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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WEISSMAN: The Commission is in order. This is a public participation hearing in the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

We'll start with William Davis, followed by Shannon Davis.

STATEMENT OF MR. DAVIS

MR. DAVIS: William Davis. Welcome to the back country.

I'm opposed to the line going through the back country. If it had to go —

ALJ WEISSMAN: Could you flip the mike up a little bit? Let's try that.

MR. DAVIS: Okay. Does that seem better?

COMMISSIONER GRUENEICH: Ask the people in the back of the room.

MR. DAVIS: Can you hear? One, two, three, four.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Off the record.

(Off the record)

ALJ WEISSMAN: On the record.

MR. DAVIS: I'm opposed to the line going through the back country. And in thinking about it, it seems like if they did have to have a line, in my way of thinking, it should parallel the transportation corridors.

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But to where we have our property, the Cleveland National Forest has about 400,000 acres. About half of that is in San Diego County. The forest has around 13 what they call places, which are like states. They run around 30,000 acres apiece. Of the six places that are in San Diego County, only Pine Creek Place, where we're at, has wilderness area. About 26,000 acres of the 33 are wilderness. About 80 percent of the acreage is wilderness, and that's Hauser Wilderness and Pine Creek Wilderness. If they do put the power line in, they're talking about going around our neighborhood.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dropped your voice again.

MR. DAVIS: If they do put the power line in, they're going around our neighborhood. And it's in the watershed of Barrett Lake. We're about a mile and a half or 8,000 feet from the lake, and it's downhill to the lake.

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They wash around 3,000 gallons of water twice a year. I'm sure there's copper oxide going in and going into the reservoir, or will be.

There's golden eagle nests in the area, and if a golden eagle sees you within 1,500 feet, it will leave the nest. If it — excuse me. If you are within 1,500 feet, whether they can see you or not, they will leave the nest. If they can see you at 4,000 feet, they'll leave the nest. If you put in a tower and the tower is higher than the nest, they'll leave.

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And lastly, it's back country motorized use restricted. I talked to one of the guys from Region 5, which is Forest Service people from Vallejo, and they said that they shouldn't have any roads in there. And they were putting roads. And the guy said they can do the water out of the helicopter. They can drop the guy in from the helicopter. After they wand it and pull off the static electricity, he can

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jump on the line and do the maintenance. And worse come to worst, they'll put helicopter pads where they can walk to the — and I'm not so sure if they're going to try to put roads in or not.

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Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MS. DAVIS

MS. DAVIS: I'm Shannon Davis of Deerhorn Valley, 20731 Spikes Way.

I'm concerned that the San Diego Gas & Electric Company Sunrise Powerlink Modified Route D EIR/EIS, Applications A. 05-12-014 and A. 06-08-010, may be significantly responsible for setting up a precedent on the Southern Preferred Alternative D Route for establishing siting for the Federal Westwide Energy Corridor to run parallel to the Sunrise, that this project of San Diego Gas & Electric Company is so presumptuous that the blame and the liability for putting it in here is questionable.

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The EIR/EIS did not show the Federal Corridor on the routes to the north. Please refer to Figure E.4.1-1a. I am opposed to the fact that you may have set this up in the Sunrise application deliberately for the feds.

And I also want to mention that I was shown at the workshop in Borrego Springs by Billie Blanchard, the project manager, a map that showed the Federal Corridor going through the private lands.

Now my husband went to the Commission for federal energy and spoke to them in Elko, Nevada. They told him it was their understanding that this has been set up so that it is not going through private lands. It's going through public lands. So there's something wrong here, very wrong. So I am totally opposed to this.

I did mention to you earlier today the quino checkerspot butterfly. What I wanted to tell you was that the larvae can last for three years before it hatches. It won't open up if the conditions aren't right, but that does not mean that you need to discount that on the EIR for our area. Historically it has been in our area right where you're putting the line in southwest Cleveland National Forest at the end of Deerhorn Valley Road.

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ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

Off the record.

(Off the record)

ALJ WEISSMAN: On the record.

