

Jefferson-Martin Transmission Project

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Subject: Public Comment

Dear Members of the CPUC.

I am a resident of Hillsborough and am opposed to the proposed Jefferson Martin 230kV transmission project. I have significant objections and concerns regarding the following:

> I am deeply concerned about the health issues from increased Electric and Magnetic Field (EMF) emissions close to our homes and schools. Most recent studies by the California Health Department show exposure to EMF's resulted in higher incidence of childhood leukemia, brain tumors, and miscarriages. Research in this area is at its infancy, and further study may increase risk, much as smoking was once not believed to be hazardous 30 years ago.

> I am concerned about the negative impact on aesthetics and the quality of life of our community. The bigger, wider towers and noisy current will certainly decrease the quality and attractiveness of our town.

> I object to the negative impact on the town's property value and tax base. According to real estate sources, the proposed project will certainly decrease property values significantly in areas adjacent to the project, thereby, lowering the property value and tax base of the entire town.

I support the Town of Hillsborough's efforts to have the proposed 230kV lines installed underground, and at the same time install the current 60kV lines underground, and/or evaluate whether this project is needed at all.

Undergrounding and proper shielding of the lines eliminates the above concerns.

I believe it is the CPUC's job is to protect the public and putting this proposed 400,000 watt transmission line so close to homes and schools certainty does not protect our community and citizens. In addition, there is an issue of fairness-- the transmission project only serves the interests of San Francisco and PG&E, however, the residents of Hillsborough, San Mateo and Burlingame are suffering all the consequences.

Sincerely,

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