

July 22, 2009

Mr. Jensen Uchida
San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Transmission Project
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Dear Mr. Uchida:

As a resident living adjacent to Edison's Alternate Route #2 and near alternate Route #6, I state the following objections to the plan.

The route would go through a plum orchard across the driveway from where I live. My concerns are the impact on the well water I use plus for the wells in the area. Route #2 removes one well vital to Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company and two private wells supplying water to a large acreage of farmland. In this area, as the underground water strata tends to flow in narrow channels and in spotty locations, any interference with the fragile water supply would cause sever loss of productivity and livelihood to many. Although Edison is supposed to replace these wells, there is no assurance that due to the nature of water strata in the area that a well of equal volume and quality could be found.

I am concerned about the economic fallout on the local farmers, farm workers and agricultural suppliers and other businesses. The total amount of productive fruit and citrus land that would be removed from production for right of away is considerable and a large economic loss. I know at least one family personally that would probably be put out of the farming business.

Also, I am concerned about health issues. We already have bad air quality in the valley and the construction and the digging the tubular tower foundation sixty feet deep would put more dirt spores in the air. The dirt spores are a cause of Valley Fever and this would cause a health hazard to those living and working on or near the route. I am recovering from Valley Fever for the second time so this is a concern to me.

Route #2 crosses the valley for approximately one and one-half (1 ½) miles during which five (5) different changes in direction occur. It is at these points that a change to the lattice towers is required. The amount of lattice towers placed in the middle of this beautiful valley would constitute an appalling eyesore. Again the amount of productive fruit and citrus land to be destroyed at each shift is considerable. This problem has not been addressed in the EIR.

The planned route through Antelope Valley also poses problems. A section of the line passes directly through known vernal pools. Also, the Antelope Valley is known to the Yokut Indians as their sacred creation site. It is here that they believe they arose from the earth. This must be taken into consideration.

The objections to Alternate Route #3 because of the vernal pools has been shown to be invalid as a by-pass was not investigated thoroughly enough in the EIR. There is significant evidence being introduced by PACE that a "work around" the ecological reserve is possible and feasible.

Please consider the Northern Alternate Route #3 with modifications to be selected as the preferred route.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



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