STATEMENT OF MS. TISDALE

MS. TISDALE: I'm Donna Tisdale. I want to thank you for being here. I know we're out in the sticks, and I hope you enjoyed the view and realized how beautiful our back country is.

I've lived in Boulevard for 30 years, and I've chaired the Boulevard Planning Group for almost 20 of those years. Our Boulevard Planning Group has joined with other groups to oppose the entire Sunrise Powerlink Project, not just the I-8 Alternative that impacts us.

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We feel there's a better way to deal with the energy needs of the region than by bulldozing and industrializing our vulnerable rural communities and public lands. None of us welcome or deserve to become sacrifice areas to support unbridled growth elsewhere.

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With this massive document — I do have a copy. I'm working my way through the seven volumes — it does reject the project, and we appreciate that and the efforts of Aspen. And the CPUC, I believe, is on the right track with some of their other actions and goals to move us away from the old-school mentality of steel-in-the-ground transmission lines to a more and new sustainable direction, and we thank them for that.

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I have read tons of documents, and I was at the rally today. And I've met with SDG&E, and I've talked to different people. And I agree with what Supervisor Jacobs said today at the hearing downtown. SDG&E has a lot of money. We don't have a lot of money. And quite often, the rural communities end up being the dumping grounds for the cities.

We make sacrifices to live out here because of the quality of life. So when you urbanize it and bring everything through here, then everything we sacrificed for is kind of wasted.

We actually have the Kumeyaay Wind Farm on the Campo Reservation in the community of Boulevard, and it generates enough energy for about 30,000 homes, which is 19 times the population of Boulevard, which is 1600.

We also have the existing Southwest Powerlink runs through our community, and new tribal projects can and will tap into the Southwest Powerlink, not the Sunrise.

So we feel it's neither justified nor fair that we or other communities be expected to take on the additional burden of even more transmission lines, fuel lines with the Westwide Corridor and industrial energy parks at the expense of our rural communities, community character and property values.

And I spoke to the Commissioner earlier this morning and gave her some information, and I'll hand it out here, too.

Imperial Irrigation District —

ALJ WEISSMAN: Excuse me, I'll have to ask you to wrap up.

MS. TISDALE: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why should you ask her that? She's making some good sense.

MS. TISDALE: That's okay. That's okay.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Just we want to make sure that everybody has the time to have something to say, and we definitely are going to welcome written comments that you send to us.

MS. TISDALE: And I will send them.

Last year San Diego Gas & Electric honored six businesses for their energy efficiency and recognizing they're saving millions of kilowatt-hours and tens of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Now if hundreds of businesses did that in San Diego Gas & Electric territory, then we wouldn't need this kind of project.

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So I want to say we need to move on with, and support, our fledgling solar and other renewable energies to create high-paying jobs and build the renewable energy in the city where they need it.

Now today mayors from Santee and Chula Vista were there opposing anything in their community. They're willing to put it up here in our community and even Imperial County. Well, all the clean energy is not necessarily so clean, but solar is clean. Geothermal isn't so clean. So, thank you.

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ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

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And while Ms. Schoepfer is coming up, I want to check. How is the sound in the back? Are you doing okay?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Louder.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Okay. Louder? All right.

So if you can try to get close — stay close to the mike.

MS. SCHOEPFER: I'll choke it.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Yeah, a little Mick Jagger is all we need.

All right. And I want to generally again apologize for the fact that we really do need to keep people's comments to two minutes. It's not an act of cruelty; it's an effort to try to make sure that everybody gets their chance that has something to say tonight. There are other opportunities for written submissions, and we welcome those as well.

STATEMENT OF MS. SCHOEPFER

MS. SCHOEPFER: My name is Ms. Mary Schoepfer. I live at 40749 Old Highway 80 in Boulevard. I am a resident.

I am opposed to this project. There's one thing. You can quote all the numbers in the world, but what about the people? What about us, who are going to be harmed by it and have our property values reduced, who are going to be hurt? I think that needs to be remembered.

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I probably will get some of your towers one way or another from SDG&E in the middle of my front yard. It will take my property down probably to about, oh, less than a quarter of what it would be worth before all this started. And there are a lot of people in here just like me. Please remember the people when you're doing this.

