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September 2, 2006

Director Energy Division
Public Utilities Division
Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project
Application Number: A.05-12-014

Dear Commissioners,

I am a property owner in Ocotillo Wells, California and have received official notice from San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) regarding their proposed transmission line project, which is now before you.

I am writing to object to this project due to the effects it will have on my property and quality of life, including the resulting financial hardship my family would suffer if this project was approved by the commission. The proposed project will negatively affect the exercise of my private property rights

I understand that I have the opportunity to intervene in the above-mentioned matter as a formal party to the proceedings, but due to the nature of the family businesses in which I am engaged, it is a practical impossibility for me to intervene formally in the process. Therefore, I am writing this letter to you for the dual purpose of outlining my objections to the project and by doing so preserving my legal rights, should it become necessary for me to engage an attorney in this matter.

The information provided here is abbreviated and should not be considered the sum total of all of the objections I have with this project. I plan to augment this letter with other written communications to the commission in the future.

I object to this proposed power line because:

The proposed project will split my land holdings

I, along with my husband Anthony, own a 20 acre Ranch on Old Kane Springs Road in Ocotillo Wells. The property is split into two 10 acre parcels. My house is located on the back 10 acre parcel.

SDG&E will need the front 10 acres of property for the easement.

Please see attachment 1, map provided by SDG&E.

The proposed project will intrude into the daily activities of my family and diminish my family's quality of life

My husband and I purchased our Ranch in 2002. We have a very large family who frequents the Ocotillo Wells area regularly. Our intent when we purchased the property was to provide our family members with a safe, enjoyable place to visit.

We have two young grandchildren, a grown daughter and a teenage son. Not to mention parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins who all spend weekends at our Ranch.

We have a beautiful 800sq ft party room that we use for entertaining our family and friends. My husband and I were married on our Ranch. Our family enjoys the peace and safety that our Ranch provides.

The front 10 acres of property is the area where most of our family and friends will park their RV's and motor homes overnight and sleep. If these transmission lines were to run through my front 10 acres, they would have no choice but to park in the immediate area surrounding my home. Both my family members and my husband and I would effectively be denied the regular use of the front 10 acre portion of our property should these massive erector-set like power lines bisect our property as SDG&E plans evidently do.

The proposed project will diminish my financial investment in real property

We purchased our Ranch in June of 2002. The purchase price was \$200,000.00. Over the last four years we have made numerous improvements, including interior and exterior painting, irrigation, tiling, carpeting, roofing and landscaping, resulting in an overall of \$30,000 in improvements.

Presently the estimated value of our property is \$525,000, based on the improvements made as well as the increased valuation of the property over time. If the property is bisected by unsightly transmission towers, it is my opinion that the estimated value of the property will not only not increase due to the improvements made and increased valuation over the time we have owned the property and that the property value itself will in fact decrease.

Please see attachment 2, brokers price comparison.

The proposed project will not adequately pay for financial loss incurred by my family as a result of the project

According to SDG&E they will only need to purchase the easement on our front 10 acres of property. We have been told by SDG&E once they have purchased the easement that we would never be able to build or make improvements on the front 10 acres.

We have been in the planning stages to build my elderly mother a home on the front 10 acres. Of course, we would not want to subject her to the health risks of such transmission lines.

As far as I am aware, we would still be liable for all of the property taxes and up keep of **the property.**

There is no benefit of owning such a large parcel of land if it is not unusable to us as an entire parcel. In fact because we have been told that we would be prohibited from making any improvements to the front portion of the property, we would in fact be tasked with the responsibility of the tax and other upkeep of the land without enjoying the full rights to the use of the land. This seems to be completely unfair as it places an extraordinary burden, both financial and otherwise, on us, the property owners.

The proposed project is a potential health hazard to my family

We are gravely concerned about the health risks of 500kv of transmission lines so close to our home. Quite a few of our family members have expressed their concerns also We have been told by my daughter that she will no longer bring my grandchildren out to visit us because of the health concerns. My husband's father has a pacemaker and we are concerned what kind of effect the transmission lines would have on him.

I have asked SDG&E to provide us with documented studies of 500kv lines and the effect they have on humans. To date, they have failed to provide me with such documentation.

I am not willing to put myself or my families health at risk because SDG&E!

The proposed project is a potential fire hazard for both my family and my community

Power transmission lines have been a source of ignition for fires in the past in California. I refer you to the article written by Dr. Joseph Mitchell.

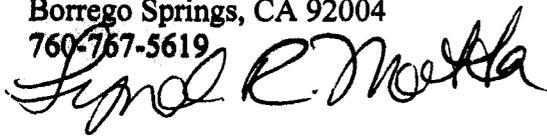
Please see attachment 3..

I ask the commission to seriously consider the negative effects of this proposed project on an entire desert community, recreational area and way of life. I also ask the commission to take into account the effects this project will have on my own family and way of life.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lynda R. Motta
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Attachments

Copy of SDG&E letter
Map
Brokers price Comparison
Fire article

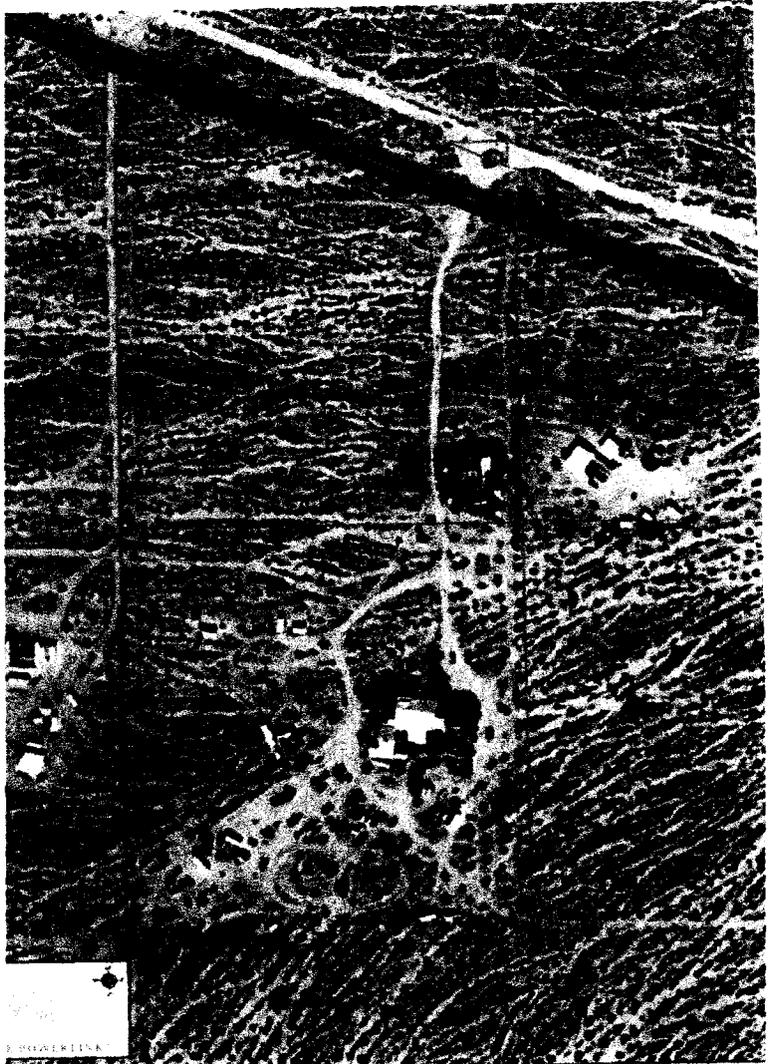
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**NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Project Name: Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project
Application Number: A. 05-12-014

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Proposed Project: On August 4, 2006, San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) filed an amended application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project (Sunrise or Project). This filing amended the initial application filed on December 14, 2005 with updated information and included SDG&E's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA), which provides route-specific and environmental information as required by General Order 131-D.

Purpose of Project: The Sunrise Powerlink is needed to ensure continued reliable service within the San Diego area, to facilitate achievement of California's renewable resource goals, and to reduce the costs that consumers in the CAISO control area will otherwise have to pay to meet their day-to-day energy requirements.

Project Description and Location: The Project consists of new electric transmission lines (to be constructed between Imperial Valley Substation and San Diego) and a new substation, along with other system upgrades and modifications. This new transmission line would be capable of handling the electricity needs of over 650,000 customers and help ensure a safe and reliable supply of energy for the region. The proposed schedule includes an in-service date of 2010.

As proposed by SDG&E, and further described in the PEA, the Project includes:

Transmission Lines

- A new 500 kilovolt (kV) (approximately 2,000 megavolt-ampere (MVA) continuous) transmission line, approximately 91.3 miles in length, would begin at the existing Imperial Valley Substation and terminate at a new 500/230 kV substation referred to as the Central East Substation.
- A new double circuit 230 kV (approximately 900 MVA continuous per circuit) transmission line, approximately 45.3 miles in length, would begin at the new Central East Substation and terminate at the existing Sycamore Canyon Substation.
- A new single circuit 230 kV, approximately 900 MVA continuous transmission line, approximately 13.4 miles in length, would begin at the Sycamore Canyon Substation and terminate at the existing Penasquitos Substation.
- Relocation of the existing 69 kV transmission line to the Proposed Project Alignment between the junction of SR76 and SR79 and the existing Santa Ysabel Substation.
- Relocation of the existing 69 kV and 92 kV transmission lines to the Proposed Project Alignment between the east boundary of the Anza Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP or Park) and the Proposed Central East Substation.

