

Comment Set 20
Letter from Robb and Gail Tavill dated April 5, 2004

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Michael Rosauer
California Public Utilities Commission
C/O Aspen Environmental Group
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Re: Edison's Viejo System Project

Dear Mr. Rosauer,

We are writing to you to express our concerns over the subject project. We are fairly new residents in the community of Mission Viejo and feel that we have to speak up on this matter. We moved into our home only 11 months ago and were here for less than a month when our neighbor informed us of the Edison project. Imagine our surprise that such a dramatic change to our view, our neighborhood, our health and our property values would be completely unmentioned in the process of purchasing our home. With all of the real estate laws in California, we would have expected some kind of disclosure on a matter this large. Unfortunately, none came. Edison has stated that they gave adequate disclosure to residents, but we beg to differ. Perhaps this was a circumstance of poor timing for us, but we object nonetheless.

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We were fully aware of the existing power lines when we purchased our home. Our neighbors across the street back to them, so they would have been impossible to miss. We accepted the impacts of the existing blight, but we do not accept the prospect of making it worse. Clearly, we understand the compelling need to provide additional power to our neighboring communities to the north and east. Electric power is a critical need in our way of life. What we do object to is the method that expansion is proposed. We strongly feel that if Edison is planning to spend millions of dollars to improve their capabilities, they should find a fair and equitable way to do so. It is enormously unfair for the residents of Mission Viejo to shoulder the burden of providing increased power to other communities. We fully support the notion of moving into the next millennium and using readily available technology to get the new and existing power lines underground.

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Please help us help Edison to come to a better solution. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robb & Gail Tavill

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- 20-1 Thank you for expressing your concerns. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding EMF, General Response GR-2 regarding property values, and General Response GR-4 for a discussion regarding aesthetic impacts of the proposed project. It is not within the scope of a CEQA environmental impact review to address individual residential transactions.
- 20-2 Thank you for providing your comments. Please see General Response GR-3 regarding undergrounding of existing and proposed electrical transmission lines, as well as Appendix 8, which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC. .