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San Bruno, CA 94066

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City Manager's Office
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March 18, 2003

The City Council
The City of San Bruno
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

Re.: PG&E's Jefferson-Martin 230 KV Electric Transmission Line Project: Need for Balance between Cost Effectiveness and an Eyesore Blighting a Neighborhood

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

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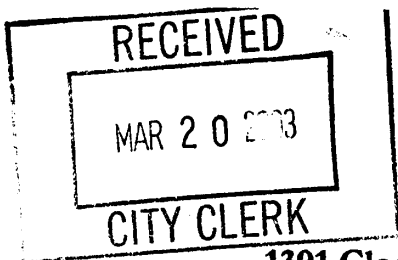
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Hoping that the above thoughts will receive at least some consideration,

Respectfully,



Manfred R. Kehr



cc: Ed Council on Law
cc: George Foscato
cc: Aaron Akain

DANIELE BUCKLEY KOENIG

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*Mayor/Council/CM
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March 12, 2003

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City Manager's Office

Dear Mayor Franzella,

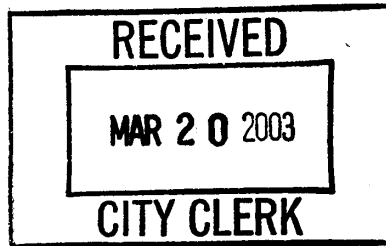
I am writing to let you know that my family and I are very much against allowing PG&E to put a transfer tower on Glenview in San Bruno. I live on Claremont Drive and this tower would be unacceptable in our neighborhood for three reasons.

First, the electro magnetic field emanating from such a large structure would be hazardous to residents and to children playing in the nearby park. Second, the tower would be an eye sore. A 45 foot structure would not at all be hidden by the shrubs proposed by PG&E! Finally, such a horrific tower would sabotage any plans to rebuild the surrounding area. The city council, under your leadership, has done a good job trying to fix-up both the trail on the other side of skyline (which I use on a daily basis) and the abandoned gas station on San Bruno Avenue. I have heard the city has plans of putting housing on that lot, after it is cleaned up, which I think is a great idea. But nobody wants to live across the street from a buzzing monolith!

Please let me know if there are others I can write to in order to get this project stopped.

Thank you,

Daniele Buckley Koenig
Daniele Buckley Koenig



Mayor/Council/City Mgr.
Planning/PWD

400 Prince Royal Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925

18 March 2003

Mayor Franzella
City of San Bruno, CA

Dear Mayor Franzella:

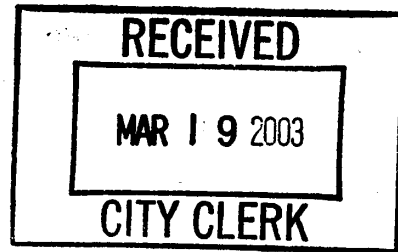
We are the owners of 2880 West San Bruno Avenue which is one-half block from the location of the proposed PG&E substation. We are adamantly opposed to the construction of this substation as a residential project is to be located on our property and PG&E's extreme close proximity will be detrimental to one's health and an extreme danger in this residential area.

Respectfully yours,

Diane L. Fafoutis
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IMPORTANT



*Mayor / Council / City Mgr.
Comm Dev. Director
P W D Director*

March 19, 2003

George K. Lai
1001 Crestview Drive
Millbrae, CA 94030
Tel: 415-601-8818

Mayor Larry Franzella
City of San Bruno

Dear Mayor Franzella:

I purchased the property located at 2890 San Bruno Avenue, San Bruno for development on townhouses. I opposed the PG & E to build a substation across the street, because it will affect the value of our property.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and attention.

Sincerely,

George Lai
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cc: Aaron Aknin
City of San Bruno
Community Development

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City Manager's Office

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cc: Scott Munns

March 12, 2003

To - City of San Bruno
To Whom it May Concern,

I am quite bothered to hear of the Jefferson/Martin transmission project — more specifically - the erection of a transfer tower at the corner of Glenview Drive and San Bruno Avenue.