Substations

- The proposed 500 kV/230 kV Central East Substation would encompass 40 acres of fenced area. The substation is located on private property in an undeveloped rural area, west of S2 and approximately 1.5 miles south of the intersection of S2 and S22 in northern San Diego County.
- The existing Imperial Valley Substation would be modified to accommodate termination of one new 500 kV transmission line.
- The existing Sycamore Canyon Substation would be modified to accommodate termination of three new 230 kV transmission lines: two lines from the proposed Central East Substation and one line to the Penasquitos Substation.
- The existing Penasquitos Substation would be modified to accommodate termination of one new 230 kV transmission line.

Other System Upgrades

- Reconnector the existing 69 kV transmission line from the existing Sycamore Canyon Substation to the existing Elliot Substation.
- The San Luis Rey Substation would be modified to add a 230/69 kV transformer and a 230 kV shunt capacitor.
- The South Bay Substation would be modified to add a 69 kV shunt capacitor.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): San Diego Gas and Electric Company will employ measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with CPUC Decisions 93-11-013 and 06-01-042 and SDG&E's "EMF Design Guidelines for Transmission, Distribution, and Substation Facilities". SDG&E has filed copies of its Magnetic Field Management Plan for this project as part of its Application.

Application for CPUC Authorization: Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001 and CPUC General Order ("GO") 131-D, no electric utility shall begin construction of electric transmission line facilities designed for operation at 200 kilovolts or more without the CPUC having first found that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require such construction.

Public Review Process: Pursuant to the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure and GO 131-D, you may file a protest or response to this Application within 30 days after the notice of the filing of the Application is mailed or published. This means that, assuming that the CPUC posts the notice of this filing on the Commission's Daily Calendar on or about August 7, 2006, a protest or response must be formally filed with the Commission's Docket Office on or about September 6, 2006 at the following address:

California Public Utilities Commission
Docket Office
Room 2001
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies must also be sent to:

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Protests and/or requests for hearing should include the following:

- 1) Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number;
- 2) A reference to the CPUC Application Number and Project name;
- 3) A clear description of the reason for the protest or request for hearing; and
- 4) Whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

For assistance in filing a protest or response, please contact the CPUC Public Advisor in Los Angeles at 320 West 4th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013 or e-mail: public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov.

If the CPUC, as a result of its preliminary investigation after such requests, determines that public hearings should be held, notice shall be sent to each person who is entitled to notice or who has requested a hearing.

Prehearing Conference: The CPUC has set a tentative date of September 13 for a Prehearing Conference. Information regarding the Prehearing Conference will be made available on the CPUC's website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/hottopics/1energy/a0512014+.htm>.

Additional Project Information: To obtain further information on the project, including information on where and when you can review a copy of SDG&E's Application No. 05-12-014 and the PEA, please call 1-877-775-6818. The complete application is available on the SDG&E website at the following location: <http://www.sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink/CPUC.shtml>

Attachment 2

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To: Anthony & Lynda Motta
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From: Henry E. Pena, Broker
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September 11, 2006

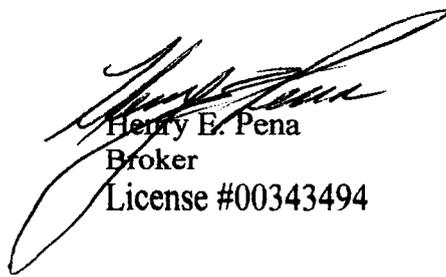
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Motta,

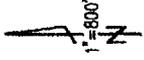
Based on the most recent sales comparisons for similar and like properties that have sold and closed escrow in the Borrego Springs / Ocotillo Wells area the average dollar value per square foot is \$200. San Diego County Records indicate that the SFR (Single Family Residence) located on the property is 2624 square feet giving the above referenced property a value of \$525,000.

Should you have any questions or need a more information call me at (760)767-0031.

Sincerely,

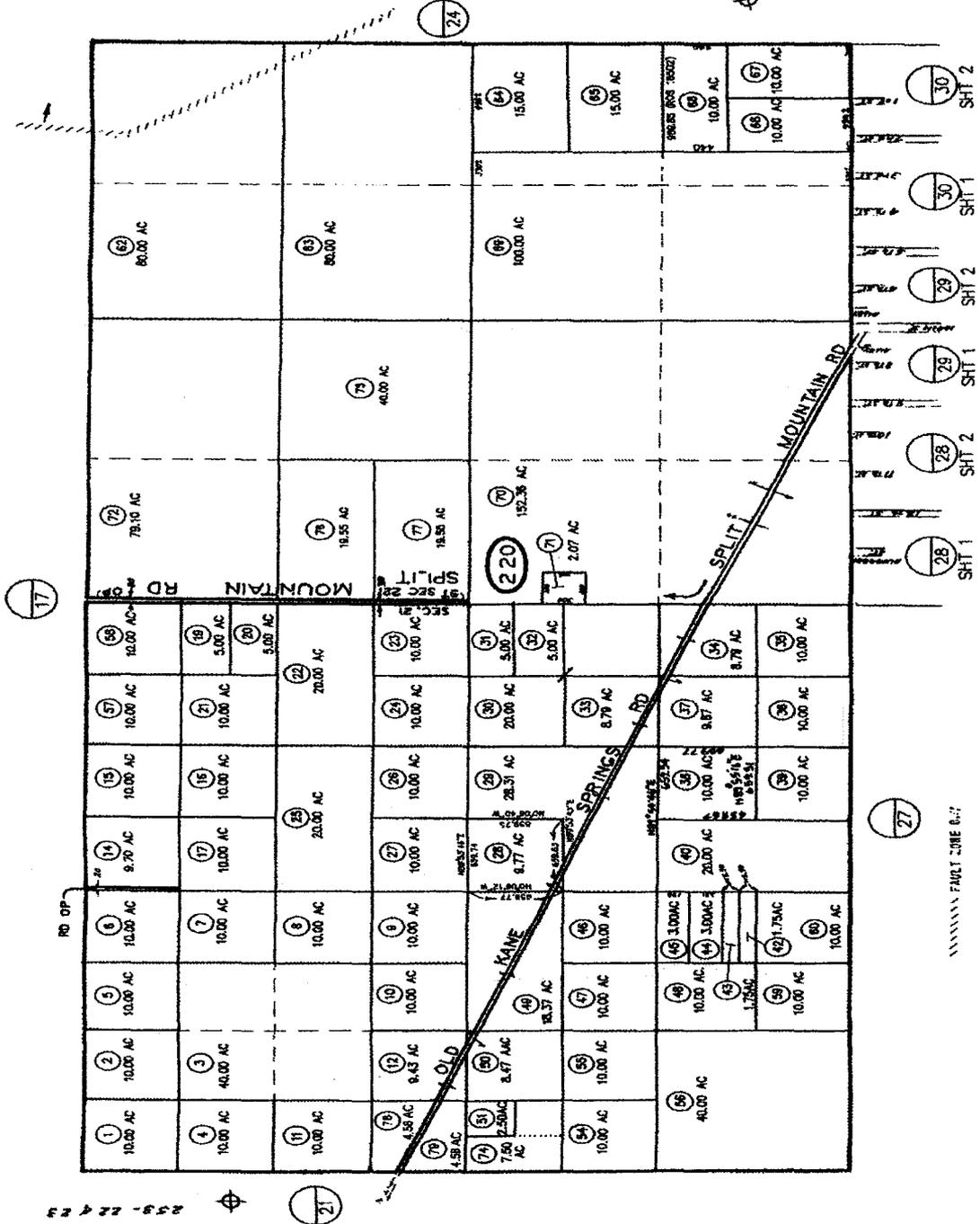

Henry E. Pena
Broker
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Property Profile

Primary Owner: **MOTTA, ANTHONY D & LYNDA**

Secondary Owner:

Mail Address: **5949 OLD KANE SPRINGS RD
BORREGO SPRINGS, CA 92004**

Site Address: **5949 OLD KANE SPRINGS RD
BORREGO SPRINGS, CA 92004**

Telephone Number:

APN: **253-220-36**

Reference APN:

Census Tract: **210.003**

Housing Tract Number:

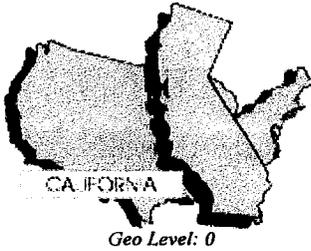
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Subdivision:



Property Characteristics

Bedrooms: 3	Year Built: 1993	Square Feet: 2,624
Bathrooms: 2.5	Garage:	Lot Size:
Total Rooms:	Fireplace:	Number of Units: 1
Zoning: R1	Pool/View:	Use Code: Single Family Residence
Heating/Cooling:		

