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This is a letter of protest against the high tension 230,000 KV power line and the accompanying power plant being proposed by NESCO of U.S.
The power lines are to be built through the downtown area of Abbotsford and the power plant to be built 2 miles away in Sumas, Wash.
Whatcom County in Wash. State will not allow any more 230,000 KV transmission lines to be built except in existing high power corridors or industrial areas (verified by Connie Hoag, a Whatcom County Council member) because they devalue property and pose health hazards.

An environmental impact statement released by your group on Mar. 15 concludes that the plant does have the potential for significant emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulphur dioxide and other particulant matter. Bruce Thompson, Sr. V.P. for NESCO states he is worried about the air quality in the Lower Fraser Valley and that his company has spent 200,000 on air studies. I must say that he does not live here where the air shed is the worst in Canada. He does not live here where, because of air pollution, our air becomes a brown haze and it is impossible to see Mt. Baker at times. He does not suffer from allergies and breathing problems acquired by living in an area where the heavy pollution is already funnelled from Vancouver into a corridor extending right through to Hope, B.C. Any "insignificant added emissions" are not needed nor are they wanted where we suffer more than our share of health hazards already. A 200,000 study project is fine — just come to live here to experience the full force of pollutants and you will decide that a study

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n that subject is superfluous indeed.

The proposed powerlines are to be built adjacent to a Child Development Centre where children are trying to have a start at life itself. It is a CSO scheduled to go through the downtown core of Abbotsford, which is presently undergoing a revitalization project. NESCO has hinted they might be willing to contribute $1,000,000 to assist in the revitalization program. That is like dangling a carrot in front of an animal to get it to do what you want it to do. NESCO has hinted at burying unsightly and unhealthy powerlines (but they say that would cost millions more) but we can conclude that when this project begins, expense would come to the fore and they would renege on their word.

Added to this is the knowledge that 833 gallons of water per minute would be converted to steam, which, when combined with hazardous chemicals, would be distributed into our atmosphere. This combination produces acid rain which has ruined several eastern farmers and greatly reduced property values. This use of 833 gals. of water per minute could also greatly affect the aquifer in our area.

Suffice it to say that this entire project appears to be an encroachment by a powerful American Company whose sole interest is in making money at the expense of the health and welfare of our future. Would you not agree that our health and welfare as well as that of our future generations is as important as that of the people of the U.S.? Most definitely!! I am sure that NESCO is hoping that we can be appeased by shallow promises and that we will accept this project "lying down" because they feel we are not capable of fighting

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back in self defense.
I urge you therefore to reject this proposal – power lines and power plant, most vehemently for the sake of all of us who are greatly concerned, indeed, about this apparent, attempted act of oppression.
I ask that you give this letter your utmost consideration. 5

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