

TO: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
RE: Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project
ATTN: Robert Peterson, CPUC
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FROM:



Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on my concerns about the proposed project. The power lines run next to our homes in the Riverbank subdivision. This is not my first letter to the CPUC about my safety concerns. In the past, PG&E claimed they did not need to submit to an environmental review when upgrading because the power lines have been in place for over a 100 years. In my letter to the California Public Utilities Commissioner, I pointed out that while this may be true, the power poles were moved when the Riverbank Subdivision was developed. The Poles were moved from a then safe undeveloped area on the east side of South River Road to the current area next to our homes. San Luis Obispo County maps show where the power poles were located and on the revised maps shows where they are currently located. I purchased the related certified maps, stamped by the county that show the power poles before and after they were moved.

My concerns are many, including but not limited to aesthetics, but more importantly safety, including traffic accidents involving power poles and electromagnetic fields (EMF) emissions. The transmission line on South River Road is also next to a Senior Citizen Medical Residence that has been approved by the City of Paso Robles for development.

In the past, the Paso Robles City attorney has been involved with the safety and aesthetics concerns voiced by citizens that complained at many City Council meetings. Questions: What are the current EMF levels emitted from the power lines? When we are in our pool, just 15 feet from the lines, or sleeping in our beds, what level of EMF's are we exposed to? As the city continues to grow, how much will the EMF levels increase?

I have requested this information from PG&E in the past with no response from them. How about answers to the questions now?

When the California Public Utilities Commissioner responded to me in a letter, he said, "The CPUC is very concerned about EMF emissions". I hope this is still true today.

Years ago a PG&E representative offered me what he called a complimentary \$500.00 payout for a 20 foot easement on my property. When I asked him, if I were to agree, what restrictions within the easement will I have? He said, "You cannot build or install a swimming pool. He told me, "PG&E will get the easement even if you do not agree". I did not agree. Since that time, we have installed an in ground swimming pool with city permits. PG&E does not have an easement on my property. Safety of the citizens should be a primary consideration in an already developed residential area.

I am opposed to increasing power through the existing power lines that will increase EMF levels. I am opposed to taller power poles made from steel that will make our neighborhood look like an industrial area, or any other modifications that will make a currently bad situation even worse.



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C/C Mayor Steven W. Martin, City El Paso De Robles

Text Message and Photographs Submitted February 5, 2021: Accident, power pole closest to my house a few years ago, please submit with my letter to CPUC. [REDACTED]