Sale & Loan Information

Transfer Date: 06-10-2002	Seller:	Document: 0000489687
Transfer Value: \$200,000	Cost/Sq Feet: \$76.22	Title Co.: First American Title
First Loan Amt:	Lender:	Last Trans W/O\$: 01-08-2004
Loan Type:	Interest Rate Type:	Last Trans W/O\$ Doc: 0000015093

Assessed & Tax Information

Assessed Value: \$164,271	Percent Improvement: 90.32	Homeowner Exemption: Y
Land Value: \$15,901	Tax Amount: \$1,584	Tax Rate Area: 58008
Improvement Value: \$148,370	Tax Status: current	

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Attachment 3

The Sunrise Powerlink Fire Hazard

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Feb. 13, 2006

The Sunrise Powerlink, regardless of the final path proposed for it, would traverse many miles of extremely flammable vegetation between its eastern and western terminals. That power lines present a significant fire hazard is acknowledged by both fire agencies and utilities. This has prompted CDF, the US Forest Service, SDG&E, and PG&E to collaborate on the "Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide"[12]. This reference guide makes the following observation:

"The potential exists that power line caused fires will become conflagrations during the long, hot and dry fire season commonly experienced in California. The very same weather conditions that contribute to power line faults also lead and contribute to the rapid spread of wildfire. The most critical of these weather factors is high wind, which is commonly accompanied by high temperatures and low humidity.

High, gusty winds may cause vegetation to sway into power lines, break off limbs or fall into power lines. High winds may also create vibrations in power lines that can lead to stress failures or cause loose connections to separate. Arcing usually accompanies such faults. Automatic reclosers re-energizing the line into the fault may cause repeated arcing and increase the probability of igniting vegetation."

Many of the communities potentially along the path of the Sunrise Powerlink are fire-weary, having suffered massive losses during the Cedar fire of October 2003 and the Pines fire of 2002. By the time the Powerlink, if constructed, becomes operational, the wildland fuel load in these communities will have returned to the level capable of supporting a major conflagration. Having another potential fire source in the backcountry would be perceived as an affront to communities that had recently suffered the loss of over 2,200 homes and 15 lives.

How significant is the risk? CDF statistics from 1998 indicate that 155 fires in their jurisdiction were ignited by power lines, representing a fraction of 3% of the total [7]. However, if we look at only major fires (leading to the greatest structure losses or acreage burned), the fraction caused by power lines seems to be higher – approximately 10% or more. Examining the 20 historically largest fires in terms of area gives three started by power lines: Laguna (San Diego, 1970), Campbell Complex (Tehama, 1990), and Clampitt (Los Angeles, 1970) [1]. In terms of structure loss, there were also three fires started by power lines: Laguna (San Diego, 1970), City of Berkeley (1923), and Sycamore (Santa Barbara, 1977)[2]. If we examine the top five fires for acreage and structure loss in the years spanning 1999 and 2004 [3,4,5] we find a similar pattern emerge: 5 of the 60 top slots were power line fires (the Geysers, Pines, and Poe fires).

The Pines fire was near Julian, not far from the proposed routes, and was the largest fire in terms of structure and acreage loss in California during 2002.

The probability of seeing 10% of large fires caused by power lines while only 3% of smaller fires were caused by power lines could be a statistical fluctuation, but this is somewhat improbable. Two possible causal connections can also be suggested here: 1) Power lines are more likely to be near human habitation than other ignition sources, thus making structure loss more likely. This would not explain the enhancement of large acreage fires, though. 2) As noted in the CDF/USFS/SDG&E/PG&E guide [12], power lines are more likely to be a source of combustion during high wind conditions. These are the very conditions under which catastrophic wildfires take place [20].

Power lines and Firefighters

The presence of power lines complicates wildland firefighting. The power lines themselves are hazardous to firefighters. NIOSH reports 10 firefighter deaths due to power lines between 1980 and 1999[6]. Hazards from power lines include ground gradient, energizing of conducting equipment, contact with line, solid stream water contact, and flashover through charged smoke. Reports of line-to-ground flashover in heavy smoke were made during the Eagle Eye fire in Arizona [9].

Firefighters are trained in these hazards, and therefore will tend to avoid activities near potentially live power lines. This creates an “indefensible space” near the line where it is less likely that firefighting will be conducted.

Sometimes, firefighting resources need to be diverted from other tasks to protect a critical power line. Examples of fires where this occurred are:

Pack Rat Complex (AZ) 9/2002 [8]

Yellow Jacket Fire (AZ) 7/2004 [11]

Cave Creek Complex (AZ) 7/2005 [10]

Power lines and Ramona Airspace

Power lines are responsible for 6% of all helicopter accidents reported to the National Transportation Safety Board [13]. A Drug Enforcement Agency helicopter started the 2002 Pines fire when it struck a power line near Julian. As the pole heights are raised, the potential for interaction with low-flying aircraft will be significantly increased. This is true for all power lines everywhere, but this is a particular hazard in the Ramona area – which happens to be the only area where all the potential Powerlink routes converge.

Ramona generates several sources of low-altitude air traffic:

1. ***The CDF air attack base.*** CDF fire suppression aircraft need to make low altitude runs in order to drop their retardant payload. Increasing their altitude makes their attack less effective.
2. ***Experimental aircraft.*** Ramona is something of a Mecca for experimental aircraft enthusiasts [14,16,17] and hosts its own company headquarters for an experimental aircraft company [15].

3. **Helicopter training school.** The Silver State Flight School, headquartered at Gillespie Field, often makes runs near the Ramona Airport, and over other Ramona areas, including near the proposed power line routes [19]. These inexperienced pilots can often be seen flying at low altitudes.
4. **Marine Attack Helicopters.** The Sycamore Canyon substation is adjacent to the Marines' Miramar Air Station. While operation over backcountry areas are proscribed for low altitude flight, Marine attack helicopters have been seen by residents making low altitude attack runs over the areas east and north of the substation.
5. **Ultra-light Aircraft.** The one existing ultra-light base near Barona was destroyed by the Cedar fire and has not reopened [18]. However, the operators are currently searching for another location in the area.

This unusual combination of low altitude flight sources would tend to pose a greater hazard for power line collision than would normally be expected.

Power Line Fire Mitigation Problems

It is possible to mitigate for the above risks, but the measures taken for fire risk mitigation only exacerbate other issues associated with the power line.

One method to reduce fire hazard along the line route is the removal of all fuel. This creates a wide swath of disturbed land, and significantly increases the ecological footprint of the project. This swath then becomes an attractive ingress for off-road vehicles, and a route by which non-indigenous and invasive species can be introduced.

Making the line more visible can reduce the risk to aircraft. The installation of lights on the towers or ornamentation along the line might reduce the risk to low-flying aircraft, but it greatly increases the visual impact of the project, thus further damaging view-sheds and reducing property values.

Joseph W. Mitchell is a physicist with a 15-year research career in elementary particle physics, and has worked at laboratories in Los Alamos, Hamburg, and Geneva. He has also worked in software for major electronics and software companies in Brussels and San Diego. He started M-bar Technologies and Consulting to raise consciousness about the risk of wind-driven firebrand ignition during wildland fires and to popularize his public domain WEEDS home protection system.

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I, Rita Pinkerton of 4711 73rd St., La Mesa, protest the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project due to the negative effects of the towers in Anza Borrego State Park and all other property in the back country.

I believe evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve the factual disputes.

Thank you,



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I, Louise Russell of 3407 Mississippi St, San Diego, protest the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project due to the negative effects of the towers in Anza Borrego State Park and all other property in the back country.

I believe evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve the factual disputes.

Thank you,



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Day phone number – 858-274-8520 x123

September 4, 2006

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California Public Utilities Commission
Docket Office, Room 2001
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

To the Commission:

We object to the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project Application #A. 05-12-014, and declare that evidentiary hearings are necessary, for these reasons:

Several state agencies, several universities, several private and public organizations, and many educators, scientists, regional residents, volunteers and financial contributors have worked for more than half a century to create and protect a unique State park dedicated to protection of natural terrain, vegetation, scenery and wildlife for purposes of education, recreation and preservation for the present and future. The construction work and the continuing effects of the proposed power lines and towers would severely compromise all of these values and purposes.

We recognize the need and demand for energy in the developing regions, but as others have pointed out, a workable existing route already exists along developed Interstate 8. If SDG&E has an interest in Riverside County as well, an existing developed route exists along Route 86. There is no need for power lines through the State park and through some of the finest of the County's back country in the Warner and Santa Ysabel valleys. Moreover, we believe that distribution from a remote source is unnecessary and is obsolete even before it is built. Energy sources should be developed in the areas of demand.

