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RE: Jefferson-Martin 230 KV Transmission Project
Application Number A-02-09-043

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Don McFarland and I recently attended the CPUC Public Environmental Scoping Meeting held February 4, 2003, (the 7:00PM to 9:00PM session), at San Mateo City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue.

I was one of the public speakers against this project because of the severe impact it will have on my home and family. At this meeting there were maps and pictures of the project showing where the new 230KV lines and towers would be located. One of these new huge towers would be located within 25 feet of my property and block my fantastic view of the State Game Refuge, Crystal Springs Lakes and watershed area.

We live at 1245 Laurel Hill Drive, in the San Mateo Highlands, an unincorporated area of San Mateo County. I purchased my home from White cliff Homes new in 1967. My lot is approximately one-half acre with State Game Refuge on two sides and a fantastic view of the Crystal Springs Lakes and all the water shed property on my west side.

In 1967 there still was no 280 freeway between my home and the lakes, and we could watch herds of deer grazing every morning and evening. On the south side of my property is the PG&E Hillsdale Switching Station. Since my lot was so large, PG&E, with my approval, planted 10 large pine and eucalyptus trees on my property to form a screen and barrier so we could not see their switching station.

The existing towers are currently not blocking my view, although the 60KV lines are within 100 ft of my property. This project could change the current tower locations, and the planned new 230KV lines are four times greater than the existing lines and will obviously increase the EMF's generated by them. This is an extreme health hazard and major concern to my family and me and to any potential new buyer of my property.

We have lived in our home 36 years and PG&E has never once disclosed to us any dangers from EMF's generated by their switching station or the 60KV lines. Now they intend to raise these lines to 230KV's and are still not disclosing the EMF dangers that will occur.

All of us who live in this great State of California have experienced last year what our future would be like unless we do something about it now. We all suffered power shortages, blackouts, and high PG&E bills because we don't have enough power generating plants in California to supply its growing population. Instead we depend on out of state companies like Enron Corporation who blackmailed us to either pay huge rate increases or they would turn our lights off.

This proposed Jefferson-Martin 230KV Project will cost millions to complete, just to get more power 27 miles north to San Francisco. It will do nothing towards resolving California's power crisis problem. The money that will be spent on this project should be applied to a new or rebuilt power generating plant in or near San Francisco to resolve their problems and help the entire state in the future.

The impact this project would have on my home and all the others along its 27-mile route would be huge. I just refinanced my home to take advantage of low interest rates. The appraiser asked me how much I thought should be deducted from the home's value for the Hillsdale Switching Station next to my property. He had no knowledge about this proposed project or he might have deducted a lot more. However, I am a Real Estate Broker for the past 30 years, so I know that I will have to disclose this proposed project now and in the future should I ever decide to sell my home. Depending on where the new towers are located and if they block my fantastic view, and having to disclose the increased EMF's, the value of my estimated \$1,000,000 home will drop by approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 in value.

My home is just one of hundreds that will be impacted by this project all along its 27 mile route. They will all lose property values' depending on how bad each property is affected by the towers and the power lines. In my case the impact would be severe.

I will attach and enclose some pictures of my home so that you can see my fantastic view and how close I am to the Hillsdale Switching station, the wild life in the game reserve, the current towers and power lines and how the new project could affect my property.

If you have any questions or would like to personally view my property and situation, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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1245 LAUREL HILL DR, SAN MATEO
WOOD FENCE + GATE IS CORNER OF MY
PROPERTY, THE TWO THIN TOWERS ARE
WITHIN 25 FEET OF MY FENCE AND ARE

REPLACED BY NEW HUGE TOWER +

DIRT ROAD IS SENTINEL ROCK ROAD



1245 LAUREL HILL DR
SAN MATEO, CA 94402

FRONT VIEW



1245 LAUREL HILL DR
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REAR VIEW



1245 LAUREL HILL DR, SAN MATEO
REAR YARD VIEW

NOTE: HILLSDALE SWITCHING STATION

007 THE GARDEN, MIKE E. COPE

CAN BE SEEN THROUGH MY TREES
THAT WERE PLANTED BY PG&E



1745 LAUREL HILL DR, SAN MATEO
HINDS DALE SWITCHING STATION LOOKING NORTH
TREES ARE ON MY PROPERTY



1245 LAUREL HILL DR, SANMATEO
BACK YARD AREA WITH TREES PLANTED
BY PG&E TO SCREEN OFF SWITCHING
STATION FROM OUR HOME



1245 LAUREL HILL DR, SANMATEO
VIEW FROM BACK YARD LOOKING WEST
CRYSTAL SPRINGS LAKE + WATER SHED

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THIS VIEW MIGHT BE BLOCKED BY
LOCATION OF NEW HUGE PROPOSED TOWER
WITHIN 25 FEET OF MY PROPERTY
(No. 20A)



1245 LAUREL HILL DR, SAN MATEO

VIEW FROM BACK YARD LOOKING WEST

NOTE: POWER LINES & NO TOWERS IN VIEW

STATE GAME REFUGE

HIGHWAY 280

CRYSTAL SPRINGS LAKES AND

WATER SHED PROPERTY



1245 LAUREL HILL DR, SAN MATEO

BACKYARD VIEW LOOKING WEST
TOWARDS CRYSTAL SPRINGS LAKES

NOTE POWER LINES AND
CRYSTAL SPRINGS LAKES WATER SHED



1245 LAUREL HILL DR, SAN MATEO
VIEW LOOKING SOUTH AT HERD OF DEER
GRAZING IN STATE GAME REFUGE, ONE OF
THE REASONS WE PURCHASED OUR HOME.