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**Re: Request for Information #2 Regarding Proposed Sunrise Powerlink
Transmission Project, Application No. 06-08-010**

Dear Mike,

As you are aware, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have published the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for SDG&E's proposed Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project, and we now preparing the Final EIR/EIS. In order to clarify the potential impacts of the Proposed Project through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, we would like some information from you.

Request CDP-4: SDG&E's Supplemental PEA stated that helicopters would be used for construction of 41 towers in the upper Grapevine Canyon area of the Park. However, numerous new access roads are also shown on maps provided by SDG&E, as illustrated on Draft EIR/EIS Appendix 11B. In order for the Final EIR/EIS to accurately describe impacts in this area, please describe the Park's policy regarding new access roads within the Park, specifically:

- Would the Park permit construction of permanent access roads to serve new transmission towers that are not in designated wilderness?
- Would the Park permit construction of temporary access roads for construction of new transmission towers that are not in designated wilderness?
- Would the Park permit construction of permanent access roads to serve new transmission towers that are in designated wilderness?
- Would the Park permit construction of temporary access roads for construction of new transmission towers that are in designated wilderness?

- Would the Park impose conditions on helicopter use during construction within the Park? If so, what would these conditions be?

Please respond within ten days if possible (by May 1, 2008). Any questions on this information request should be directed to me at (415) 703-2068.

Sincerely,

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