You can get the renewable energy down in town where those people need it. And Donna is right: This has to be remembered.

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MS. MORSE

MS. MORSE: Hello. My name is Denise Morse, and I am opposed to the Sunrise Powerlink Project in its entirety. I'm a Campo resident, and I'm also a member of the elected Campo-Lake Morena Planning Group. And I'm also the founder of the Community Planning and Sponsor Group Alliance, which consists of five different planning groups up in this area. And we represent between 8- to 10,000 residents in the Mountain Empire Region.

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We, as planning groups, have voted to reject the Sunrise Powerlink Project in its entirety.

The purpose of my presentation is I do not believe that SDG&E has demonstrated due diligence. According to their application December 14, 2005, they cited three goals for the need for this Powerlink project: One is reduced energy costs. The other is to promote renewable energy, and to maintain reliability.

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UCAN and other organizations have challenged SDG&E's claim that it will lower costs, and there is some discussion that it will increase ratepayers' monthly bills.

By SDG&E's own admission, and confirmed by Commission Grueneich in July 2007, the investor-owned utility does not need SPL to meet its goal of 20 percent renewable energy by 2010.

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So the last goal is to maintain reliability. Bill Powers, author of the San Diego Smart Energy Solutions, has presented evidence that could help support the PUC's number one choice, called the New In-Area All-Source Generation Alternative, by upgrading existing generation and transmission infrastructure and through in-basin and/or point-of-use renewable energy.

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With the input of the San Diego Smart Energy Solutions and other well-informed experts, I believe we can maintain reliability. It just won't look like the 160-foot-high steel towers marching along in the back country.

So, Judge Weissman and Commissioner Grueneich, as a ratepayer, I do not believe that SDG&E has demonstrated due diligence that convinces me that the proposed project is needed.

Your Honor, we're not only asking you to be the Judge Weissman that you already are, but we're also asking you to be a very wise man now and in the future and please take another look at SDG&E's project before we destroy 150 miles of human and wildlife habitat.

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you, Ms. Morse.

STATEMENT OF MR. WEFLen

MR. WEFLen: Hi. I'm Nathan Weflen. I'm the guy in the newspaper yesterday and I specifically opposed the Sunrise Powerlink and I'm going to narrow that down to Alternative D.

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I'm going to highlight a few things that you missed on your survey, the first of which would be cuyamaca cypress. There are cuyamaca cypress located within 50 feet of D.6 on your survey.

Are you listening?

There are tecate cypress located between D.5 and D.6. There's no tecate cypress in your survey of Alternative D.

There are no western pond turtles in any watershed on Alternative D. This one is from Boulder Creek. This picture is in July of last year of me holding one in Cedar Creek.

There are no fish found in D.6. These are steelhead in Boulder Creek, July 2006.

Finally, I want to address visual. There are three visual shots on Alternative D, none of which show Mildred Falls. They refer to Cedar Falls as it visible in the back. This is Mildred Falls; the most accessible waterfall in San Diego County. It is over 100 feet high. Your towers are close to 140. I don't think this is what you had in mind when you talked about saving a state park. This is destroying a national forest.

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Please vote no on Alternative D and the entire Sunrise Powerlink. Thanks.

C0092-3

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

I wanted to mention a couple of things.

One is that the environmental team is in the back of the room. They're hearing what you have to say. They will also be reviewing the transcript. But I did want to point out Billie Blanchard, the staff project manager and Susan Lee from Aspen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: I'm sorry.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why don't you come to the front so you can hear what everybody says.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Speak into the microphone.

ALJ WEISSMAN: That's fine. The other thing I wanted to mention is that as tempting as it is to applaud, we know that you're here and supporting a particular position. But there are two things. One is this is a Commission proceeding and we do have to try to treat it as seriously as possible. But the other thing is that if you applaud, it takes up more time, and that's time that we don't have time for people to make presentations. So I'd like to encourage you to withhold applause if you can. We know you're here. We know you care from the project.

You're on.