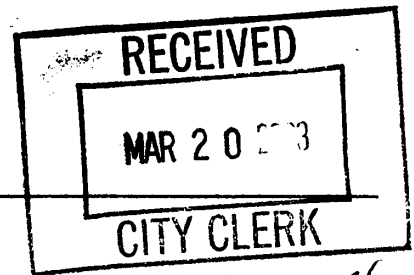
I have lived at 1120 Glenview Drive for 30 years and enjoy the neighborhood. I strongly object to a tower at the location mentioned - knowing that the San Andreas Fault runs along that area, planners should find another suitable location. It is also an eyesore at the entrance to the Crestmoor Park Community.

Please strongly consider securing another location for this tower if, indeed, it is necessary at all.

Sincerely,

Lynette Adams
1120 Glenview Dr
583-9837

SCOTT BUSCHMAN
1780 Claremont Drive.
San Bruno, CA 94066



Mayor/Council/cm
Planning BWD

March 12, 2003

To: CPUC

Re: Jefferson-Martin Transmission Project

I live two blocks from the proposed San Bruno transition station at San Bruno Avenue and Glenview but I was not notified by the California PUC of this project, I learned about it only by reading the local newspaper on March 11. While you may have followed the letter of the law by notifying those within 300 feet of the project, you have not followed the intent which is to notify those that will be impacted by it.

I'm against this project for a number of reasons.

Highway 280, known as the most beautiful freeway in the world, will certainly lose its distinction when 100 - 150 foot towers are placed along this scenic route. There is no way to mitigate the impacts this will cause.

Next, I can't believe you would build this station on top of an active earthquake fault. It's literally a disaster waiting to happen. If power gets knocked out here in this very vulnerable spot, how many customers will be without power? Why would you make a major link, and most of the route for that matter, along an active earthquake fault.

This area is also home to the Red-Legged Frog, an endangered species. You would have to mitigate this to federal standards. This lot is slated as a parking lot for the much-used, nearby walking and biking paths, which would not interfere with the frog or any other endangered species from the area.

This lot is adjacent to a prime piece of land in San Bruno's redevelopment area that is slated as potential commercial. Putting a transition station here would detract from any

retail/commercial atmosphere the city hopes to create. How much money will our city be robbed of if PG&E takes over this property and a commercial venture is not allowed to thrive here.

This station with its gates, power building, and 47 foot tower, will be an eyesore and make this part of town look blighted, and will negatively affect property values. Since this corner (San Bruno/Glenview) is an entrance or gateway to our community, its industrial look will affect property values and quality of life issues for all those in this area, not just for properties that are immediately adjacent.

Across the street from the proposed transition station sits an abandoned gas station. This site has been a problem for years, creating a public nuisance and an eyesore. Finally, the property has been sold and the buyer has plans for new housing units. San Bruno, as well as the rest of the Peninsula, desperately needs more homes. But who will want to live across the street from this power transfer station? Will the buyer of this property back out of this project if the transition station is allowed? And then will the land continue to be an eyesore along San Bruno Ave? This is not right or fair.

I have heard about studies about EMFs, electromagnetic fields, and heard that they may pose a health risk to those that live beneath high power lines or near such high power stations. John Muir Elementary school, which is just south of this site, will lie very close to these new power lines coming in, too. What safety risks will this expose the children and teachers to, not to mention those residents that will be forced to live next to this station.

I understand that stations such as these also create noise. Homes will be close, possibly 30-50 feet away from the proposed station and nearby residents should not have to endure extra noise in an area where they have moved for the tranquillity.

I remember not that long ago, San Bruno spending 10s of 1,000s of dollars to underground utilities to beautify our city. This proposal runs counter to what our goals for our city are.

For your information, San Bruno has had to suffer a disproportionate percentage of impacts from many state and county-wide projects. BART has come through our city and tore up our streets and threatened to take homes away. We have CalTrain that runs through town and is now starting a grade-separation project which will have our downtown area torn up for years. We get the impacts from the airport, with planes flying low over our city, giving us noise and pollution caused by them. We have the San Francisco Jail – in San Bruno! We have Highways 280, 101, and 380 crisscrossing through our city. Each time a public entity comes to San Bruno, it means more impacts for our citizens and businesses. It creates chaos and takes away from our quality of life.

I took a quick glance at your proposed project on your web site and noticed a real lack of alternatives. Your alternatives appear to be the same routes basically with only some placement differences. You need to have some alternative routes in your proposal. Maybe along Highway 101 via Hwy. 92. Maybe Serramonte Blvd, maybe Hickey. I want to see alternatives!

