Comment Set 28
Email from Diane Greenwood dated March 21, 2004

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Mr. Rosauer:

I am a "long time" homeowner in Mission Viejo and **I am writing to express my total opposition to the proposed SCE Viejo System Project.** Since last March when I originally received notice (in the form of junk mail), of this project, I have been opposed. 28-1

I am a wife, a mother of three sons, and we live next to the towers and lines on Teresa in Mission Viejo. ***Southern California Edison's overhead transmission towers and wires are blight in our city.*** Also, the number of wires on the towers and poles has increased over the years. I wrote in opposition to this project last March, and I will continue to oppose it and fight it until all wires and towers are buried.

I was angered from day one when our neighborhood was left out of your initial study. Irregardless of how many legal feet our house is from being "affected," these power poles and towers are the tallest and ugliest structures in Mission Viejo. Now, with the latest "study," by Aspen Environmental and SCE, and the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration legal document that I received last week, my house and my concerns are once again neglected. 28-2

A non-biased and fair observer of the proposed SCE Viejo System Project, would admit that our neighborhood is affected the most, yet you continue to leave us out…how convenient for Edison who desperately wants the Viejo System Project.

At some point in this entire mysterious process, it would be nice for someone to listen to the existing home owners; especially the homeowners on Teresa and Ontur. That is "listen," not "dismiss" as inconsequential or insignificant. Edison does not feel that there are any valid arguments preventing the spread of more blight in Mission Viejo. Yet it is very clear that the City of Mission Viejo and thousands of other concerned homeowners are seeking to he heard. I am a founding member of NOPE (No Overhead Power by Edison) and I will remain dedicated to bringing all existing and new lines and towers down, and under grounded.

I will be at the preliminary hearing on the 25th, and will have some pictures taken from my home and street for viewing. I also include in these pictures, our most valuable resource in Mission Viejo…..our children and our families….something that you seem to leave out of every study. 28-3

Please see the attachment of some of these pictures. They clearly show how ugly the existing the structures are already. If you increase the size of the smaller towers and

change them into taller and larger H-structures with more wires, how do you think that would look? If you are a home owner like me – you would be furious too!

Aspen Environmental took pictures on my street the week of Dec. 27th, 2003. They even knocked on our door and asked permission to take them from the front of our house. Now where do you suppose those photos went? Could it be that they showed a major issue to the aesthetics talked about in their "environmental effect study," that they were not included?

It would be so easy for SCE to come through our city and leave us with depleted property values, disgusting aesthetics, and fear of the health hazards of EMFs. Edison's towers and proposed H towers run right over three of our biggest city parks. Did Aspen Environmental forget that people play under those towers? I am extremely upset that SCE forget that people *live* here in our city.

The major driving concern for SCE is greater profits through expanded use of electricity in developing South Orange County. Why not be honest! Edison makes more money, with more new customers. While the poor residents of Mission Viejo get to absorb the greater and greater expansion of existing overhead transmission and power lines. If SCE had truly had the residents of Mission Viejo's interest at heart, they would search for and find a "*feasible*" and safe means of putting all these electrical power underground. Yes it would cost more money. But has anyone really examined how much more money – *and what is in the best long term interest of the residents of Mission Viejo?* Southern Orange County may have many new homes and homeowners some day. But what the concerns of the existing residents of Mission Viejo?

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SCE needs to understand that *people* live in this city. Mission Viejo residents demand quality of life and safety. It would seem that to SCE, the residents of Mission Viejo are dollars or obstacles. Why is SCE so unwilling to work with the residents and the city government officials to come up with alternatives to the overhead power lines? We think that expanded power lines for Southern Orange County can be put into place. But these lines must be underground for safety and aesthetics. I will be there to remind you on the 25th.

I will remain focused and energetic until all new as well as existing lines are buried. You, as well as all other rational people would be too if a utility proposed such an expansion next to your home and family!

