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Re: Southern California Edison Company's Comments on the
Sunrise Powerlink Draft Environmental Impact Report/
Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS); A.06-08-010

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

Southern California Edison Company submits these brief comments on the Sunrise Powerlink Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. Until now, SCE has only monitored this proceeding and responded to data requests from UCAN, but in other respects SCE has not been an active participant and is not taking a position on which specific route the CPUC should select for the Sunrise project. However, SCE now submits these comments because it would like to state its support for Sunrise's ability to provide access to renewable generation resources. SCE believes that because it will help facilitate the development and delivery of solar, geothermal, biomass, and wind resource potential in the Imperial Valley to California's electricity customers, the project can contribute significantly to meeting the State's renewable energy goals. Moreover, SCE believes that a diverse mix of resource types is a valuable component of achieving the State's objectives, as the diversity of resources helps to ensure reliable and sustainable deliveries. Prudent planning would also include careful analysis of future expansion needs to facilitate efficient delivery of those renewable resources. In many CPUC proceedings, SCE has highlighted its concern that transmission, particularly the licensing and siting of new transmission, is a primary obstacle to achieving the State's renewable energy goals. For these reasons, SCE supports the Sunrise project and interconnection with renewable resources in the Imperial Valley.

Very truly yours,

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