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1. John Smith updates us on the two homes over-sailed by a 132kV line near Wolverhampton with cables closer than ESQCR safety guidelines (news279.3). E-ON had bought out the homes after protracted negotiations. John writes: *“Just to let you know that wv4 5ld and its neighbour are still empty; standing; and looking decidedly neglected, with front gardens overgrown with high weeds. E.ON did say that they did not intend to carry out line refurbishment till sometime between 2010 and 2012, perhaps they were also waiting for the outcome of the last SAGE report?”*

2. The SAGE Second Interim Assessment (2IA) was released on 8-6-10. It makes recommendations for reducing EMF exposures from electricity distribution systems, such as low voltage power lines and substations. These are mainly practical technical and awareness measures. Powerline position and overhead-versus-underground are not included. It is therefore much less controversial than the first SAGE report in 2007.

3. The second SAGE report (2IA) was submitted 8-6-10 to the UK government departments DoH, DECC and DCLG, with a suggestion that a response should be possible within six months.

4. The Powerwatch group played a central role in the detailed considerations of 2IA. Powerwatch comments fulsomely on the 2IA report and the SAGE process, giving particular credit to National Grid's John Swanson for his contributions. http://www.powerwatch.org.uk/news/20100609_SAGE.asp

5. I can warmly endorse this credit, since John Swanson initiated the dialogue process and has “led” it throughout, in the sense of promoting and encouraging dialogue and participation rather than leading with his own views. In addition he has done a great deal of detailed work in support of the process. Likewise, Powerwatch, and especially Alasdair and Graham Philips, deserve credit for their very substantial voluntary constructive input.