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AN AGING SYSTEM - PIECEMEAL REPAIRS

The APS proposed overhead redesign for Hillcrest Bay dated January 29th 2008, lists 23 power poles as “existing to remain or be replaced”. (Drawing in evidence)

These poles are located on the perimeter (access) streets to the community, Hillcrest Drive, Bay View Drive and Manor View plus Dunlap Drive. The poles are some thirty five years old.

Verizon under oath, on at least two occasions, has testified that when APS leaves any pole, Verizon will not leave, instead they will take possession of the pole and leave their lines where they are. Attached is one result. A new APS pole, in service close to one year. The old wooden pole has been in service some 35 years. Where there once was one pole, now there are two, APS and Verizon pole's side by side within arms length of each other.

As these remaining 22 perimeter poles continue to age and become unserviceable, one by one they will need to be replaced as well. It is logical to assume, since Verizon will stay on the old poles there will be a doubling of these poles from twenty three to forty six. One half metal and one half wood. This in addition to the planned installation of 42 APS poles to a front location on the remaining five streets if our underground project is not approved. (Shown in the overhead redesign plans).

The original aging 69 poles, plus these new 42 poles and the additional lines is not the end. We can now expect an additional 23 metal poles adjacent to the wooden poles on the perimeter streets.

Still this is not all. Only recently have we discovered that when these 42 are installed, even more poles may be required to enable the front feed to reach many difficult locations of meters located at the rear of some homes. This is not shown on the APS redesign plans and could easily affect 50 properties or more as well as the community. The total result will be way to many lines and poles.

This small beautiful isolated community has outgrown the aging overhead utility system. When Hillcrest Bay was started in 1972 the building statutes required under-grounding. That did not happen here. 38 years later this outdated system is a societal detriment and environmentally, redesigning it is not a sound approach to fixing it for another 38 years. The owners will be affected, the property values will suffer and it will be detrimental to the environment.

Hillcrest Bay is asking for your support in approving and completing this important UCSA project.

Thank you,
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