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Attention: Mr. Jensen Uchida - San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Project

Re: Protest to SCE San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Transmission Project
Docket # A08-05-039

Dear Mr. Uchida:

We wish to protest Southern California Edison's application for Route 1 in Tulare County in which we are residents. Route 3, the Stokes Mountain Intertie is the most reasonable route.

We object to Route 1 for some of the following reasons:

1. Approximately 300 property owners would be affected and several homes may have to be demolished.
2. This route goes through prime agricultural land, the vast majority of which are permanent tree crops; this will impact approximately 5,000 plus agricultural acres. This is the only area in the world that grows premium citrus.
3. Property values will decrease by 10% to 20%.
4. Schools and some city owned properties and proposed commercial development on city property will be affected. Some property will not be useable due to the placement of the high tension lines.

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5. Highway 198 is a scenic corridor route to the Sequoias and these towers and lines will not blend in with these natural wonders, how will this affect tourism? What about loss of tourist dollars to affected cities?
6. Seven cities and areas will be directly affected by this ill-advised route.
7. The environmental impact will be tremendous, clear cutting under the power lines and the lines themselves will affect wild-life in our area, such as several types of snakes, hawks, owls and numerous other species of birds. Coyotes, kit foxes, raccoons, skunks, possums, bats and various species of lizards are among other animals that will be displaced. These animals plus all the native flora that will be eliminated are currently on our and our neighbor's property.
8. There are also safety issues to be considered as follows:
 - a. Mist from spraying operations could reach the high voltage lines resulting in death or serious injury to the operator.
 - b. We have a part-time employee who has a pacemaker and has been told that he may be at risk working under and around these lines.
 - c. There are some reports that indicate that living or working near these high voltage lines can cause some types of cancer.
 - d. The right-of-ways under and around the towers will be an open invitation for trespassers using motorcycles, dirt bikes and all terrain vehicles. Some of these irresponsible riders have accidents and then blame the property owners for their injuries. Will Edison defend and indemnify for possible legal costs?
9. Some of these power lines seem to have a natural attraction for certain insects which then migrate on to our fruit trees. Dust from

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bare ground under the lines will attract more mites which love dusty conditions and are costly to control.

10. Loss of farm property is going to mean loss of income and a reduction in the work force for some growers. Jobs are hard to find here as it is. This will create a trickle- down effect on the economy of the county.
11. Southern California Edison already has power lines and the right-of-ways on Rector Line north to the Stokes Mountain Intertie - Route 3. There are approximately eight property owners who would be impacted on their ranch lands, some of these are already willing to have the lines go through their land.
12. The majority of this line appears to go through Williamson Act land, how can you take this land out of the Williamson Act?
13. Edison needs to replace towers and wire in older systems. Why do they not do it now in existing right of ways such as Route 3? Also, apparently there is now a new type of transmission line that is capable of carrying 50% more power, why not put that in existing line areas?
14. Graffiti is a constant problem in the rural areas - will Edison be responsible for keeping it off the towers and poles?
15. It seems that Edison wants Route 1 in order to help power in the Visalia, Tulare and Hanford areas, if this is so why not build a power plant in this three city triangle?
16. At one meeting a man from Edison stated that one blunt-nosed lizard has more consideration than 100 people.
17. Will Edison ever fully disclose all of their information on the proposed routes? I very much doubt it.

18. Wells near the power lines will no longer be able to be serviced per well service companies due to worker safety. Why has the location of wells not been addressed in either Routes 1 or 2?
19. If vernal pools are a problem in Route 3 then the lines can be moved just a bit either to the right or left to avoid the pools. *Fish + Game has said it is possible with no impact.* There is a lot of controversy over Routes 1 and 2 by the citizens of this area. Request is made that the CPUC hold a public hearing in our local area and that this meeting be open to public input.

Respectfully submitted,

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