

My name is Kevin Hague, Jessica’s husband and fellow homeowner of 1154 Hudson Avenue.

For the benefit of those in the audience and those now watching these comments remotely, and the officials, media and agencies that will be reviewing these comments in the near future, I would like to share several, meaningful details that demonstrate PG&E has resorted to manipulation in order to fast track this project:

FIRST

The earlier referenced Advice letter 5500-E, states “ The Company believes this project qualifies for the following exemption(s):

“power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration Environmental Impact Report finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts””

We are directly challenging that PG&E have documentation to support this claim. No such easement for my property exists in Napa County records. An unrecorded “Grant of Right of Way” for the 1100 block of Hudson Avenue dated May 15, 1928 furnished by David Thomas at PG&E on June 5th specifically stipulates “that no additional poles are to be placed except by future agreement”.

SECOND

There are two versions of Advice Letter 5500-E, both dated March 20, 2019, with the same subject, but contain conflicting information on the quantity, type and height of replacement support towers.

This was discovered by my wife and City Manager Mark Prestwich in a conversation on Monday June 3rd.

Clearly, the content was manipulated without reissuing this letter. Reissuing the letter would have required a new comment and protest period. As a reminder, the protest period lapsed on April 10th.

Understanding we may face a stiff headwind in opposing PG&E, we are actively reaching out to political officials for their assistance.

On June 4th, Senator Bill Dodd was personally engaged on this topic. At the Senator's request, I have provided a full briefing to him and his staff member, Alex Pader. Alex has been in contact with PG&E and the California Public Utility Commission and would like to be invited to attend meetings held on this topic, including those with you or PG&E. We have also sought counsel from Supervisor Diane Dillon, she and her team have experience in handling CPUC related matters.

In closing, I hope these facts, and momentum the Hudson Avenue homeowners have created compel you to take immediate action by:

Reaching a consensus vote to send the Public Comment Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission. It's a solid start. We're on a fact finding mission, and this letter hopefully will get the attention and time we need to gather necessary information to guide appropriate action.

Secure legal counsel to advise you on other ways to protect our property owners rights. PG&E has provided a false claim of easement rights to construct a tower on our property. What other rights are they claiming to have? Help ensure that they cannot obtain new easements now.

Please consider other actions, beyond a comment letter, to stop PG&Es work within Saint Helena city limits until their intentions are fully disclosed, proper documentation provided, and alternatives are sought which prioritize the safety of our citizens.