STATEMENT OF MR. LUTZ

MR. LUTZ: My name is Raymond Lutz. I'm a candidate for the 77th Assembly District which includes all of the areas that are going to be impacted by this project. I'm also a degreed electrical engineer.

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The Sunrise Powerlink is the wrong project at the wrong time. Experts agree it is not needed to capitalize on renewable resources in Imperial Valley. This Southwest Powerlink is sufficient to bring that power in. Instead, with power generation in Mexico supplied by the new LNG terminal, this overall game plan of Sempra continues our addiction to imported fuel. This is a national security issue which we must address.

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The community can see through to the hidden agenda of this project and has nothing to do with the needs of San Diego County or its transition to renewable power generation. The game plan is to move this up into the L.A. area, as you can see with their charts.

The community can see the proposed disaster to the scenic quality of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the wasted money on a false solution as we turn our economy toward a different future, a future based on local generation, distributed solar and wind power.

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The proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line would theoretically have a maximum power capacity of about a thousand megawatts, but that is a capacity that we don't need right now. Saving or generating only a thousand watts per household would cover the entire capacity. There's a million households. It only takes a thousand watts. That's one toaster oven.

The estimated lifetime cost of 7 billion would more than cover converting homeowners to conserve and install local production. But SDG&E and Sempra won't make more money if we turn to distributed solar and local generation. This is a conflict of interest of our interest if we let them continue down this path.

Sunrise Powerlink is the wrong solution and it must be stopped. The wheels of government have been greased for years by these power monopolies and it will take a public outcry to stop it. Please deny the application.

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you very much.

STATEMENT OF MS. SMITH

MS. SMITH: Hi. My name is Frankie Smith. I live in Boulevard. I oppose the Powerlink. It seems to me that indeed if we need a power link, and I by no means am an expert on energy, that the link should go through the Anza-Borrego Desert.

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You say in your EIR that there will be no moderate — there will be a moderate to high visual impact setting in the areas in the BCD line. McCain Valley Road will no longer be the pristine area that it is today nor will much of the areas that will be contaminated by this land — link. Our groundwater you say could be contaminated by accidental spills or the release of hazardous waste materials. However, you go on to say that there will be training in the proper use of safety equipment. My feeling is that even though trained, there could be an accidental contamination of our groundwater. What do we do then?

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I don't recall how deep into the ground you have to go to place your towers, but I do know that in some places the water is about four feet from the surface. Will this have an adverse effect? I believe it will.

Let's say there's an accidental contamination of our groundwater. What will we as a community do? Will the Powerlink argue that it was a preexisting condition?

I personally don't trust the bureaucrats to do the right thing. The environmentalists of this state once again are putting the desert park ahead of the needs and the character of our back country.

C0094-4

Though it's stated in the EIR that there will be no impact to the designated wilderness area of the Anza-Borrego Desert, yet we in the back country will have our land values damaged, our scenic values destroyed, possible water contamination, and we are yet to have — to know what these huge lines will do to our health.

There are only two recreational areas in Boulevard that will be affected: Lark Canyon and Cottonwood.

You also said there are five residences on McCain Valley Road. Does it matter that these people who lived there may be there for 30 years?

In closing, I am opposed to the entire Powerlink. However, the powers that be say we need it, and therefore I ask that you reconsider the back country again and the degradation it will cause and go with the plan, the SDG&E plan from the beginning, the Anza-Borrego Desert route.

C0094-5

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MR. MAUPIN

MR. MAUPIN: My name is Robert Maupin. I live at 904 Tierra Del Sol Road. I'm a short timer up here. We moved up here in 1947 before there was electricity where we live. And I want to thank the Administrative Law Judge for paying attention because when they did the Southwest Powerlink in El Cajon, that guy fell asleep. He didn't seem to think it was really too interesting.

C0095-1

But anyway, the Sunrise Powerlink, when it first was conceived, I figured no, it's not going up there; it's going down here because the folks in North County, there's a lot of lawyers up there, they got a lot of money. There's no lawyers down here, we don't have a lot of money. That's how we got the Southwest Powerlink.

The other thing, although everybody says it doesn't happen, it's prevalent around high power lines in Europe, my wife came down with something called polycythemia. She's been on chemotherapy for the last 16 years since the Southwest Powerlink that dissects our ranch has had power.

C0095-2

The last time there was a power shortage in San Diego, the Southwest Powerlink was not being used because the people in Arizona also had a power shortage so they weren't selling it to San Diego Gas & Electric. So I don't see what another line is going to do to help us.

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And being a native San Diegan, I can remember when San Diego Gas & Electric used to generate in-house all the electricity that was needed for the expansion of San Diego which expanded tremendously after World War II. So I don't think any of this mess is actually needed.

C0095-4

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MR. KREKLEBERG

MR. KREKLEBERG: First of all, I'd like to thank Judge Weissman, Commissioner Grueneich, for allowing me to voice my opposition to the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project.

My name is Kevin Krekleberg, and I oppose this project primarily because it is unnecessary. The power required to meet the future needs of San Diegans has been proven to be obtainable through a number of alternative sources. The Environmental Impact Report recommends the new in-area, all source generation alternative as their first choice. This recommendation includes wind, solar photovoltaics, and biomass/biogas generation as positive alternative sources of renewable energy.

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We no longer live in the dark ages, relying upon fossil fuel sources that contaminate our air and destroy our atmosphere. It would be irresponsible of us all to continue the destructive practices employed by those who came before us when clean, efficient alternatives can turn the tide of global warming and secure a safe and health planet for those who come after us.

Secondly, I am vehemently opposed to the scars upon our back country created by the construction and maintenance of gigantic steel towers emitting EMFs of immeasurable force, destroying natural wildlife habitats and the visual disruption of our pristine viewscapes, not to mention the increased risk of fire dangers proven to be related to power lines.

C0096-2

Finally, I am opposed to the project because of the very idea that a special interest group such as SDG&E and their parent company Sempra would have the ratepayers' best interest at heart and the well-being of residents of San Diego and its surrounding communities as its first interest is an insult to every thinking person who lives here.

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MS. KREKLEBERG

MS. KREKLEBERG: My name's Lauren Krekleberg. You're looking at pictures of my grandchildren, Sarah and Garrett (indicating). Lovely.

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I am opposed to the Sunrise Powerlink. I'm a mother. I'm a grandmother. You've just seen pictures of my grandchildren. They also live in Japatul Valley. They are the most precious and dearest things to me in the world and I'm afraid for their future, safety and well-being. I'm afraid because SDG&E/Sempra is proposing the so-called Sunrise Powerlink.

I am opposed to it. I do not believe it is necessary. I'm afraid because global warming, which will also exacerbated by building more transmission lines. I'm afraid of the EMFs that would be pulsing and buzzing through the air and through my grandchildren's bodies, not to mention the animals in the area, both domestic and wild.

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I'm afraid that the powerful companies will get away with lining their pockets with money from a project that is not needed, not wanted, not in the interest of the people.

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I have many objections to the power line, but in the interest of time I will mention my two.

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First, huge transmission lines, as evidenced in the most recent October fires, have been directly linked to several of the wildfires. In my community, we have high winds most of the seasons, and our backyards are the Cleveland National Forest. The surrounding area Japatul Valley has not burned in over 40 years. It is a delicate balance in our back country.

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I am a member of the Carve Acre Fire Safe Council in my community. Our council dedicates many hours to education, clearing brush, masticating our acreages, water conservation and community in supporting our local fire departments. The transmission lines are a threat to the safety of our lives and homes.

Secondly, the delicate balance of our community includes our water supply. We all have well water that supplies our homes. Our wells are the lifeline to water. The underground water comes from tiny fissures on the rocks. Any disruption such as blasting in the area could cause our wells to go dry. Of course, the blasting I'm referring to would come from engineers who would be building the 160-foot transmission lines and the concrete bases that would support and stabilize them.

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Please allow me to be clear about my opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink. I am opposed to it in its entirety. My community is in the Alternate Route D, whatever that means. It is impossible to get a clear idea or map of exactly where the lines would go.