We are now at the opening of a period of demand for technological change for energy conservation as well as environmental protection, based on increasing public awareness of environmental degradation and climate change. The energy industry has economic as well as ethical obligations to pursue and improve the performance potentials of solar and other power sources. As our communities grow, power suppliers should pursue methods more creative and less destructive than this one. 1.27 billion dollars would buy many acres of solar panels on San Diego rooftops.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Clark
Grace A. Clark

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September 4, 2006

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Reference:
CPUC Application Number A.05-12-014
Proposed Central East Substation

The reason for our protest of the Proposed Central East Substation is as follows:

1. We are property owners in the impacted area. The property parcel number is 196-120-16-00. Parcel Map No 13215 and is located on San Felipe Rd.
2. According to the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project Map the Preferred Right-of-Way and presumably power lines would be traversing our property making it uninhabitable and impinging on our free use of our private property.
3. We purchased this property with plans to add buildings and improvements. Our plans would clearly be adversely impacted by this project.
4. Local property values and our property value may be negatively impacted by this project.
5. The Sunrise Powerlink Project would negatively impact the surrounding pristine environment for Humans, Animals and Plants.
6. The project would be disruptive to our community and surrounding community.
7. The resulting Electric and Magnetic Fields that would be generated present an unacceptable clear and present danger to the health of the citizens in our community.

We believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

1. Hearings are required because more information is needed by the local citizens in order to assess the impact of this project. So far the only communications has been Junk Mail looking form letter from SDG&E entitled Notice of an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.
2. I am concerned that SDG&E has trespassed on our private property without our permission. According to our neighbors this may have occurred.
3. We never have and never will give permission to SDG&E to gain access to our property.
4. We think that SDG&E should use the existing sub-stations and electrical infrastructure and right of ways.
5. SDG&E should not destroy pristine lands and communities.

6. Spending millions of dollars on propaganda and advertising does not give SDG&E the right to destroy private property and lives in the local communities that they are infecting.

Thank you,

Peter I. Suranyi



Susan D. Suranyi



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CPUC APPLICATION NUMBER: 05-12-014
PROJECT NAME: SUNRISE POWERLINK

As a member of this community I cannot help but add my name to those of my neighbors and protest the Sunrise Powerlink Project, specifically, the Central East Substation, and the Preferred Routes proposed to the Central East Substation.

I have concerns with the location of the Central East Substation and issues based on how this project will affect those living in this valley, but I confess my biggest concern is a personal one.

SDG&E's application states that "this substation is in an undeveloped rural area of private property", but in actuality it is in a well established neighborhood of San Felipe and they picked, in essence, the very hub of the San Felipe Community for this substation. I believe the area was chosen not because it was the most undeveloped, but because it was the easiest place to acquire private land close to the unattainable land that is the Vista Irrigation District which occupies most of the open land in this area. Because this is the "BackCountry" everything is considered undeveloped compared to suburban communities. If that is the case, this decision was not based on what was best for the occupants of this community, but on what was most convenient for SDG&E/Sempra Energy. What troubles me most is the lack of regard for the citizens living directly in the area SDG&E will be impacting, myself included.

I come from a middle class San Diego family and have lived out here for almost thirty years. It was a dream of mine to live and work in this valley. I worked hard to own my own place in the country, my own little slice of paradise, a place where I could live and work in a healthy environment. And in the twenty years I have lived on this property I have sacrificed a great deal to leave a light footprint, to preserve the pristine beauty of the land around me.

With considerable expense and much personal labor I saw to it that all my power lines ran underground so as not to degrade the beauty of what has been designated a scenic route, and it is both a valuable refuge for wildlife and a recreation area for the citizens of San Diego County. It is home to many bird species, including Golden Eagles and other birds of prey. Also, habitat for the remaining cougars and deer. It is also the location that SDG&E has designated in the latest application not for one, but two corridors of towers, a 500 KV and a double 230 KV circuit side by side. These towers would sit two hundred and forty feet from my property line. Unlike most citizens impacted by this project, if this project is approved I will have not one but two corridors unless the Central East Substation is disallowed, or SDG&E use one of the alternate routes for the incoming 500 KV line, and my biggest concern by far is the towers themselves.

Last year I buried my first cousin, who for twenty years lived near one of these towers. There's growing evidence that the EMF's emitted by these large towers are dangerous and

sure enough, suddenly he developed a fast growing brain tumor. I think living near enough to the electrical tower contributed to his demise because of his sensitivity to the EMF's this tower was emitting. He was 46 years old and a pillar of his community, Vice Principal of a school, father of two young children, and husband to a loving wife. He was very close to me, and I just finished a four-year ordeal watching him die, trying to help him let go of the life he cherished so much.

These proposed towers would, each time I looked at them, be a constant painful reminder to me, not to mention that I too have the same environmental sensitivities since I share his genetics, one of the reasons I moved out here to begin with. I do not think I could bear to live so close to those towers with the memory of my cousin so deeply embedded in my mind. It would be more than I could bear. There is a reason they do not put those towers close to schools and hospitals. Also, I work on this property so my exposure would be constant. Unless the project itself be rejected, or barring that, the Central East Substation be disallowed, I can only hope that, with so much open space behind me, SDG&E can be persuaded to move them a healthier distance away, or by using one of the alternate routes thus changing the closest of corridors' proximity to my home.

Moreover, three years ago much of my property burned in the Pines Fire, a fire that was cause by a power line. I lost half of everything I owned and had extensive damage to my home and to my dental lab that is located on my property. My barn burned down along with thirty years worth of tools and power equipment. I lost an orchard of mature fruit trees, beehives, and my garden of twenty years along with two pets and two vehicles. It has taken time for my property, and me, to heal after a blow such as this, and now I'm facing losing it all over again.

As I stated, my dental lab sits on my property. I am self-employed. I make appliances for orthodontists and dentists. I have personal relationships with these doctors that go back twenty years or more. If I am forced to leave, I will not be able to afford to buy in Southern California due to the high real estate prices, and I would lose my clients and profession if forced to move to another state.

My husband and I also happen to be the lifeline to my elderly parents who reside in nearby Boreggo Springs. My Father is eighty years old and my mother seventy-seven. I take them to their doctor appointments, to shop for food and whatever else they require. Should I be forced to move their lives would also be impacted heavily.

I am convinced the Central East Substation is a bad idea for me and my communitiy, but I also believe that the Powerlink project in general does not serve the people of San Diego County. From other information I have been able to gather, it seems there were other projects that would have served the same purpose but were not given fair consideration, projects that would leave a lighter footprint and still accomplish the same objective.

I know SDG&E have made concessions to people in heavily populated areas by agreeing to put some of the powerlines underground there. I am requesting that SDG&E be required to address mitigation for myself, due to the fact that they propose two corridors instead of one close to my home. Any attempts to communicate with someone from SDG&E who has the authority to discuss this with me have, so far, been unsuccessful. I need some questions answered for example, why they are not using the existing easement down hiway S-2 avoiding our community completely, and use the existing

substation on hiway 79? And, if not, why they cannot use an alternate route to the proposed Central East Substation that is east from me which would leave one corridor behind me that would be a safe distance away? This idea would also spare some of the citizens in Ranchita living in Grapevine Canyon from living too close to the lines as it would deviate the incoming corridor away from them and myself.

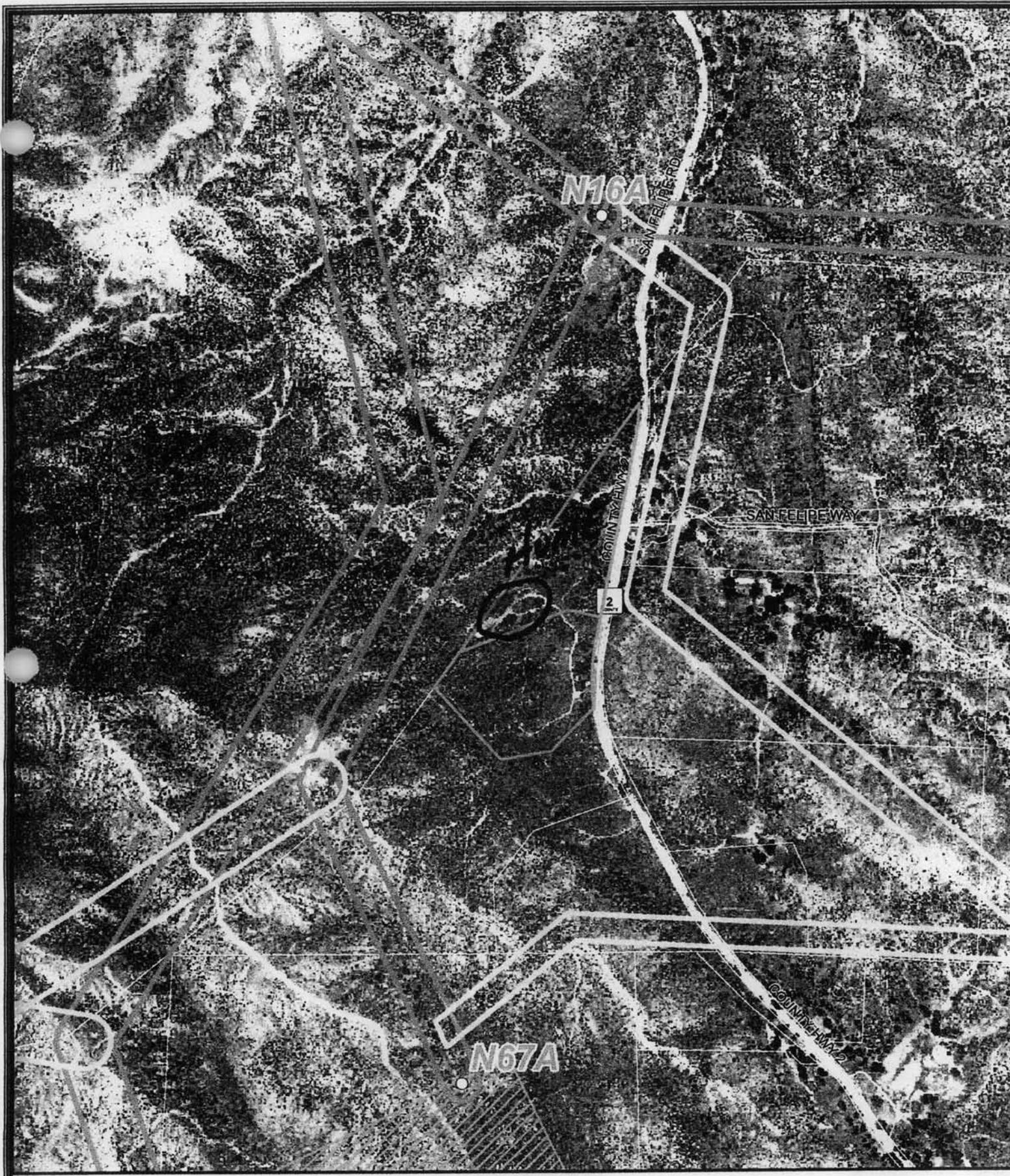
Our Govenor has just signed the rooftop solar initiative, which I think to be very progressive. Before hearing of this powerline project, my husband and I were considering going solar here. This country is in a place in time right now that calls for brave new ideas and people with the courage to implement them. I feel we need to gravitate toward new technologies and the jobs that would be created with them. Proper consideration of other projects is vital because of the size, cost and environmental impact of the Sunrise Powerlink. I believe this Powerlink, which cuts through a State Park and then proceeds through wilderness communities like mine, would have a devastating effect if approved.