Is this project necessary at all? If we get people to conserve more or use alternative sources of energy, maybe we won't need to rely so much on this power. But I hear PG&E is even trying to tax or levy those that use solar power. This is certainly a disincentive to using alternative sources.

Please keep in mind those county residents that will be impacted by this project when making your decision. You must work with the cities to lessen the impacts each will face. You must not force this upon an unwilling city.

Sincerely,

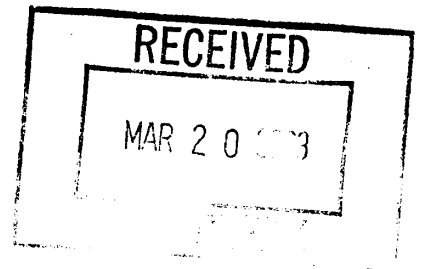


Scott Buschman

March 14, 2003

Kris M. O'Neil
1110 Glenview drive
San Bruno, Ca 94066

California Public Utilities Commission
Customer Service
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, Ca 94102-3298



*Mayor/Council/CM
Planning/RWD*

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing concerning the **Jefferson-Martin Transmission Project**. I strongly object to the placement of the transfer station on the corner of Glenview Drive and San Bruno Avenue. That corner is the entrance to our neighborhood! How can you possibly consider such a location? I am sure it will adversely affect home values, not to mention it will be a tremendous eyesore.

There is empty land across Skyline Boulevard, where there are already electrical towers. I do not understand why the tower is not being constructed over there. One more tower over there will not make as much of a visual impact as the one you are proposing.

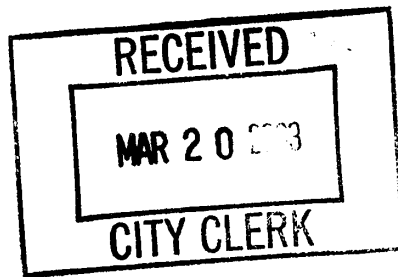
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Sincerely,

Kris M. O'Neil

Cc: San Bruno City Council

Mayor, Council/CM
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20 March, 2003

Honorable Mayor Franzella and the
Members of San Bruno City Council

Attached is a copy of the
letter I sent to the CPUC on
13. March 2003. I am strongly
opposed to the proposed PG&E
Jefferson-Martin 230. KV electric
transmission tower to be located
at the corner of Glenview dr. and
San Bruno ave.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon-ann Baum".

(Mrs) Sharon-ann Baum
1601 - Claremont dr.
San Bruno, CA 94066
(650) 589-3681

13, March 2003

Calif. Public Utilities Commission

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to advise the Commission that I am very much against to proposed PG+E transfer station to be placed on the corner of Glenview and San Bruno ave., San Bruno. It is an outrage that you would even consider putting a 230,000 volt station in a residential area and so very close to a pre-school.

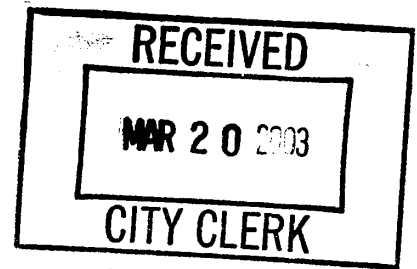


(Mrs) Sharon-Ann Baum
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San Bruno, CA, 94066

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Manfred R. Kehr

Ed Simon

From: Frank Hedley
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2003 8:37 AM
To: Ed Simon; Pamela Thompson; George Foscardo
Subject: FW: PG&E Project A-02-09-043

-----Original Message-----

From: robertriechel@att.net [mailto:robertriechel@att.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2003 5:10 PM
To: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Cc: fhedley@ci.sanbruno.ca.us; robertriechel@att.net
Subject: PG&E Project A-02-09-043

CPUC:

I object to the PG&E proposal to install above ground 230kV line and transition tower and station in San Bruno and at Glenview Drive and San Bruno Avenue.

I request PG&E to look very hard at undergrounding all lines within the San Bruno City limits.

Undergrounding would reduce to almost zero electrical hum,
Undergrounding would reduce to almost zero electrical interference,
Undergrounding would reduce to almost zero and cancer concerns due to EMF.

Thanks for taking my requests under consideration.

Robert Riechel
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San Bruno CA 94066

robertriechel@att.net