Comment Set 14
Letter from Cliff and Dixie Robinson dated March 29, 2004

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California Public Utilities Commission
ATTN: Mr. Mike Rosauer, Project Manager
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RE: New Towers and Transmission Lines in Mission Viejo

Dear Mr. Rosauer:

As a resident of Canyon Crest Estates, we are writing this letter to express our concerns over Southern California Edison's proposal to install new towers and transmission lines through Mission Viejo. These new proposed towers which are significantly larger than the existing towers will run through or over several parks (e.g. Florence Joyner Park) and youth soccer and baseball fields. The towers will also run adjacent to Canyon Crest Estates.

It is our concern that these new towers and transmission lines not only pose a potential health hazard due to the EMF but will also have a significant negative impact on property values. We strongly support the proposal to require SCE to lay the lines underground. We believe that the additional cost associated with going underground can be equitably shared among all affected parties. Furthermore the residents of Mission Viejo will receive no benefit from this proposed project as it is solely to accommodate growth in other south county areas. It doesn't seem right that the residents of Mission Viejo will have to pay the price in terms of lost property values and potential health threats for something that they neither benefit from nor have any control over. The original towers were installed in the 60s when there were no homes or parks in the area. Now in the 21st century it seems we ought to have cost-effective technology to put these power lines underground.

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We viewed the televised pre-hearing conference held on March 25 at Mission Viejo City Hall. There were hundreds of concerned residents who attended. The current mayor along with several city council members made very persuasive arguments in expressing their opposition to the installation of new above ground towers. The only persons who argued in favor of the project were two ex council members, the spouse of one, and the recently fired city manager. These ex council members lost re-election because the residents of Mission Viejo perceived them as not looking out for the best interests of the city. Therefore, we think that their position on this project is tainted by possible hard feelings on their part. All the presentations and statements that were made against the project basically requested two things: (1) that consideration be given to laying the lines underground and (2) that a full Environmental Impact Report be ordered. We strongly urge the Commission to adopt these recommendations.

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Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Set 14
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14-1 Thank you for expressing your concerns. Please see General Response GR-1 regarding EMF, General Response GR-2 regarding property values, and General Response GR-3 regarding undergrounding, as well as Appendix 8, which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC.

14-2 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding EMF, General Response GR-2 regarding property values, and General Response GR-3 regarding undergrounding, as well as Appendix 8, which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC.

14-3 Thank you for your comment. Please note that preparation of an EIR is only required when there is substantial evidence in the record indicating that a project may have a significant adverse impact. At this time, the CPUC's conclusion is that all potentially significant impacts can be mitigated to less-than-significant levels by measures presented in the MND/IS. Please see General Response GR-6 for a further discussion regarding the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration rather than an EIR.