For all the reasons I mention above, I feel I must protest this project, especially the placement of the double corridors of towers just two hundred and forty feet from my property line due to the proposed Central East Substation. Since I will be most affected by this placement due to the proposed preferred routes, I must respectfully request a hearing.

Sincerely,

Judith M. Withers

enclosures: map of affected property and proposed routes



SDGE
 Sample File: s101



 Preferred Right-of-Way
 Alternative Right-of-Way

 Tax Parcel Boundary
 Proposed Central East Substation

SUNRISE POWERLINK

9/5/06

Director, Energy Division
Public Utilities Commission

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Greetings

(app. no. A. 05-12-014)

I am not convinced that SUNRISE POWERLINK
is a good idea.

It could be. But it could be nothing more
than corporate maneuvering.

Their eagerness to compromise desert parklands
raises doubts.

Shouldn't an independent study be undertaken
before such an extraordinary privilege is granted?
What about encouraging competition? Has the CPUC
pursuant to General Order 131-D found that this
powerline is the best idea?

Thank you
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RE: Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project
Application Number: A. 05-12-014

The proposed route for the powerline corridor, adjacent to the Westside Main Canal in Imperial County, is in the mouth of the Coyote Wash. *Think again.* To provide a safe and reliable energy supply for the region, it is crucial that the transmission lines be located outside a known flash flood zone. Mitigation to protect the transmission towers from flash floods would have serious impacts on adjacent properties. The issue of the Coyote Wash 3-mile wide flood zone needs to be addressed before this route adjacent to the Westside Main Canal is chosen as the only viable route for these transmission lines. If an evidentiary hearing is the only means for resolving this issue, then I believe an evidentiary hearing should be required.

Coyote Wash

Coyote Wash is a dry wash that originates in the Jacumba Mountains on the western edge of Imperial Valley. The mouth of Coyote Wash empties into the areas known as Dixieland, Dixie Ranches and the site Centinela State Prison site. Directly west of the Centinela Prison site, Coyote Wash has an established stream channel. As Coyote Wash enters the area of the prison site, the stream channel is less defined and the floodwaters carried by the wash fan out to flood the prison site and the adjacent areas.

Historically Coyote Wash has delivered FLASH FLOOD water to proposed route of the powerline corridor adjacent to the Westside Main Canal on the average of every 10-15 years. Major floods as a result of storm waters carried by Coyote Wash since 1921 have occurred in 1921, 1926, 1935, 1939, 1946, 1961, 1976 and 1977. Minor storm events occurred in 1990 and 1991.

After the flood events in the 1970s an Army Corp of Engineers study placed a 21 million dollar price tag on adequate flood control measures for this site. The flood control measures were never implemented.

Tropical Storm Kathleen

In 1976 Tropical Storm Kathleen water rushing down Meyer Creek toward Coyote Wash, swept away the I-8 bridge across Meyer Creek, washed out major sections of the SanDiego-Arizona Rail Line, and created a swath of destruction through the center of Ocotillo, California that is still visible today. With only the raw power of water, Tropical Storm Kathleen and Coyote Wash killed three people, destroyed seven homes, caused major closures of I-8, and the SanDiego-Arizona Rail Line. This event is well documented in news reports.

Not so well documented was the havoc created downstream in the Dixieland area. This same water from Meyer Creek, plus additional water collected in the 15 miles (approximately 200 square miles) between Ocotillo and the proposed location for the powerline corridor adjacent to the Westside Main Canal, inundated the Dixieland area. This water swept away everything within its path: utility poles complete with cross arms, canals, drainage ditches, roads, and concrete lined irrigation ditches on Dixie Ranches (now the site of the Centinela Prison). After passing through the Dixie Ranches, a 60-foot gap was torn in the Westside Main Canal directly east of the Centinela Prison site.

Since Tropical Storm Kathleen

After Kathleen, Dixie Ranches was repaired with new canals and concrete ditches. In 1977, Tropical Storm Doreen and Coyote Wash washed out the newly constructed canals and concrete ditches on Dixie Ranches.

On 6/9/90, a minor rainstorm delivered enough rain to the Dixie Ranch site to flood the site with slow moving shallow water (impact as described in the EIR for the Centinela as a 100-year flood, not a minor rainstorm). A 60-inch culvert (located north and east of the prison site), designed to carry the flow of water from Coyote Wash into the Westside Main, was overwhelmed by the quantity of water and washed out.

On 8/21/91, after construction had begun on the Centinela Prison, another minor event occurred. This rainstorm washed out the newly constructed access road berm as well as concrete lined irrigation ditches adjacent to the access road.

Centinela State Prison

During the 1990s the California State Prison, Centinela, was built on the Dixie Ranches site. Recommendations were made in the prison EIR to plant levees and slopes with native vegetation to help with flood control. Most slopes and levees have remained bare earth. Many of the flat areas within the prison owned property have been stripped of existing native vegetation. Erosion on these bare earth areas will be a serious consequence of a flash flood.

The existing trees along the west and south perimeter of the site were thought to act to protect the flood control levees against flood erosion. These trees have not been adequately maintained, some are dead and others are at risk of dying. Dead and unhealthy trees are much more likely to be uprooted and cause dangerous floating debris during a storm event than to act as erosion control.

All runoff on impervious surfaces from prison construction was required to be collected and stored onsite in a storm water drainage system until this water could be safely released. Water from this access road, an impervious surface, is not collected and stored on site; this water runs down the road access berm, eventually flowing into Coyote Wash and exacerbating the water quantity issue.

According to the 1990 EIR, a 400-foot bridge would be built to cross Coyote Wash. The current bridge across the wash appears to be less than 90 feet in length. Obviously flood control mitigation defined in the EIR was not observed. The change in length between the proposed bridge and the actual bridge built was never publicly addressed. It is likely that this change in bridge length will cause redirection of the floodwaters from and within the historical flood zone.

Because a serious desert storm has not occurred since construction of Centinela, changes and alterations to Coyote Wash through levees, road berms and bridges, the potential impact of flash floodwaters on the surrounding terrain is unknown. What is clear is that portions of proposed route of the powerline corridor adjacent to the Westside Main Canal are likely in the direct path of destructive floodwaters.

The flood channel at the Westside Main Canal is estimated to be 3-4 miles wide—a distance difficult to span without placing powerline towers at risk of washout. Furthermore, any channeling of Coyote Wash away from the proposed powerline towers could create intolerable risks for adjacent property owners. This danger from Coyote Wash flash floods cannot be mitigated on site without considering impacts of adjacent property owners and risks to adjacent Prime Farmlands.

Wisdom of Locating Powerline in a Dry Wash

As part of a downhill farming family that has been affected by ten major flash floods in the last 85 years we have farmed this ground, my primary concern about Coyote Wash is the impact the powerline corridor will have on redirecting the floodwaters toward our farm. As a reasonable prudent person I also have serious concerns about the wisdom of the proposal to place a critical powerline corridor in the path of a dry wash with a history of destroying everything in its path. Other routes seem to have more protection against documented natural disaster damage.

