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Subject: EIR/EIS Alternative to the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project.

I have been following the Sunrise Powerlink Project by SDG&E for the past 3-years. I have followed the variances proposed by SDG&E over that time period. I have reached a conclusion that SDG&E is not forthcoming in their proposals for the routing of the Sunrise Powerlink and the need for such an expensive undertaking. I will explain my reasoning is a brief statement below.

The original proposed route for the Sunrise Powerlink was a 150-mile route through the Anza Borrego State Park and the backcountry of San Diego County. SDG& E encountered strong opposition to the original proposal and then they sought alternate routing. SDG&E had all of the research available to them to determine routing and environmental impacts, but only expended the efforts when they encountered opposition.

The latest proposal by SDG&E to Modified Route D Alternative. It appears to me that SDG&E meets each and every step of opposition to the routing with a new proposal. It is my opinion that routing has now become secondary to the need for the entire project.

SDG&E originally stated that there was a need for alternative energy from Imperial County sources to maintain a level of service to San Diego County as mandated by the California Legislature. Since that statement it has come to light that a portion of the electrical supply will leave San Diego County. The original proposal was to bring a 500-Kilowatt line to a transfer station east of Warner Springs. The 500-Kilowatt line would be broken into two 230-Kilowatt lines from that transfer station. One of the 230-kilowatt lines would travel to a substation at Rancho San Penasquitos for dispersion to areas of San Diego County. It was further described that additional power lines may be constructed from the original Sunrise Powerlink line by the year 2020. This will leave the backcountry of San Diego County at risk for further unsightly power transmission lines to areas of Southern California not identified at this time.

My question is; where will the other 230-Kilowatt line go? Why of course, to Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino & Los Angeles Counties. They have far and above the growth rate of San Diego County and will demand more electricity than San Diego County in the future. SDG&E can foresee making profits outside of San Diego County while stating they want to ensure San Diego County has enough energy for the future. They are not being fully truthful.

The latest proposal by SDG&E to Modified Route D Alternative. The National Forest Service was late in their study and recommendations, but once again SDG&E had the ability to research the proposed route previously and did not. It appears to me that SDG&E meets each and every step of opposition to the routing with a new proposal. It is

my opinion that routing has now become secondary to the need for the entire project. The routing is extremely important to maintain the serenity of San Diego County backcountry if in fact the need for the entire project is substantiated.

The proposed energy supply line of 500-Kilowatts is far above the amount of alternative energy that can be supplied by solar and geothermal sources in Imperial County. However, the major proportion of the power will come from outside the United States from a source that does not have to answer to California and U.S. environmental constraints.

The primary question in my mind now is the need for a \$1.5 billion project that includes facilities outside the United States. Let us look at that for a moment.

Who paid for the two facilities in Mexico? Who paid for the LNG terminal that will supply the fuel for operating the two Mexican facilities? I suspect, but have no data, that the rate payers of SDG&E paid a portion of the construction costs in Mexico. Sempra Energies, the parent company of SDG&E will operate the facilities in Mexico. Did they receive funds from the Mexican Government or populace to build the facilities? Will Sempra Energies supply a certain amount of electricity from those facilities to the citizens of Mexico?

The San Diego Union-Tribune Newspaper reported on June 7, 2007 that Mr. Carlos Ruiz Sacristan joined the board of directors for Sempra Energy. Mr. Sacristan is a partner of Proyectos Estrategicos Integrales, a Mexican investment-banking firm. Mr. Ruiz also serves on the board of directors of Southern Copper Corp., a copper producer in Mexico and Peru. Mr. Donald Felsinger, chief executive officer of Sempra, said Ruiz's experience in finance and energy made him an excellent choice for Sempra, which is building a liquefied natural gas receiving terminal just north of Ensenada in Baja California.

I am not protesting or suggesting that Mr. Sacristan is not a proper choice for Sempra Energy, but I am seeing Sempra Energy, SDG&E parent company, building a business base in Mexico that is not controlled by American regulators. That business base is directly connected to the Sunrise Power Link. Does Mexico require EIR/EIS equivalent to California EIR/EIS? I seriously doubt it.

Can you (California Public Utilities Commission) predict the future of the Mexican Government to not Nationalize Power Plants and LNG Terminals in the next 20, 30 or 50 years? I think not. The United States Federal Government, FERC, does not have jurisdiction over the Mexican facilities. So as a conclusion to the Mexican portion of the project, you (CPUC) and FERC have absolutely no legal stand in Mexico.

There is much discussion and research being done as this project continues to show that other sources of energy in San Diego County should be explored at a much less cost to the ratepayers. You as decision makers, should fully explore all of the suggestions provided by persons and groups with qualified knowledge on the subject. You appear to

be doing just that, so please continue on your course. Do not allow "alternate proposals" by SDG&E to divert your focus. There seems to be some very qualified persons/groups that have knowledge to the production of electricity besides SDG&E. You should fully explore their suggestions prior to a final decision.

I app-a concerned citizen of San Diego County and customer of SDG&E.

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