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Letter from Marilyn and Dean Specht dated April 9, 2004

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I appreciate this opportunity to submit a strong opinion on behalf of my wife and myself regarding Edison's plan to add more power lines from Lake Forest to their sub-station at Alicia and Olympiad in Mission Viejo. They should be congratulated for this action and we applaud them for it.

It is imperative, however, that they and the CPUC give strong weight to 2 factors in deciding whether the power lines should be buried, or elevated on tall towers:

- ① One of the attractions to many people (and certainly to us) in choosing to move to Mission Viejo is that we do not have to look at power poles in their yards and wires running to each house and between the poles. This is an already existing condition and one we value greatly.
- ② In choosing whether to bury power lines out of sight or elevate them to be permanently in sight, decision-makers must keep in mind that elevated power lines in residential areas (even in narrow access corridors) is Old Technology. These lines will be permanent once installed. The cost of burying them out of sight is small when amortized over the many years they will stay there. Please do not take a step back into the 1930's in this decision.

Thank You,

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Response to Comment Set 26
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26-1 Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed project. For additional information regarding the undergrounding of electrical transmission lines please see General Response GR-3, as well as Appendix 8, which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC. Information concerning the analysis of aesthetic impacts has been addressed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Please see General Response GR-4 for further discussion on potential aesthetic impacts of the proposed project.