There is no such thing as a natural disaster. There are natural phenomena made worse by human error.... We must expect that rains will come. We must do better to prepare.

--Francisco Lopez Jacintas, Mexican Red Cross

Sincerely,



Mary Westmoreland Manseau

September 17, 2006

TO: The Public Advisor's Office CPUC, 320 West Fourth St., Suite 500 Los Angeles, CA 90013, public advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov, **AND** Billie Blanchard, CPUC/Lynda Kastoll, BLM, c/o Aspen Environmental Group, 235 Montgomery St., Suite 935, San Francisco, CA 94104-3002, sunrise@aspeneg.com, **AND** Director, Energy Division PUC, 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco. CA 94192

Dear California Public Utilities Commission,

We are writing to voice our strong opposition to application NO-06-08-010, otherwise, known as the "Sunrise Power Link". We question the need for this project by S.D.G.E./Sempra Energy and feel that it will have a detrimental impact on the pristine Anza Borrego State Park property and other beautiful rural lands in San Diego County. It will be a disaster for all citizens who value the natural beauty these lands represent. We urge the C.P.U.C. to deny this application and require S.D.G.E./Sempra Energy to abandon its plan to build this immense project.

This is not a case of "not in my backyard" this is a case of "not destroying" a magnificent park set aside for all citizens and future generations. This is about not allowing a precedent to be set whereby our national, state, county, local parklands are no longer protected from energy, mining, lumbering, development type industries. This is about not allowing this big industry to stomp on local land owners. I ask you, "would you like to have this 500kV power line running across YOUR property"?

We are also not convinced that this power link is needed and we are skeptical that it will be a "green renewable energy" link. We do see it as a link to the same old type of energy source-powered by fossil fuel and nuclear energy. We do see this power line linked to power plants in Arizona and Mexico that are not bound by California laws to protect the public health. This type of project is archaic and out of date. We perceive this as a money grab effort for power companies to lock in the users of this power source to great expenses.

Thank you for your serious consideration,

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From: Curt Baldwin [mailto:curt.baldwin@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 7:47 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Cc: Cheryl Baldwin
Subject: Concerns regarding SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project

We recently received a notice of preparation/notice of public scoping meetings regarding this project.

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my concern about this project. On Figure 6a attached with the proposal, it shows the new power lines going along Scripps Poway Pkwy where there are already existing lines. It is stated that existing wood h frame poles are going to be replaced with 16 additional tubular steel poles (last paragraph, page 7).

This construction has the following disadvantages for residents in the area that need to be considered:

- Health and Safety - this now represents a huge amount of electricity traveling mere feet away from homes with small children and young families. This significantly raises concerns about birth defects from high power transmission lines. Similarly, with poles this size in such close proximity to each other, an earthquake could send downed power lines right into residential homes with great risk to the residents of those homes.
- Aesthetics - the placement of the poles acts to further degrade the environment for everyone in the homes. This leads to an unpleasant environment to raise our families in as well as acting to lower property values. Put another way, it substantially degrades the existing visual character and quality of the site and its surroundings.
- Noise Pollution - a loud crackling sound can already be heard in the evening. The additional lines will only make this noise louder. Again, leading to an unpleasant environment to raise our families in as well as acting to lower property values.

All of this could be avoided if the lines were simply placed underground. This should be considered as an alternative to this project. We do not need a "highway" of power lines traveling through our backyards.

Sincerely,

Curt Baldwin
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Mary Aldern – voice message received Monday, September 25, 2006:

"I'm calling to make a comment on the public scoping meeting for the EIR/EIS. I notice that once again there is no meeting scheduled for the area in which the Central San Diego substation is to be located, and I think that's a big mistake. There are lots of people, hundreds of people who live in this general area who find it very difficult to drive to Borrego or Ramona. That's almost an hours drive either way for many of these people. And being that the impact to that community is great, I think it would be very nice if once again a meeting was added in the Warner Springs Area, at the Warner Springs School, which has had two meetings, including a meeting we had to arrange ourselves, because the utility would not come out upon our request. So we arranged our own meeting, and then they came out for a route announcement meeting, which was also well attended. So please give me a call or leave a message at (# above) because I think this is an ongoing problem that needs to be corrected. Thanks. Bye."

From: j2 [mailto:message@inbound.j2.com]

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 11:27 AM

To: sunrise@aspeneg.com

Subject: j2 Voicemail Message at 2006-09-25 11:26:56 PDT, Caller-ID: 858-499-0186



Voicemail Message

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From: Jerry Hughes [mailto:jerry_hughes26@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 9:37 AM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Comment on Sunrise Powerlink

To Whom It May Concern,

I am very concerned about the planned route of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink. I feel that allowing the link to cut through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park will not only harm the environment but set a very dangerous precedent of taking lands, that were set aside as wilderness to improve and maintain our quality of life, for a project that can easily be re-routed around the park. I don't think there has ever been a situation where wilderness land, that was promised to the public to be protected forever, should now be taken back. This situation is especially critical in southern California where land development is out of control.

I am also concerned that after all is said and done, the current administration will have the final authority to simply grant SDG&E the "right" to take this land. This isn't simply an issue of running new lines along a current access route but an issue of using additional land for more development. And allowing an environmentally unfriendly administration the final say about whether this line can use wilderness land or not is a foregone conclusion. The Bush administration will, of course, allow any land to be taken by corporate America while not even considering the quality of life or input of southern Californians.

I would like to see a cost analysis done and published by a third party, comparing the planned route through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and a route that runs parallel to Interstate 8. Then I'd like to see that information published and the route options eventually voted upon by the citizens of southern California.

We have to draw a line in the sand somewhere and I can't think of a better place than in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park! We have to finally say no to development, when it threatens land we have set aside for everyone, for a project that is perceived as being for "the public good". Other solutions for this problem should be considered first, such as updating our current sources of energy generation, closer to home.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hughes
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San Diego, Ca. 92103

-----Original Message-----

From: Dinda Evans [mailto:dindamcp4@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2006 8:45 PM

To: sunrise@aspeneg.com

Subject:

tell the CPUC and BLM what should be included in the environmental impacts documents they create. These agencies need us to tell them which alternatives to building the Powerlink should be studied, along with the potential impacts of the Powerlink.

dinda evans

pob 178695

san diego, ca 92117

We all know that growth is inevitable in California (and on the planet). We have a growing and rapidly expanding population that is quick to snap up resources and continues to make huge demands on scarce resources, be it water, power, open space.

Global Warming's main cause, leading scientist's maintain, is population. It's not about carbon monoxide, it's about people and their ways making carbon monoxide. It's that simple and there's no debate here.

The growing population in southern California, as elsewhere, is going to push to the edge of existence and populate every buildable parcel of land into the future. But Park land is one place –dedicated to open space, in perpetuity, thankfully, due to the foresite of some great people and leaders- that will forever remain protected, untouched, and natural. We hope. Park land is a great American resource and the Park Service was established for the purpose of protecting and making it available to the public. Park land is a resource that as our population continues to swell, humans will continue to need more and more in order to maintain their sanity in a busy and crowded world.

But now Park land is up for grabs, or so it seems. Seems that the very population that Parks were established for now instead needs electricity more. Or at least that's what they are trying to tell us. That energy has a priority over the rich American tradition of Park land. That people's needs take prescendence in the modern world over what has forever been set aside for future generations. Can that be!?

People will want to wake up and start asking questions. The SDG&E Powerlink opposition is not about "environmentalism". It's not about "NIMBY's" who don't want to see a wire in their back yard. It's not about protecting dark skies. It's not about losing backcountry vistas. It's not about the public input opposing it. **THE SDG&E POWERLINK PROJECT IS ABOUT A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD DISMANTEL BASIC VALUES ONCE ESTABLISHED IN OUR GREAT AMERICAN TRADITION. IT'S ABOUT TAKING WHAT IS PROTECTED AND SAYING THE PEOPLE NO LONGER NEED THIS PROTECTED AREA, OR HAVE TO SHARE IT WITH DEVELOPMENT. IT'S ABOUT REVOKING THE MISSION OF THE CA. STATE WILDERNESS AND OTHER PROTECTED OPEN SPACE AREAS- - IN THE NAME OF FUTURE GROWTH. IT'S ABOUT ENERGY NOW BEING MORE IMPORTANT THAN PARK LAND, OPEN SPACE, ANIMALS POPULATIONS AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.**

This way of thinking has to go and government and elected officials need to oppose it. People need to oppose it. It's time to start thinking about new ways of operating. To allow the development of protected Park Land (or sharing of it with developers) is the equivalent to modifying the U.S. Constitution. No elected offical can responsibly do that. The government cannot do that.

It's high time people start to realize that their impacts and their ways of life will need to be modified to enable a sustainable future. Energy executives need to understand this too. And most importantly, everyone needs to understand that be it Borrego, Yellowstone, Tressles, the Artic Refuge, the Grand Canyon, we cannot erode a basic American purpose/charter/mission and value of Park Land and protected area- - - for human encroachment and resource needs (e.g. energy). This sets a very dangerous prescedent. It's time for a new way of thinking and new way of living before we get to that. Please!

