

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

July 18, 2007

Mr. Scott L. Penwell
US Department of Defense
Department of Navy**Re: Request for Information Regarding Potential Navy Withdrawal of BLM Lands**

Dear Mr. Penwell:

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for SDG&E's proposed Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project. As part of the EIR/EIS preparation process, we are evaluating a wide range of potential alternatives to the project defined by SDG&E. One of the alternatives, called the "Modified Route D Alternative" would be located in San Diego County south of Interstate 8, on lands currently under BLM's ownership.

We were recently informed that there is a pending request by the Navy to withdraw some of these lands from BLM jurisdiction and convert them to Navy jurisdiction. Please see the attached map, which was provided to us by BLM. On this map, we have shown in red two possible routes that we are considering for this transmission line alternative.

We would appreciate your answer to the following questions:

1. Would a 500 kV overhead transmission line be an acceptable use on these lands, if the Navy withdrawal is completed?
2. If some parts of these parcels would not be acceptable for a transmission line, are there portions of these parcels on which a transmission line would be an acceptable use?

We would appreciate your prompt responses to these requests. Any questions on this information request should be directed to me at (415) 703-2068.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager for Sunrise Powerlink Project
Energy Division, CEQA Unit

Attachment

cc: Sean Gallagher, CPUC Energy Division Director
Ken Lewis, CPUC Program Manager
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Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental Group

Township 17 South, Range 5 East

Township 17 South, Range 6 East

Township 18 South, Range 5 East

Map Submitted with Navy's New Withdrawal Application dated December 27, 2001.
Borders enhanced and Townships/Range boundaries noted on November 14, 2002 by Natalie M. Cooper, BLM Realty Specialist PSSCFO.