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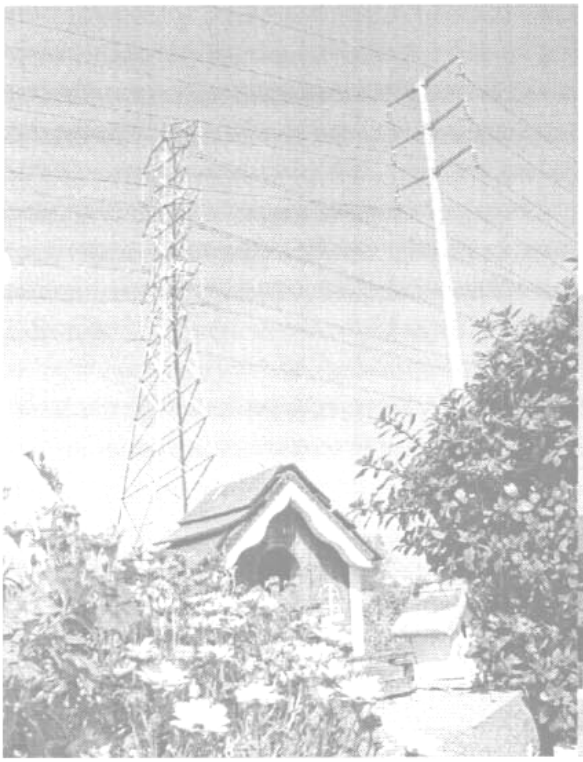
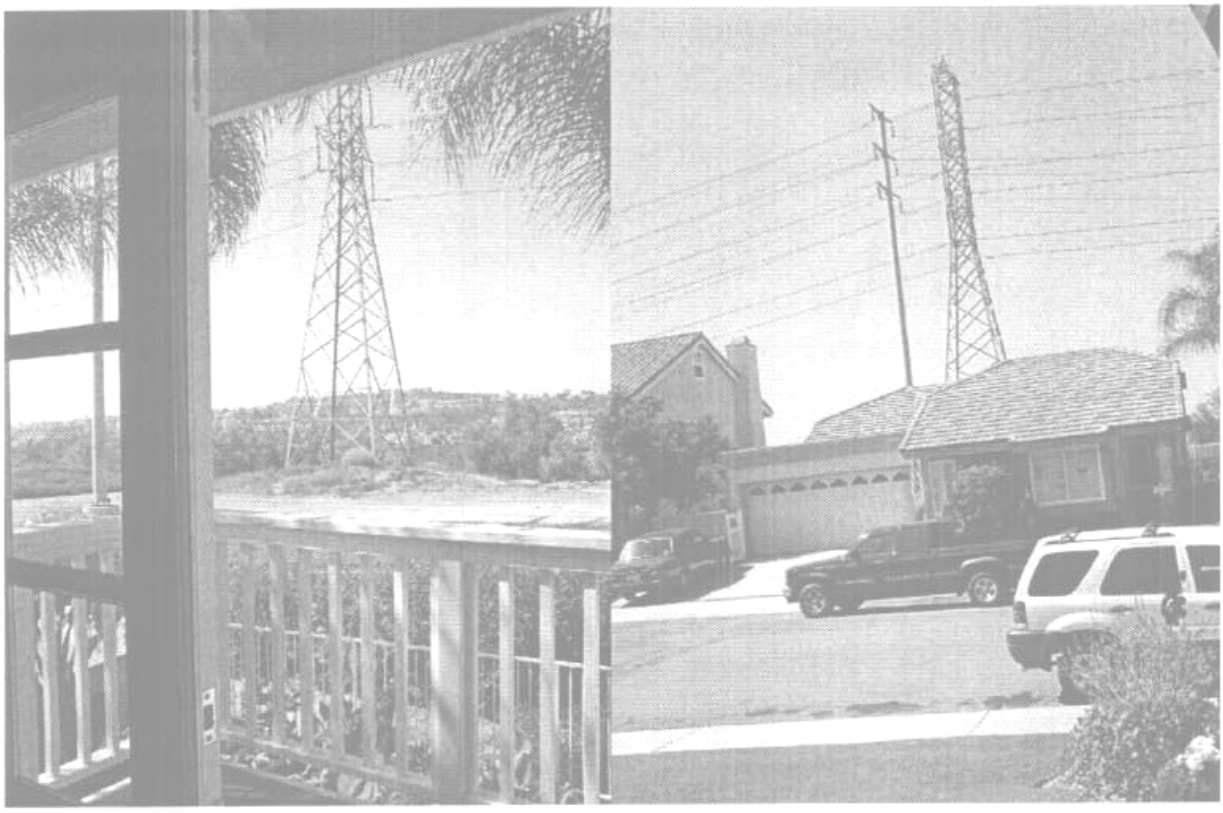
Photos of the existing SCE transmission and power lines from my house and the Teresa block of Mission Viejo





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28-1 Thank you for sharing your concerns and providing your opinion.

28-2 While the MND/IS does not include visual simulations from every individual neighborhood, the analysis was representative of all areas affected by the proposed project but does not assess the specific effects on individual properties and homeowners.

Please see General response GR-1 for information regarding EMF and General Response GR-3 on undergrounding existing and proposed electrical transmission lines, as well as Appendix 8, which discusses various route options considered by the CPUC.

28-3 Thank you for providing the photographs. Concerns noted.

Various members of the consultant team hired by the CPUC for conducting environmental analysis for the proposed project visited the project area and took photographs as part of their reconnaissance of the area. Some of these photographs were taken to identify candidate locations for key viewpoint analysis, which included preparation of computer simulations showing what the views from these locations would be if the project is constructed as proposed.

Not all candidate locations were chosen for key viewpoint analysis because there were such a large number of potential vantage points that could be analyzed. Instead, a more limited number of views were selected that were considered representative of the types of changes in visual conditions that would exist along the transmission corridor as a result of the proposed project. It was not the intent to simulate views from each residential property along the transmission corridor. The MND/IS contains visual simulations from ten different viewpoints in the project area, and Appendix 8 includes an additional two simulations representing an alternative route option considered by the CPUC.

Please see General Response GR-1 regarding EMF. For additional information on potential aesthetic impacts of the proposed project please refer to the aesthetics section of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and General response GR-4.

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