I urge you to take action and make sure your local and State elected officials including the CA Governor know how you feel about this project. Write them, write the press, write to the California Public Utilities Commission and take action-today! Think about the big picture, not your own specific needs for air conditioning and lighting as you might. The future is yours. Or that of the energy companies. What will you decide?

John Thompson
Encinitas

KRISTIN R. HARMS

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September 29, 2006

Billie Blanchard, CPUC/Lynda Kastoll, BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear Mr. or Ms. Blanchard and Kastoll:

I will be unable to attend any of the CPUC scoping meetings next week regarding the proposed Sunrise Powerlink, so I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the Powerlink as currently proposed by SDGE.

In terms of the environmental impact documents currently being prepared CPUC and the BLM, the full potential impacts of the proposed Powerlink need to be identified and documented. In addition, alternatives to the Powerlink need to be identified, analyzed, and documented, including:

- Better SDG&E programs for conservation, demand management and energy efficiency
- More local renewable energy, based upon proven technology, not experimental technology
- Replacement of current transmission lines with new ones that can conduct more electricity
- More local power generation
- Other potentially less destructive transmission upgrades

Thank you for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,



Kristin Harms

From: DLynch9081@aol.com [mailto:DLynch9081@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 2:03 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneq.com
Subject: Powerlink Scoping Comment

Billie Blanchard, CPUC/Lynda Kastoll, BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery St. Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Dear Mr. Blanchard & Ms. Kastoll:

Thank you for the NOP packet. My neighbors and I at Holly Oaks Ranch will be following the proceedings closely. My name is Sharon Lynch and my address is: 2609 Bristlewood Drive
Ramona, CA 92065

Since I have an Information Hotline Question and a Scoping Comment, I will also fax this text to the Hotline Number as well as address both Comment and Question here.

The next proposed meeting in Ramona is Oct. 3rd. I attended a marathon meeting on Sept. 13th. The explanation of the decision making process took hours and was very tedious, maybe because the process itself is also tedious as well as thorough. So, if that is the case, I am glad. However, after 2.5 hours, I had to leave.

HOTLINE QUESTION: Is the meeting on Oct. 3rd an update of what has transpired since Sept 13th? And also, please explain the 4-6 and 7-9 time frame. Is there a 6-7 dinner break and then public comments from 7-9PM?

SCOPING COMMENT: I reviewed thoroughly the recent CPUC Notice of Preparation Report. I am interested in the community and environmental effects of the entire project, but I have especially close ties to the Inland Valley Link. Figures 5A & 5B are particularly vague about areas N28 - N40. I think my community of over 100 families is located directly in the path of N27 - N40. But since no roads are designated here (Dye, Highland Valley, other?) and identities of the ROW properties are not revealed, I am left in the dark. If SDGE has agreed to locate its link through Country Estates underground, why have we been forgotten? Our community's property values, health and quality of life are just as important as those of the Estates, yet it seems that we have gone unnoticed or have been dismissed as unimportant! We feel we should get the same consideration of an underground link if indeed the project is sanctioned and approved.

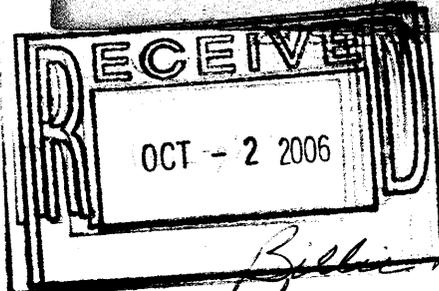
Better still, If SDGE would build its plants following Federal regulations in the US, instead of in Mexico, where there are few restrictions, it wouldn't have to build this Link and potentially devastate so many lives and the environment.

I can be reached at this email address, at the above address, or by phone at (760) 789-2634.

Thank you for your attention.
Sincerely,

Sharon Lynch

Carol M. Pollock
1600 E. Vista Way Spc 43
Vista, CA 92084



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Please don't let
SDGE get permission
to run power lines
through state parks
or national forests.
That would be
a real catastrophe -

(Mrs) Carol Pollock

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Vista, CA 92084



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Date: 20 Oct 2006

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Address*: 17235 Voorhes Lane

City, State, Zip Code*: Ramona, CA 92065

Telephone Number*: (760) 789-4429

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Comment: Please have SDG&E address impacts associated with creating pathways through inaccessible areas. As seen in Alaska predators are seen to quickly traverse into the area, hunt, then leave. In Alaska they saw that because of this, the prey species vacated the area even though there remains a viable habitat.

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October 2, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a homeowner in both San Diego and Borrego Springs, and I am writing to register my most vehement opposition to the placement of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink through the Anza-Borrego State Park. I oppose the Powerlink project 1) because of the devastating environmental impact the project would have if cited through the State Park, 2) because of fiscal concerns I have as a rate payer and a taxpayer, and 3) because of technological concerns about SDG&E's proposed reliance on unproven methods of power generation.

As the wisdom of the Powerlink project is debated, there will undoubtedly be many individuals who will provide detailed information to substantiate the environmental, fiscal, and technological concerns noted above. I am therefore writing as an individual who has come to appreciate the incomparable beauty of the Anza-Borrego desert, its wild life, the majesty of its hundred mile vistas, its unbroken silences. There are few, if any, such places left in San Diego County. If we sacrifice this one in the name of power and progress, we as a community will have sacrificed one of our last, and greatest, natural treasures.

The sine qua non of the treasure that is our "back country" is its unbroken vastness. The proposed Powerlink project would be a scar of unimaginable proportions that would irrevocably destroy that vastness with an inescapable ugliness spreading for countless miles on either side of the 120 mile course of the 10 story towers. It is inconceivable to me how anyone could propose placing a scar of such magnitude through such an environmentally and esthetically sensitive location as the Anza-Borrego State Park when multiple alternatives exist.

As a homeowner and business owner in San Diego, I am aware of our need for plentiful, dependable power. As with virtually any problem, however, I believe there are multiple ways of achieving this goal, particularly given the enormous budget proposed by SDG&E to address this issue. My hope is that we as a community will find a way to provide for our energy needs without destroying our irreplaceable natural heritage.

Because of its fiduciary responsibility to its shareholders, SDG&E as a corporation must attempt to develop business models that will maximize shareholder

value. As an owner of such equities, I believe SDG&E would be derelict as a publicly held corporation to do otherwise. However, my deeper concern is that the maximization of shareholder value is, in this case, at odds with the greater good of maintaining the beauty of a pristine horizon and protecting the habitat of a few dwindling species of desert flora and fauna. In short, preserving beauty and habitat does not maximize shareholder value. I believe in this case maximizing shareholder value would provide a short-term gain for the relatively few shareholders of SDG&E equities at the expense of current and future generations who would forever be deprived of the awe-inspiring beauty of the vast, uninterrupted Anza-Borrego State Park

It is my fervent prayer that this time San Diego will act wisely...that it will realize and protect the treasure it possesses...that it will not be asleep at a time of great decision...that it will not be herded like fearful sheep by those whose motives are necessarily about maximizing shareholder value.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. David Garmon".

J. David Garmon, M.D.
Distinguished Fellow, American Psychiatric Association
Clinical Professor, University of California San Diego

From: Kathy Pratt [mailto:desertstar2000@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 8:31 AM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: Sunrise Power Link!

Greetings!

We oppose placing the towers for the Sunrise Power Link through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park! We are long time residents of Borrego Springs. We cannot believe that the State Park is even allowing discussion of such a thing. SDG&E must be promising them vast sums of money. Questions to consider. Why are the towers even being considered before the power plant is built? Isn't that putting the cart before the horse? The beauty of Anza-Borrego cannot be scarred forever by 160 foot steel towers! We understand that you are trying to run these towers from the Imperial Valley to Warner Springs, therefore placing them in the State Park may be a necessity. If that is so, please put them where they will have the least impact on Borrego Spring's residents and visitors line of sight and homes. We also know that power lines can create adverse medical conditions for humans and animals. Again, what is the State Park thinking? They go to such great lengths to protect the indigenous Big Horn Sheep, we find it hard to believe that they would compromise these herds! Please consider keeping your power lines running along Interstate Highways, not through Tub Canyon, not through the beautiful and delicate Anza- Borrego Desert State Park.

Kathy and Earl Pratt, P.O. Box 482, Borrego Springs, CA. 92004
(760) 519-4540



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Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10-2-06

Name*: Doug Westmoreland

Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address*: 2205 Westmoreland Rd

City, State, Zip Code*: Imperial CA 92251

Telephone Number*: 760 - 960 - 2451

Email*: steer@integrity.com

Comment: 1. The people of Imperial County need accurate legible maps of the proposed corridor

2. When information has been made available, meetings need to be held locally in the Imperial Valley i.e. El Centro.

3. The Dairy attraction for the Imperial Valley is being affected by this proposal. The west side of the Imperial Valley is the preferred area for Dairies. High Voltage corridors are detrimental to Dairies.

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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10-3-06

Name*: CARRIE DAVIS

Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address*: 25392 DAVIS Ranch Rd.

