

Comment Set 33**Email from Don Wilder dated March 11, 2004**

From: Don Wilder [don21@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 9:25 PM
To: viejosystem@aspene.com
Subject: Underground Power Lines in Mission Viejo

Please take the following items into consideration when you deliberate on the request to underground the existing and proposed new power lines in Mission Viejo.

While the evidence that EMR from powerlines is unhealthful seems to be valid or at least inconclusive (a conclusion denied by only those with a financial interest in avoiding the expense of eliminating overhead power lines), until evidence absolutely and conclusively proves without any doubt and is accepted by the medical, general community, the decision should err on the side of protection of the public rather than the protection of the profits of the utility and its investors. The concept of profits over people is abominable.

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The ethics of the local community are already marred by the ugly high power lines. They should have been placed underground in the first place in accordance with the original concept of Mission Viejo. They will become only worse if new towers and even more lines are introduced. More so; blight is not an acceptable alternative. It doesn't have to be this way, and the per-citizen cost is infinitesimal to fix the problem.

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The negative economic impact is ignored by the utility personnel, NONE OF WHOM ARE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WILL BE AFFECTED by this project. The negative impact on local property values by close proximity is proven and is not in question. But SCE chooses to ignore this fact.

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The hope of a better life is shared by every human. Please do not let SCE's concern for incremental profits dash the hopes for a better quality of life for the residents of Mission Viejo who will be so negatively impacted by the new ugly towers and additional power lines proposed by a totally uncaring and unfeeling SCE.

Please require that SCE be required to place its current and planned high power lines in Mission Viejo underground.

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Response to Comment Set 33
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- 33-1 Thank you for your comment. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding EMF.
- 33-2 Thank you for sharing your concerns. The CPUC appreciates the community's concern for aesthetics and will consider this concern in rendering a decision on the proposed project. SCE installed the existing 220 kV powerlines in the early 1960's, before the development of Mission Viejo which began in 1965, or its incorporation into a City in 1988. For additional information concerning the undergrounding of electrical transmission lines please see General Response GR-3, as well as Appendix 8, which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC.
- 33-3 Thank you for sharing your concerns. Please see General Response GR-2 regarding property values.
- 33-4 Please refer to General Response GR-3 for information regarding undergrounding, as well as Appendix 8, which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC.