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Vicki Wood, Field Manager
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
El Centro Field Office
1661 South 4th Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Re: CR CA-610-05-26/EIS CA-670-2006-31/CA-47658 (CA667)P

Dear Ms. Wood:

This letter is in response to your request for Native American consultation on the above-referenced project. We respond to these requests on behalf of Robert Smith, Chairman of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. At this time, we would like to initiate government-to-government consultation regarding this project.

Because this project takes place within the traditional boundaries of the people of Pala, we have concerns that the project may uncover or disturb resources of cultural and historical significance. In particular, we are concerned about the route of the project as it passes through the area near Warner Springs, California, which encompasses the traditional ancestral territory of the Cupeño people of Pala. We request that we be given copies of any cultural resource surveys conducted in the Warner Springs area. In the event that significant resources are discovered, we request further consultation on potential avoidance or mitigation. Furthermore, as the project continues, we would like to be consulted about specific areas under development to ensure that all efforts are made to avoid negative impacts to areas of cultural, historical, archaeological, or sacred significance to the people of Pala.

We appreciate being made aware of this project and having the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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October 27, 2006

Mr. Kevin O'Beirne
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
8830 Century Park Court – CP32D
San Diego, CA. 92123

Re: Sunrise Powerlink Route Alternative

Dear Mr. O'Beirne:

On behalf of the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians (previously known as the Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians, and hereinafter the "Ewiiapaayp Tribe"), I express to you our support for the alternate route for the Sunrise Powerlink that is near Interstate 8 in San Diego County, as depicted by the yellow or red alternate routes in the map below:



SOURCE: San Diego Gas & Electric

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The Ewiiapaayp Tribe is in the planning stages in development of a wind energy project on its Ewiiapaayp Indian Reservation that would produce between 37.5 MW and 50 MW of electricity beginning in 2010, which would require interconnection to the Sunrise Powerlink.

We also understand the Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians and the Manzanita Band of Mission Indians, our immediate neighbors to the southeast, are also considering similar wind energy projects that would produce similar amounts of electricity for interconnection to the Sunrise Powerlink.

The preferred route for the Sunrise Powerlink, depicted as the black route in the map above, would require a long and expensive interconnection for the presumptive 112.5 MW to 150 MW that could be produced by the wind energy projects of our Tribe and our neighbor tribes. This clean, renewable, sustainable electricity would help fill the “green” energy targets for SDG&E and the State of California.

The Sunrise Powerlink is also the only option for interconnection because the Southwest Powerlink, a 230 kV transmission line whose route is east/west just south of Interstate 8, is fully subscribed and its upgrade is technically unfeasible and uneconomic (according to SDG&E engineers who evaluated this transmission line for the Kumeyaay Windpower Project that currently operates on the Campo Indian Reservation).

Please consider the benefit of the two alternate routes for the Sunrise Powerlink preferred by the Ewiiapaayp Tribe, and the benefit of the interconnection of the tribal wind energy projects planned in the area of these alternate routes.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Ewiiapaayp Tribe’s Executive Director & COO, Mr. William Micklin, at the tribal office (619) 445-6315, on his mobile phone (619) 368-4382, or by email at wmicklin@leaningrock.net. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Harlan Pinto, Sr.
Chairman

Cc: Billie C. Blanchard, AICP, PURA V
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From: William Micklin [mailto:wmicklin@leaningrock.net]
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2006 08:15 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Proposed Routes

On behalf of the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, I wish to convey this Tribe's support for the Sunrise Powerlink. I also wish to convey this Tribe's strong interest in the route for the proposed Sunrise Powerlink being located near the Tribe's Ewiiapaayp Indian Reservation near Mt. Laguna, 12 miles north of Interstate 8 and the existing Southwest Powerlink. The Tribe plans a wind energy project that would produce between 37.5 and 50 MW of electricity that would need an interconnection to the Sunrise Powerlink. We understand the Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians and the Manzanita Band of Mission Indians, our immediate neighbors to the southeast, also are planning wind energy projects that would produce similar amounts of electricity. The interconnection to the Sunrise Powerlink is essential to our projects. Please consider our request when deciding the route for the Sunrise Powerlink. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

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Thank you.

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Thank you.