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COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

AEP is wanting to build a 265 million dollar facility, right behind our home at 930 Joe Walker Road. A forty acre substation with electric lines going everywhere and a 765 voltage transmission line running 150 feet from our property line.

We have five acres and a beautiful water front property. We've put a big deck on the back of our house and just put in a big eight foot sliding glass door and a nice big over head patio to enjoy the scenery out back. It's very quiet and heavenly, with lots of wild life. We've even had weddings out here, because people thinks it's beautiful. And it's a shame that it's all going to change. This was our retirement home.

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Me and my husband have been hard working taxpayers our entire life, nothing has been given to us, and we are proud of what we have. We have put every penny in to this place. It would cost us double to reproduce what we have. The land on the other side of the creek from us was listed for \$150,000 for two acres last year. We have five acres that would be \$375,000 just for the land. Then you add the house, deck, overhead patio, a big shed and landscaping. That's double.

I have done research on the internet that states that long-term EME exposure has not been studied well and those studies that exist are conflicting, it is generally recommended that people not live in proximity to high-voltage power lines or relay stations. Some studies indicate the causation of brain cancer and/or leukemia.

According to Harvard Health Publications, determinations on how far a home should be from high-voltage power lines have proved difficult for researchers to estimate due to all of the possible health outcomes involved and other unknown contributing factors. Possible health outcomes involve testing for all the potential disorders that can result from exposure to EMFs. Also, power line fluctuations throughout the day make it difficult to pinpoint a distance range when determining exposure levels and potential risk.

There is a growing consensus that the electro magnetic field (EMF) emitted by transmission lines pose a genuine health threat. For example, in 2006 the State of Maryland concluded: "Studies have consistently shown increased risk for childhood leukemia associated with ELF magnetic fields..." A 2005 study conducted in England and Wales showed that one out of every hundred or so cases of childhood leukemia occurring within 2,000 feet of a high-voltage (=132 kilovolt) transmission line (ours we'll be 765 voltage) was due to EMF from the line. A number of states now require applicants to show that EMF from proposed transmission lines will not exceed safety thresholds.

AEP could move this facility some where else where there is no homes close by, but their more concerned with the cost of moving it then they are with the safety and disruption of our life's.

I believe there should be laws protecting us from this.

We gave permission for AEP to do a sound check in our yard and, it said, the sound of the facility may be audible at times. The Transmission lines noise levels may be elevated during damp conditions or high usage. Crackling and Hums higher then predicted in this report. These conditions may cause noise at the closest resident.

My husband has a sleeping disorder, and is very sensitive to noise and lights and I have been recently diagnosed with a sleeping disorder too. There is no way that we are going to be able to sleep with all that crackling and humming going on, with that 765 voltage line and all the other lines. It's going to be unbearable to live here with all that noise.

And how big will this facility become in the future? AEP bought 265 acres.

I've talked to a realtor about selling our home and what it would be worth after this facility goes in and she said: It's very hard to estimate what someone would want to buy it for. Or if it would sell at all. It could be worthless if no body wants to buy it. So, we could be tuck here the rest of our life's.

This is why I think AEP should be made to buy us out. So we could go some where else and start all over.

To sum it all up, I'm concerned with my family's safety and my family's health. I'm concerned with the noise and lights and I'm concerned with the value of my home being worthless. We do not want to live here any more. I don't want to worry the rest of my life about any of my family members getting brain cancer or leukemia or anything else that they don't know about yet. No body knows the long term effects of EMF'S. It's hard for me to believe that a big company like AEP can come in and wipe out everything that we have worked for our entire life. I'm a health advocate. I eat healthy, take lots of vitamins, to prevent any health problems and I don't want to live near anything that can cause me danger.

I believe AEP should be made responsible for paying us double what our home is worth, and settling out of court, so we can get out of there, and start over.

I've given a copy of our Appraisal on our home, to a Siting Board member.

Sincerely, William and Linda Rinehart