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Dear Jennifer Cox,

Dunbar/Spring residents appreciate your recent notice that the substation will be doing some retrofits. It is important to the neighborhood to collaborate with the many different entities that reside in our neighborhood to ensure that Dunbar/Spring remains a safe, diverse, sustainable, and pleasant place to reside. Recently TEP used our feedback in plans to improve power-line placement and we would like to continue collaborating to ensure that neighborhood residents and TEP both benefit from a relationship of sharing "place" together.

At our neighborhood meeting on November 18, 2013 we voted unanimously to encourage TEP to place increased buffering around the TEP substation in the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood at 4th St and Queen Ave. Currently, the substation is poorly screened with a chain-link fence and vegetation on only one side. Other TEP substations throughout Pima County have 10-foot masonry walls (constructed of materials that aid in noise reduction), are built with materials that seek to blend the substation into the landscape, and are surrounded by vegetation. Two examples are the existing TEP Del Cerro Substation and the Sun City Substation (which also offers 12.5 acres of vacant land as a buffer).

The TEP substation in the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood is adjacent to homes and businesses. Providing Dunbar/Spring residents the same courtesy of appropriate buffering will continue to ensure that our neighborhood flourishes and is a pleasant place to reside. We encourage collaboration on this project and invite you or another representative from TEP to attend our next neighborhood meeting, December 16, 2013 or to contact our President, Sky Jacobs at skyjacobs@gmail.com.

We hope that TEP will consider providing at least a 10-foot noise reducing masonry wall, constructed of materials that will help it blend with the neighborhood, be surround by native vegetation, and hopefully include some artistic features such as murals, similar to existing art on the existing NW and NE corners of the substation.

The Dunbar/Spring neighborhood residents look forward to your response and to working with you on this project. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Sky Jacobs
President - Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association

Submitted on behalf of the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association, Nov. 2013