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I'm also opposed to the lines being run anywhere else, not in Ranchita, not Ramona, not Anza-Borrego Desert, not Campo, not Boulevard, not Alpine — not in my community and not in your communities.

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In conclusion, I wanted to thank Commissioner Grueneich and Judge Weissman, the CPUC, for this opportunity to voice my opinion and objection to the Sunrise Powerlink, and to plead that when making this important decision you remember the faces of our most precious resources, our children, our future.

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MS. BUXTON

MS. BUXTON: Hi. My name is Cindy Buxton. I have been documenting —

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you.

MS. BUXTON: Hi. My name is Cindy Buxton. I'm representing myself and the Sierra Club.

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I have been documenting for the California Wild Heritage Act for the last 12 years or so, and so I know the area along Boulder Creek quite well. I am opposed to the power line except for the no wires options that the CPUC listed as their first choice.

The area that I will talk about is the area that I know the best, however, and that is the area along Boulder Creek Grade. This area has only been used by the Forest — has been under the Forest Service domain for probably about 15 years now. So it's lesser known than some the other areas, but I think in time it will get a lot of focus because it's closer to town and it has a lot of flowing and gorgeous water — waterfalls in that area.

C0098-2

The EIS in this area is misleading, and I think there are some omissions. The Cedar C Trail in there, I spoke with John Wells at the Forest Service. He's the recreation officer there. He knew nothing of the route that had been put there. And yet it to me was — appeared to be very misleading as to trying to make it look as though people wouldn't be re-creating along Cedar Creek Road when in fact that is the designated route for the Cedar C Trail for four miles.

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The fact that they surveyed in July, I believe they probably could not get an accurate description of the plants and the animals or the views in this area. We have spotted several eagles in this area, most recently right over Mildred Falls, which is exactly where the tower would go.

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They don't show all of the roads that they would require in this area to build these, and yet this area is pristine enough to be a designated wilderness.

I could go on; however, I'll just make one point, that when I take children out there and I like to ask them who owns this. And they look at me, and I say, you do. We all do. And if SDG&E builds this line, we don't.

Thank you.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MR. COLTRAIN

MR. COLTRAIN: Thank you, and welcome to our mountain. My name is Don Coltrain. I live in Pine Valley, California.

My problem is with the CP — excuse me, with the EIR. I think there's an omission in the — in the document that needs to be addressed again.

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So that you don't think that I'm just coming off the wall, my career includes almost 25 years at Southern California Edison Company as a power contract supervisor and followed by 6-1/2 years before I retired in Imperial Irrigation District as the assistant manager of the power department. And so I do have some background in power.

During my career, I developed over a hundred power contracts. And I won't go into those, but they do include transmission agreements, power purchases, sales, exchange agreements, generation plant purchases and sales, and litigation settlement agreements. I have testified before the PUC and the FERC.

The purpose of the presentation is during our meeting in Pine Valley — it was an information meeting on November 14, 2006 — I proposed an alternative to the transmission line which would be a displacement arrangement.

Imperial Irrigation District has various transmission paths. It has the lines coming in from the United States Bureau at Blythe. They have the KN and the KS line which deliver power up through Coachella to Devers Substation. They have the Southwest Powerlink approximately — about 160 megawatts there.

It's possible — and we've done it before — to have displacement where you have a counterschedule. And take Blythe, for example. The district can be scheduling power in from Blythe and simultaneously schedule power in the — it can't be up. I'll hurry.

ALJ WEISSMAN: Yes, please try to summarize.

MR. COLTRAIN: Okay. What I would like to see — and it's outlined in my write-up — I think that a disinterested third party has to take a look at the alternative of displacement where the power schedules can offset one another, which would obviate the need for building a transmission line.

C0099-1 cont.

With that \$1.4 billion investment saved, that could certainly be put into conservation or local generation or a number of other projects in the basin. And that way I think everybody would be happy.

If I can help you on this, you can certainly get ahold of me. My phone number is in the book. Give me a call. I can give you details, and I'll try to watch my time.