FILE NO. 032016

RESOLUTION NO. 817-03

[Power Lines in Marina District]

Resolution urging Lucasfilm Ltd. and Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Inc. to work with the community on alternatives to its Bay-Fillmore- Filbert-Lyon route for supplying power to the Letterman Digital Arts Center in the Presidio, and to ensure that the route reduces impacts on San Francisco neighborhoods to the greatest extent possible.

WHEREAS, Lucasfilm Ltd. has contracted with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to supply power to Lucasfilm's Letterman Digital Arts Center currently under construction in the Presidio; and

WHEREAS, PG&E plans to supply power to Letterman Digital Arts Center as required by law, by running new power lines from its Marina substation on North Point at Buchanan Street into the Presidio in the vicinity of Chestnut and Lyon Streets; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has sought and obtained permits to dig trenches for the installation of said power lines that westward along Bay Street, south along Fillmore Street. westward along Filbert Street, and north along Lyon Street; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has represented to the community that the installation of said power lines consists of trenching San Francisco streets and burying three new conduits, one of which will contain lines delivering a minimum load of eight (8) megawatts of power, with the potential to deliver twelve (12), and the second conduit designed to contain power lines carrying similar loads at an unspecified time in the future; and

WHEREAS, said power loads require the installation of a large pole-mounted or padmounted capacitor along the power lines' route from the Marina Substation to Letterman Digital Arts Center; and

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WHEREAS, a suitable location for said capacitor is now being sought and has not as of this date been determined; and

WHEREAS, A more suitable location for the neighborhood for the said capacitor would be in the Presidio; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has represented to the community that its selection of the Bay-Fillmore-Filbert-Lyon route was based on engineering criteria, the needs of Letterman Digital Arts Center, and its plan to mount the capacitor on an existing pole along that route, since most alternative routes now have fully undergrounded utilities; and

WHEREAS, No one has been able to demonstrate why said capacitor cannot be located inside the Presidio and not within San Francisco's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, No City or State agency has performed a review of the potential human health and environmental risks of the undergrounding of power lines; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Supervisors of San Francisco in the summer of 2003 adopted the Precautionary Principle Policy (Ch. 1 § 101 SF Environment Code), applicable to all City agencies and to all businesses operating in the City of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Precautionary Principle Policy provides that where threats of serious or irreversible damage to people or nature exist, lack of full scientific certainty about cause and effect shall not be viewed as sufficient reason for the City to postpone measures to prevent the degradation of the environment or protect the health of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, there was no public participation the decision to select the Bay-Fillmore-Filbert-Lyon route; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco urges Lucasfilm Ltd. and PG&E to work with the community and ensure the route for the powerlines servicing

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Letterman Digital Arts Center involves as little impact to the community as possible and, to select the route that best protects the health and safety of San Francisco's residents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that PG&E shall do everything within the company's power to locate any above ground equipment including all above ground wires and capacitor(s) needed for the power lines inside the Presidio and not in San Francisco's neighborhoods; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward a copy of this resolution the Presidio Trust.



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December 16, 2003 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval Excused: 1 - Newsom File No. 032016

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 16, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date Approved

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