



March 19, 2008

Billie C. Blanchard, AICP  
Project Manager for the Sunrise Powerlink Project  
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505 Van Ness Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Blanchard:

Re: Response of California Department of Parks and Recreation ("California State Parks") to CPUC Energy Division Request for Information Regarding Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project Application No. 06-08-010

Enclosed please find California State Parks' response to the above-mentioned request for information, received by California State Parks on March 10, 2008.

Please contact me at (916) 653-6884 or by email at [btorgan@parks.ca.gov](mailto:btorgan@parks.ca.gov) if you have any questions regarding these responses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BTorgan", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Bradly S. Torgan, AICP  
General Counsel

Enclosure

**Response of California State Parks to CPUC Energy Division Request  
for Information Regarding Proposed Sunrise Powerlink  
Transmission Project, Application No. 06-08-010**

**Background.** The Draft EIR/EIS includes analysis of a transmission line alternative that would be installed immediately adjacent to the existing 500 kV Southwest Powerlink transmission line for about 36 miles. After publication of the Draft EIR/EIS, we became aware that The Nature Conservancy had purchased some land along this transmission corridor...and that the Conservancy intends to sell the land to the State Parks Department for addition to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Specific questions:

**Request CDP-1:** The existing Southwest Powerlink passes through this land now, so SDG&E holds an existing easement. Is it correct that any sale or transfer would be subject to the existing easement?

It is correct. Any sale or transfer would be subject to the existing easement.

**Request CDP-2:** If the Parks Department and/or Anza-Borrego Desert State Park take possession of the land identified in the attached map, would an expanded corridor be preserved that would allow an additional 500 kV transmission line adjacent to the existing Southwest Powerlink? What would be the process for identification and preservation of such an easement?

Yes, an expanded corridor would be preserved that would allow an additional 500kV transmission line adjacent to the existing SWPL. The process by which the easement would be identified and preserved would be to work with The Nature Conservancy and San Diego Gas & Electric Co. to establish and perfect an easement of the appropriate size and scope for the transmission line, and delay acquisition of the property until construction of the transmission line through the property is completed.

**Request CDP-3:** If the Parks Department and/or Anza-Borrego Desert State Park take possession of the land identified in the attached map, would a new corridor be identified and preserved for the installation of a 500 kV transmission line as defined in the Draft EIR/EIS as the Interstate 8 Alternative in the segment where this alternative diverges from the existing Southwest Powerlink? What would be the process for identification and preservation of such an easement?

Yes, a new corridor as described in Request CDP-3 would be identified and preserved. The process by which the easement would be identified and preserved would be to work with The Nature Conservancy and San Diego Gas & Electric Co. to establish and perfect an easement of the appropriate size and scope for the transmission line and delay acquisition of the property until construction of the transmission line through the property is completed.