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Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Sunrise Powerlink proposal

Dear PUC:

I am very much opposed to the proposed Sunrise Powerlink, and its proposed route through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and other wilderness areas. Sempra Energy has not shown that this line is necessary, and it will not only destroy portions of Anza-Borrego, our crown jewel of the State Parks system, but it will also impact other wilderness areas and present additional wildfire hazards in our backcountry.

Given the current pace of global climate change, Sempra should be heavily promoting solar energy and other renewable sources. Instead, they're pushing this proposal in order to import cheap, dirty power from Mexican plants. There is no reason why solar power can't be better employed in our region — we have seven months of sunshine and plenty of unobstructed roofs on which to deploy panels. Our family has just sixteen panels, yet we generate more energy than we consume. Sempra needs to take a leadership role on this issue and quit ducking their responsibility to our environment and our planet. Profit does a company very little good if we can't continue to survive on our planet.

Please deny the application for the Sunrise Powerlink, and focus on energy solutions which will spare our area's natural resources and, ultimately, help our planet face – and reduce - the challenges of global climate change.

Yours truly,

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