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Letter from Connie Lee dated April 9, 2004

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One-page fax to 818.597.8001 - Re: CPUC's adding new power line in Mission Viejo
Aspen Environmental Group
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Good morning:

When the CPUC considers how to resolve the dispute by some Mission Viejo residents about whether to put the new line overhead or underground, it should consider the wrongful means by which NOPE deceitfully gathered signatures from uninformed residents.

When the power line issue became known in the summer of 2003, a few residents (5 to 6 homeowners) near the lines began speaking out against adding a new overhead line because it further impacted their view. As soon as NOPE formed (September 2003), the issue immediately became muddy and distorted.

NOPE promoters gathered signatures on the false pretense that burying all power lines was the issue at stake -- not just the one new line. Residents were wrongfully led to believe public outcry would force SCE to bury all lines at the company's expense. Cost to the rate-payers was not disclosed. The group's name itself -- No Overhead Powerlines by Edison -- is an indication of the distortion and intent to deceive.

NOPE promoters now pretend the 3,000 signatures represent an informed public wanting the new line placed underground. This claim is factually and ethically wrong. Legitimate petition drives involving voter initiatives require that the petition include a statement regarding financial impact. If those who signed the petitions had been informed of the cost and who would pay to underground the lines, almost no one would have signed a statement indicating the rate-payers would foot the bill for someone else's view. Consider that most of Mission Viejo's 98,000 residents had enough sense not to sign the petition.

Please ask the CPUC to disregard the 3,000 signatures. The supporters are limited to the 150 or so residents living close to the lines. I can provide you with names, addresses and phone numbers of people who signed the petition and didn't realize at the time what they were signing.

Sincerely,



Connie Lee

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Response to Comment Set 25
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25-1 Thank you for sharing your concerns.