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Michael R. Peevey, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Peevey:

I'm writing to express serious concerns regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), specifically Segment 8A which slices through neighborhoods, state parks and public facilities in the City of Chino Hills.

The TRTP not only impacts families' homes but also poses significant potential health and safety risks to Chino Hills residents. Additionally, the TRTP would negatively affect hundreds of Chino Hills home values given the size and proximity of the transmission towers.

Given the clear negative impacts on Chino Hills families, their health and safety, and their property values, I'm left to wonder how and why the TRTP project received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Green lighting a project in the face of overwhelming community opposition and without regard to proposed alternatives is troubling. It would appear that the CPUC failed to consider: 1) potential health and safety risks of transmission towers near homes, 2) potential negative impacts on property values, and 3) more appropriate alternative routes.

Additionally, given the pending litigation to halt the TRTP, why did the CPUC allow the 200 feet tall concrete towers to be installed near homes, backyards, and state parks? Furthermore, why was construction allowed to proceed without all of the necessary clearances (e.g. Federal Aviation Administration)?

On behalf of the residents of the community, I urge you to reconsider and to stop this ill-conceived project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norma J. Torres".

NORMA J. TORRES
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