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County of Santa Clara

Roads and Airports Department
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101 Skyport Drive
San Jose, California 95101-1302



June 16, 2000

Ms. Judith Iklé,
California Public Utilities Commission
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 968
San Francisco, CA 94104

Subject : PG&E Northeast San Jose Transmission Reinforcement Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Application No. : 99-09-029

Dear Ms. Iklé,

We have reviewed the DEIR for the subject project dated June 2000, and have the following comments.

Montague Expressway carries a high volume of traffic. Therefore, to avoid traffic control during construction and maintenance, it is suggested that PG&E consider an alternative to the Trimble-Montague route.

Please refer to our previous comments in the attached letters to PG&E dated May 4, 1998 and August 7, 1998 if PG&E proceeds with the proposed Trimble-Montague route.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 573-2463.

Sincerely,

Sean Quach
Project Engineer

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Land Development and Permits

101 Skyport Drive
San Jose, California 95102



August 7, 1998

Mr. Robert Bonderud
Senior Associate Planner
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
245 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Subject: Notice of Application
North San Jose Transmission
Reinforcement Project
Montague Expressway

Dear Mr. Bonderud:

Your July 13, 1998 letter to Mr. Dan Collen along with the attachments was transmitted to us for review and comment. We have reviewed your submittal and our comments are as follows:

By a letter dated May 4, 1998 to Mr. E. Thomas Webb of PG&E (please see the attachment), we have issued our comments concerning the proposed project. We have to reiterate that if PG&E proceeds with the proposed project prior to the County's planned Montague Expressway roadway widening project, then PG&E shall be responsible for the cost of relocation of the transmission lines.

To facilitate your project's design, we have enclosed select pages from the Montague Widening Study Report. It can be observed that subject area's most significant planned widening is on the north side. However, the ongoing Montague Improvement Traffic and Engineering Study may identify additional work, specifically associated with grade separation of Montague/McCarthy-O'Toole.

Comments No. (2) and (3) of our May 4, 1998 letter remain unchanged.

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May 4, 1998

Mr. E. Thomas Webb
Manager, Transmission Project
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
308 Stockton Avenue
San Jose, California 95126

Subject: PG&E Northeast San Jose Transmission
Reinforcement Project along Montague Expressway

Dear Mr. Webb:

We have reviewed your April 8, 1998 letter along with the Draft Proponent's Environmental Assessment. Our comments are follows:

- 1. Section 9.2.7 needs update as follows:

Please separate discussion of Trimble from Discussion of Montague. Montague can be described as follows:

"Montague Expressway is a six lane arterial road with an adopted plan for widening to eight lanes. Industrial expansion in the area has increased traffic substantially, and traffic now exceeds 80,000 vehicles per day. The County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports Department in partnership with the cities of Santa Clara, San Jose, and Milpitas, and the Valley Transportation Authority's Congestion Management Program, is currently developing an environmental document to clear the eight lane widening. In May 1998, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors will adopt a Project Study Report which includes conceptual widening drawings. Those drawings show the need for acquisition of rights-of-way and roadway widening within the area of the proposed transmission reinforcement project. Proceeding with the transmission reinforcement project in advance of the roadway widening will require relocation of the transmission lines at the time of the widening. PG&E agrees that the costs of relocation will be the sole responsibility of PG&E."

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Comment Set 11



July 31, 2000

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
P.O. Box 3707
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.

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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.

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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,

Derek A. Kantar
Derek A. Kantar
Environmental Program Manager

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cc: Roy Molseed, Senior Environmental Analyst
Bob Bonderud, PG&E
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