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***Goliath Towers Toppled by “David”..... Also Known as Hope For The Hills.
CPUC President Peevey exclaims, “This is the Dawn of a New Era”.***

Chino Hills, California – The story of Hope for the Hills (HFTH), a real life drama with a combination of compelling non-fiction, mystery, and comedy may be coming to a happy ending next week. The 401c non-profit, volunteer group of concerned residents of Chino Hills may set new precedent on July 11, 2013 when the California Public Utilities Commission votes on Under-Grounding 500kV lines through a 3.5 mile section of Chino Hills. During the final arguments in the case of Chino Hills vs. S.C. Edison on 6/26/13, Michael Peevey, President of the CPUC, indicated in his final summation “it is the dawn of a new era, when public utilities and the governing bodies that oversee regulation must take into account the consequences of their decisions on the community it affects.” President Peevey went on to admit he voted hesitantly for the project in 2009, and after visiting the site and seeing the magnitude of the project and the number of people impacted, knew it was wrong.

In the final battle versus Southern California Edison over their construction of 198 foot towers for high voltage 500kV cables on a narrow right of way through the densely populated heart of the city, Hope For The Hills anticipates a unanimous vote by the 5 CPUC Commissioners to under-ground the 500kV lines and to remove the monster towers. HFTH has chartered two buses with another 50 members flying or driving to San Francisco for the July 11th decision. According to President Bob Goodwin, “Hope For The Hills will fill 150 to 200 seats with people in neon yellow shirts”. The group will have a press conference following the meeting in San Francisco. Which will be followed promptly by a celebration.

Hope For The Hills had been an underdog the past two years, however the number of people impacted and their passion toward doing the right thing lead to fighting the giant public utility with unorthodox tactics that flummoxed Edison management with its relentlessness. Along the way the underdogs gained the support of all local politicians and most importantly Congressman Ed Royce. On a shoestring budget, this group leveraged the talents of dozens of members, along with sheer will to go up against a powerful utility spending millions of dollars and big government influenced by special interests.

Hope For The Hills, the underdogs that refused to lose, found a strategy that disrupted SCE at their corporate office, community and shareholder meetings, and even the personal residences of the executive management of the company. In sync with these efforts were educating each CPUC commissioner, politicians, rate payer advocates, and special interest groups by showing them the site and how the blueprints for this plan look nothing like the true scale. HFTH efforts and publicity stunts revived interest with the City of Chino Hills, the city investing \$4.5 million to correct something that was wrong to begin with.

A majority vote by the CPUC to underground these 500kV lines will set a precedent for communities anywhere major infrastructure projects disrupt people’s lives and property. If a community comes together to fight injustice they can win, not easily, but with passion and determination the underdog can come out on top. Those people in the neon yellow shirts had been wronged, and like the unpredictability of a wounded Grizzly Bear, fought for the survival of their way of life. They had more fight to make things right than Southern California ever expected.