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**Draft Environmental Impact Report/  
Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)  
for East County Substation, Tule Wind, and  
Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects**

**Written Comment Form  
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I have had the chance to review the Draft EIR/EIS document, in particular section D 10.8, that discusses health risks associated with EMF etc. To my surprise, it is mentioned that there COULD be a greater risk of childhood leukemia and there COULD be a risk that this is a carcinogen to people. Of course, the findings are conflicting, and don't show this to be a verified problem. I do not find this surprising in a document compiled for a utility project.

Within two years of the start up of the SWPL, which runs through our property, my wife started to have dizzy spells, nausea, vomiting, and passing out. After going to many and various medical specialists we ended up at a hematologist. He said that she had polycythemia rubra vera, which was brought on by something in our environment that altered her bone marrow. The alteration led to the production of platelets by the millions, a marked increase in red and white blood cells, and small blood clots causing TIAs which are mini strokes. They happened each time a clot reached her brain. The treatment for this medical problem, which is incurable, is oral chemotherapy and phlebotomies. The drug suppresses the bone marrow to slow down its production of platelets and the phlebotomies control the red and white cells. The alternative to this is more frequent and larger strokes until death.

The only change in our environment was the addition of the aforementioned SWPL which is about 600 feet from our house. Polycythemia rubra vera is closely related to leukemia. During the same time, we lost a dog to what the veterinarian said was leukemia. Since then, the vet said that there have been many dogs that have died from leukemia---all lived somewhere near the SWPL.

I believe that there needs to be an in-depth study of health problems in those that are living under and around high voltage lines. Not lab type as are used in the document, but on the ground medical analyses of people and animals having problems after the installation of the lines. One of the people that I spoke to at the January 26, 2011, meeting in Jacumba told me that his father had been in the electric field all his life, and there are no adverse affects associated with EMF, etc. I related to him that my father smoked for more than seventy years and never had any breathing or lung problems. So I assume I should think that there are no ill effects associated with smoking? The tobacco companies took this stance so as not to affect their bottom line financially. I believe that is the same thing happening with the power companies.

Although this document does not address the line going through Alpine, directly in front of a grade school and the soon to be built junior-senior high school, I do not see how, in good conscience, Sempra/ San Diego Gas and Electric can do this without a much more in-depth study of the effect on those who travel on, and live in, the vicinity of that road all the time.



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