

SECTION 8: INTRODUCTION

Visual and Aesthetic Impacts

The documents in this section 1) analyze the impact of PSE's proposed Talbot Hill/Lakeside Transmission Line Project on the scenic and aesthetic views of residents on the Eastside, 2) document which land use zones would bear the greatest impact and 3) refer to land use codes that would be relevant to the visual impacts of the proposed project.

A paper by Dean Apostol, a professional scenic and environmental consultant with over 35 years of experience, discusses omissions and unsupported conclusions found in the visual analysis conducted by PSE for the Final Environmental Impact Statement. An appendix to the report includes photographs from multiple perspectives. Mr. Apostol captions the photos with analyses of how the proposed transmission line and poles would dominate the viewscape near the Talbot Hill-Lakeside Transmission Line Project.

An informational paper from CENSE provides data documenting a much larger number of residents whose scenic or aesthetic views would be impacted by the proposed transmission line compared to the number reported by PSE in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The paper also describes the kinds of visual and aesthetic changes the proposed project would create.

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