

Comment Set 13
Letter from Cynthia I. Keohane dated March 31, 2004



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California Public Utilities Commission
ATTN : Mr. Mike Rosauer, Project Manager
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Re: SCE Proposed Viejo System Project

Dear Mr. Rosauer,

I have reviewed the published environmental report for the proposed Viejo System project and wish to express my concerns over the biased and misleading nature of the report and lack of mitigation of the potential dangers of the project. The residents of my area of the project, the homes along Ontur-Teresa, were left out of the report, yet our homes have the closest proximity to the project. Pictures our neighborhood were taken during the due diligence phase of the environmental report, but I believe they were excluded due to their potential damaging impact on the report. My concerns with this project are both health related and economic, and are not mitigated by anything contained in the report. The report actually brings up a concern of the existing towers, which I believe should be transferred underground to mitigate all health concerns.

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This is a serious concern for our neighborhood. However limited our resources are, we will continue to fight this project with the help of the City of Mission Viejo until these towers are placed underground.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Set 13
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- 13-1 Thank you for your comment. The CPUC has attempted to prepare an objective assessment of the proposed project's potential impacts in the MND/IS. Extensive mitigation measures have been proposed for impacts considered potentially significant as required by CEQA. A comprehensive Mitigation Monitoring Plan, including each appropriate technical area, was developed to monitor construction and ensure any potentially significant impacts are mitigated to less-than-significant levels. Please refer to the Mitigation Monitoring Plan (Section C) for a complete list of all applicant-proposed and CPUC-developed mitigation measures.
- 13-2 Various members of the consultant team hired by the CPUC for conducting environmental analysis for the proposed project visited the project area and took photographs as part of their reconnaissance of the area. Some of these photographs were taken to identify candidate locations for key viewpoint analysis, which included preparation of computer simulations showing what the views from these locations would be if the project is constructed as proposed.
- Not all candidate locations were chosen for key viewpoint analysis because there are such a large number of potential vantage points that could be analyzed. Instead, a more limited number of views were selected that were considered representative of the types of changes in visual conditions that would exist along the transmission corridor if the proposed project is built. It was not the intent to simulate views from each residential property along the transmission corridor. However, KVP 2 and 8 look toward the Ontur-Teresa area.
- 13-3 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding EMF and General Response GR-2 regarding property values.
- 13-4 Thank you for your comment. Please see General Response GR-3 regarding undergrounding, as well as Appendix 8 which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC.