following comments.

Project Alternatives

As we have stated previously, VTA strongly opposes any project alternatives involving an overhead utility line along Zanker Road adjacent to our Cerone property, which is located at the southeast corner of Zanker Road and SR 237.

Our understanding is that the preferred location for the substation is north of SR 237. VTA opposes any alternatives involving a substation on our Cerone property.

Review of Plans

VTA requests the opportunity to review plans for this project as they are developed in order to determine if there are impacts to transit facilities or services as well as to determine if an access permit is required.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call Roy Molseed of my staff at (408) 321-5784.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Program Manager

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