City, State, Zip Code*: Santa Ysabel, CA. 92070

Telephone Number*: _____

Email*: DAVVOK@earthlink.net

Comment: Building transmission lines to bring electricity from a technology that is not yet proven safe and or doable. I foresee the same mess we have with the wind turbines that were put in before "the bugs" were worked out, giving us an eye sore and no more clean electricity. As a consumer who is being asked to pay for this experiment, I would like some proof first. If the electricity going through these ~~ugly~~ ugly lines isn't the start of a new cleaner community why bother!

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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10/3/06
Name*: Christine B. McGrath
Affiliation (if any)*: Home Owner
Address*: 25229 Mesa Grande Road
City, State, Zip Code*: Santa Ysabel Ca. 92070
Telephone Number*: 760-782-0512
Email*: RedRamon1@aol.com

Comment: Please consider alternative routes especially through Conservancy land, as this land was donated for all public viewing without electrical structures. Santa Ysabel Valley and Mesa Grande area is our pristine homeland whereby electric easements in place should be used. Conservancy land was ~~not~~ meant for electric easement rights. Thank you.

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Comment Form

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Date: 10/3/06

Name*: Denís James

Affiliation (if any)*: Home Owner

Address*: 24314 RUTHERFORD RD

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Telephone Number*: 760-788-0380

Email*: NAMTEPRAC @ YAHOO.COM

Comment: 1) Keep Lines @ Borona - stations are going to built there! 2) Lines North thru Warner Springs to L.A. + Riverside 3) After Line - what about the interstructor (Buildings) 4) why not use the I-8 Freeway for Lines 5) How many homes have to be destroyed in this route, 6) SDG&E thinks its going to bring cheaper power when they have no idea about cost, 7) Land values, home values, Drop. 8) SDG&E / SEMPRA will not tell you their true plans, 9) BLM OKed line through park but now they want a High Line let them keep the line you OKed, 10) How can SDG&E build this when it will haem habitat + wildlife, 11) Re Power Plants + build new in SD areas, 12) Solar panels on roof tops.

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Are our Routes Because to many homes/buildings in LA, and we are open spaces.

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22950 Crescent Heights Road
(mailing: P. O. Box 510)
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

California Public Utilities Commission
Ms. Billie Blanchard, Project Manager
EIR/CEQA for SDG&E Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING, Ramona, California 10/3/06

We are submitting the following statement for consideration.

We own 103 acres within the proposed Central Link of SDG&E's proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project. More specifically, the area is NNE of Mesa Grande Road, between markers N46 and N68, as depicted on the Figure 4A map prepared by SDG&E, and received from Aspen Environmental Group. Approximately 90 of our acres are undeveloped and open habitat for sensitive flora and fauna. Our property is in an Agricultural Preserve surrounded by some of the last remaining large pioneer ranches in San Diego County. Our neighbors properties are also in contract with San Diego County to maintain their property as Agriculture Preserve as well.

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you of what we have observed on this land and what we have observed in close proximity to our property. It is our hope that this will assist you in preparing your Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. We also invite you to contact us for further clarification and to visit our home where we can show you the area of which we write.

The Mesa Grande Ridge is a **SOARING TRANSITIONAL RIDGE** and **NESTING AREA** for the Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Red Tail Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Cooper Hawk, Kestrel Hawk, Osprey, Kite, Raven and Turkey Vulture. Blue Birds, Wild Turkey, Mountain Quail, California Quail, Roadrunners, Fly Catchers, Nuthatches, Acorn Woodpeckers, Thrashers, Titmice, Bullocks Oriole, Scrub Jay, Stellar Jay, Vireo, Rufous Sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Green Tailed Towhee, Albert's Towhee, Grosbeaks, Finches, Sparrows, Flickers, Swallows, Swifts, Hummingbirds, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Screech Owl, Long Eared Owl, Pigmy Owl, Flammulated Owl, and, yes, even Spotted Owls have been **documented** in this area. This is not a complete list by any means, and only a slice of what you might see in **one day!** (Please review the annual Christmas Bird Counts at Lake Henshaw, located 1mile north of Mesa Grande.)

Concerning mammals and marsupials, this is home to Mountain Lion, Bobcat, Gray Fox, Kit Fox, Coyote, Mule Deer, Badger, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Ring Tail Cat, Kangaroo Rat, mice, voles, squirrels, and, the infrequent feral pig.

The following reptile and amphibian populations are here: Arroyo Toad, Western Toad, Red Diamond Rattlesnake, Southern Pacific Rattlesnake, California Kingsnakes, Night Snake, gopher snakes, garter snakes, skinks, Horned Lizards, Granite Night Lizard, Alligator Lizards and other snakes and lizards. (Please see recordings of local reptiles and amphibians by Joseph F. Copp, Research Associate, Department of Herpetology, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA, who has studied the Mesa Grande/Warner Springs/Anza-Borrego area extensively for over forty years.)

Now, to our many magnificent native oak trees. We have one of the remaining areas of Engelmann Oak, called rare due to the limited range of species and, thus, usually protected against clearing for development. The Black Oak and Live Oak are found together with the Engelmann, and Scrub Oaks in a combination found nowhere else in the world. The Scrub Oaks, *Quercus berberidifolia* (prone to fire with age) and *Quercus dumosa* are also here. We have the Big Berry Manzanita, Laguna Manzanita and the Mexican Manzanita. Last native stands of purple needlegrass and cat-tail are here, along with many other plant species no longer present in any other area of Southern California.

Beautiful Mesa Grande is part of a narrow strip of remaining land that exists between Palomar Mountain to the North and Highway 8 to the South, the Mountains to the East and Ramona to Valley Center to the West. **THIS IS THE LAST STAND FOR MANY ANIMALS.** There are no places for these animals to move to. They are naturally squeezed between the mountains to the East rising up from the Anza-Borrego desert and the population density and roads to the West. Destruction or habitat alteration of this last strip of land would be paramount to genocide for many of these irreplaceable animal and plant species. This area must not be dissected by large powerlines and access roads that will have a negative, irreversible effect on these declining populations.

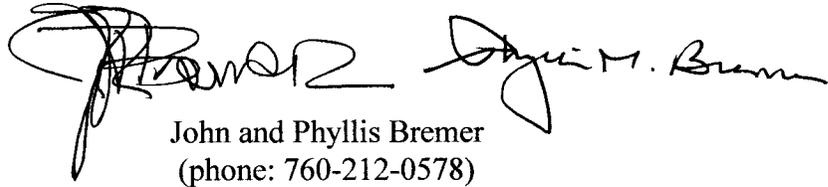
Another area of concern is the lack of existing right of way between N46 and N68 where SDG&E is proposing to erect 230kV towers. Please examine this area for its **riparian** features. Rainwater runs down our property and contributes to the year-long steam which then connects to the Santa Ysabel creek, which is in the new San Dieguito River Park. Aren't riparian areas protected?

The proposed SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink would forever ruin the stunning countryside in the Santa Ysabel/Mesa Grande area, let alone our viewshed and those of our immediate neighbors. It would split large ranches into unmanageable strips that will no longer be usable. People bike here, hike here, birdwatch here and drive the 13 mile Mesa Grande Road loop because of the mostly unspoiled beauty of this area. The Indian and California Mission History in the Santa Ysabel valley must also be considered.

Please let us know if we can share with you our observations or show you the land, along with documentation and photos of the topics we included in this letter. It is critical that we help in preserving one of the last scenic areas and plant and animal habitats in the Backcounty of San Diego County, and we hope that you will share our passion for sensible progress.

One last item: It took **three times** of calling to SDG&E/Arcadis/Greystone to get the complete PEA for Sunrise Powerlink. Twice, some of the disks received in the mail were blank. As a result, we have not been able to view the entire voluminous PEA by this date. Most of us in the Backcountry are attending Sunrise Powerlink related meetings on our own time, with our own money and working in the time around our jobs. Please give us as much time as possible to thoroughly study the PEA and associated materials so we can give you the feedback you need.

Thank you.



John and Phyllis Bremer
(phone: 760-212-0578)

From: Mark K Bennett [mailto:mark@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 9:03 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneq.com
Subject: NO to Sunrise Powerlink
Importance: High

Billie Blanchard, CPUC / Lynda Kastoll, BLM
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Dear Billie and Lynda:

I wanted to let you know my opinion on the proposed Powerlink that will run through the heart of Anza Borrego State Park.

By all accounts there are less destructive and viable alternatives to meet our energy needs here in San Diego. I support Representative Bob Filner, Supervisor Dianne Jacob, the California State Parks, the Anza Borrego Foundation, the Sierra Club, and so many more who oppose this SDGE proposal.

Some of those alternatives to building the Powerlink?

- better SDG&E programs for conservation, demand management, and energy efficiency
- more local renewable energy, based on proven technology, not experimental technology
- replacing current transmission lines with new wires that can conduct more electricity
- more local power generation
- other potentially less destructive transmission upgrades

Please be circumspect and attentive, and do the right thing by saying NO to the Sunrise Powerlink.

Thanks for listening,

mkb

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