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HFTH Family,

I wanted to take a few minutes and update everyone; where we have been, where we are at this time, and what we are looking forward to.

Let me start with the article that appeared in the [Chino Champion](#) on 5-12. The petition mentioned in this article was filed on May 9th. Information we have as of 5-11 is that the negotiations are continuing they have NOT been cancelled. Art Bennett, Chino Hills Mayor, also indicated in the article that the meetings will continue until we are otherwise informed. Remember that the CPUC General Counsel is involved in these talks and IF there was any violation of protocol, the meetings would have ceased already. We need to stay the course, there will probably be a few more hiccups along the way before all is said and done.

What we must remember relative to CEERT, is that they are 1 of 6 companies that petitioned to become party to this matter on March 19 at the hearing in San Francisco. They are NOT part of the negotiation between SCE and the City. They are NOT at the table and they have no dog in this fight except that they are all dependent on SCE completing the TRTP plan for their projects that are pending. They have no say in the negotiations at all.

I think we can all agree that Saturday, April 14th, was a major milestone in this effort. This was the [Congressional Field Hearing held at Chino Hills](#) City Council Chambers. The hearing was held in regards to eligibility concerns of FHA loans to homes located near the towers. This event was organized and presided over by Congressman Gary Miller and Congressman Ed Royce. Testifying on behalf of Chino Hills was Mayor Art Bennett, Mrs. Joanne Genis and Mr. Bob Goodwin. Also called to testify were representatives of the FHA, a mortgage banker, a local realtor and appraiser. The last group called to testify included Les Starck from SCE and Denise Tyrrell from the CPUC. Congressman Miller and Royce were great and asked all concerned pointed questions. All testimony and responses are now part of the official record.

The purpose of this hearing was not to result in any type of immediate decision or action. It was to raise the awareness of the impact the TRTP project has had on our city. It was also to highlight the health and safety issues associated with the installation of 500,000-volt lines across 200ft power towers in a 150ft easement. This was accomplished and raised many questions, which both the CPUC and SCE representatives could not answer, or address.

As far as what happens next, this sub-committee has 30 days to report to the House Committee which has another 30 days to review the testimony and also ask any questions to



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those who testified. We are not certain what to expect at the end of that process. We will be monitoring the outcome of this hearing and will be seeking advice from our representatives in regards to what our next course of action will be.

Following that we had the honor and pleasure of testifying in front of the State Utilities and Commerce Commission in Sacramento on April 23rd. This testimony was to support Curt Hagman's bill, AB 2235, which would address concerns on home equity restoration. This bill, unfortunately, did not get enough support to get out of committee. It was, however, left open to visit again with new language and I am certain the Assemblyman Hagman is not finished pursuing this matter.

On April 26th, we held a protest at the SCE annual shareholders meeting in San Gabriel. This was a major victory for our group as we executed a "Trojan Horse" maneuver that caught SCE completely off guard. While we had approximately 100+ members show up outside in the cold and rain, we had reserved a meeting room inside the hotel for HFTH's First Annual Company Meeting. As a result of this, were able to talk to SCE's President, Ron Litzinger, their CEO, Ted Craver and Les Starck who is the face of this project for SCE. All of this was possible because we were successful in keeping this extremely confidential in the planning process. They did not know how to deal with this and as a result their planned meeting which was scheduled to last from 9:00AM – 5:00PM actually ended at 10:30AM. Special recognition to Mr. Floyd Zimmer who, as a SCE stock holder, actually sat in the shareholders meeting, wearing his neon yellow HFTH shirt proudly. He also engaged Ted Craver in conversation in the room. Thank you Floyd!

Finally on May 3rd, we received a welcome press release from the CPUC. Under the direction of CPUC President, Michael Peevey, SCE has been instructed to begin confidential negotiations with the City of Chino Hills to underground the lines in the ROW. These negotiations will be supervised under the direction of the CPUC General Council.

The decision by the CPUC to negotiate is a positive step, but it's not over until the lines are in the ground. SCE has used all kinds of deceitful tactics in the past and we are not naive. We are remaining vigilant in this phase of the battle. The executive committee is investigating the possible issues that might become negotiation points and we want to make sure that the secret "confidential negotiations" do not allow the SCE to push thru an outcome that does not meet our community's interests. They are already spreading wild rumors in our community to try and weaken our support and unity. We have to remain focused and ready to counter their nefarious efforts.

The negotiations will determine critical issues like the distance the under grounding of the lines and the placement of transformer structures, etc. We need to stay active to make sure that SCE does not pull a fast one on our community. We've gotten this far by standing together.



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We're on the one yard line...but, we need to cross the goal line or it's not a touchdown! This is no time to warm the bench with our fannies!"

This journey has taken us down many different roads and paths. We have talked to and seen many different people, places, and things that I do not think many of us could have ever imagined. The one thing that has remained constant in this adventure, however, is the drive, determination and conviction of each and every one of YOU! Without all of the unbelievable support you have shown throughout this battle, we would NEVER have reached this point.

It has been and is my extreme honor to be your representative and leader in this cause. I think we all have learned what a group of talented, gifted, smart and determined people can achieve when they put their minds to it. Remember, we are not finished yet. We still have to be guarded yet cautiously optimistic.

ALWAYS REMEMBER and NEVER FORGET.....

TOGETHER, We CAN and WILL make a DIFFERENCE

Folks, together we HAVE made a difference

Thank you all,

Bob