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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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Director, Energy Division
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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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Kenneth R. Wright and Carol Schloo-Wright
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Carol Schloo-Wright

CC Letters: S.D.G.E: Attorney, E. Gregory Barnes; S.D.G.E. Regulatory Case Management, Kevin O'Beirne; Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver; US Senators: Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein; US Congressmen: Darrell Issa (48th District) and Duncan Hunter (52nd District); State Senator, Dennis Hollingsworth; State Assemblymen: Ray Hayes (66th), Jay LaSuer (77th), Mark Wyland (74th), George A. Plescia (75th); San Diego County Supervisors: Dianne Jacob (2nd), Bill Horn (5th), Pam Slater-Price (3rd); California State Park and Recreation Commission Chair, Bobby Shriver; California State Park Director, Ruth Coleman; California State Park Foundation Legislative Director, Traci Verardo.

CC e-mail: San Diego Sierra Club: Kelly Fuller, kfuller@sbcglobal.net; Urban Wildlands Program for the Center for Biological Diversity: David Hogan, dhogan@biologicaldiversity.org; UCAN, www.ucan.org; Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute President, Diana Lindsay, dlindsay@sunbeltpub.com and info@theabf.org; and www.peoplepowerlink.org

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



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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,

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-----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

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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 official 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

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September 29, 2006

Billie Blanchard, CPUC/Lynda Kastoll, BLM
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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]
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Subject: Powerlink Scoping Comment

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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.

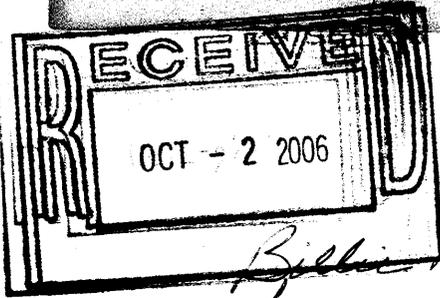
Better still, If SDGE would build its plants following Federal regulations in the US, instead of in Mexico, where there are few restrictions, it wouldn't have to build this Link and potentially devastate so many lives and the environment.

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

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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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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 20 Oct 2006

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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.

**Please print. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.*

Please either deposit this sheet at the sign-in table before you leave today, or fold, stamp, and mail. Insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be received by October 20, 2006. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (866) 711-3106 or emailed to sunrise@speneg.com.

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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
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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
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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10-2-06

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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

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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

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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

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10/3/06

Name*: Denís James

Affiliation (if any)*: Home Owner

Address*: 24314 RUTHERFORD RD

City, State, Zip Code*: RAMONA CA 92065

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.

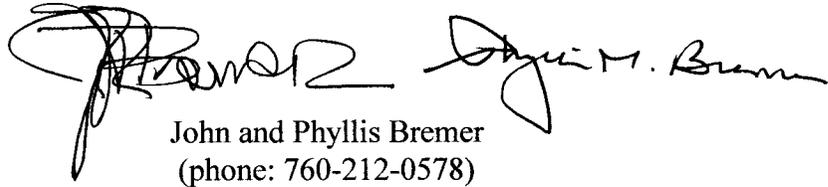
Another area of concern is the lack of existing right of way between N46 and N68 where SDG&E is proposing to erect 230kV towers. Please examine this area for its **riparian** features. Rainwater runs down our property and contributes to the year-long steam which then connects to the Santa Ysabel creek, 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
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002
sunrise@aspeneq.com

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

Mark K Bennett
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San Diego, CA 92103
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Email: mark@earthlink.net

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

From: Denis James [mailto:namteprac@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 3:09 PM

To: sunrise@aspeneg.com

Subject: Fwd: RE: SDG&E map

you folks need to read this completely I have picked a few and it is making me sick that sdg&e feel that the human population doesn't count as people. look at the D route and have sdg&e make up one for the west to the ocean routes. also look up 5.8.2 see what they say. Thank you Denis James namteprac@yahoo.com Kelly gave me this stuff.

Note: forwarded message attached.

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

From: Kelly Fuller [mailto:k.d.fuller@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 11:10 AM
To: 'Denis James'
Subject: RE: SDG&E map

Denis,

Go here. <http://sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink/CPUC.shtml>

Scroll down and click on D route with identified constraints.

Good seeing you last night. Any chance you could get your neighbors concerned about this? We need SDG&E to make a map like this to show the threats to Ramona, but they likely won't unless Ramonans bug the CPUC to get it. I am worried that so few people came to the meetings yesterday. Only a dozen were at the nighttime meeting. I don't think anybody is actively organizing people in Ramona anymore, other than on Mussey Grade Road. We really need a new person to get people fired up again.

Kelly

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

From: Denis James [mailto:namteprac@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 7:34 AM
To: Kelly Fuller
Subject: SDG&E map

Kelly I looked all over the sdg&e web and could not find that map you should me last night can you send me the web address so I can look it up thanks Denis

Setting the Record Straight: The Facts about the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink

1. Myth: *The proposed Sunrise Powerlink will enable SDG&E to meet the goal of delivering 20 percent of its energy from renewable resources by 2010.*

FACT: SDG&E has contracted with Stirling Energy Systems to build up to 36,000 solar units. So far only a handful of "proto-types" have been built and they have an admitted problem with a vital engine seal which leaks hydrogen. The proposed Sunrise Powerlink route begins conveniently close to Mexico where SDG&E/Sempra already own power plants that are not required to meet California pollution standards.

2. Myth: *The proposed Sunrise Powerlink will reduce consumer's costs.*

FACT: As of September 1, 2006 the typical SDG&E monthly residential electric bill will increase by 13 cents on average to cover the cost of building new transmission lines. SDG&E is now proposing a 5% increase in its base rate that could be implemented by January 2008. The ratepayers are still footing the bill for the 2000-2001 energy crisis fiasco (see "DWR Bond Charge" on your utility bill). SDG&E/Sempra are alleged to have manipulated natural gas trades in an effort to rig prices during the crisis. Most of the states electricity is generated using natural gas.

3. Myth: *The proposed Sunrise Powerlink poses no fire hazard through San Diego's backcountry.*

FACT: According to Cary Coleman, Fire Chief of Intermountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept, the proposed power lines could present adverse fire response conditions in three ways:

- a. Access - In Santa Ana wind conditions along with the confined areas within some canyons, access to some of the residence structures could be hampered or prevented, in conditions such as those we experienced in the 2003 Cedar Fire.
- b. Defensible Space - In some areas the alignment of the power lines restricts the potential to create effective fire breaks between the surrounding natural brush and structures.
- c. Attack - The height of the proposed towers would probably prevent effective operation from CDF Air Tankers in some areas due to the maximum altitude limits for effective retardant payload and the relatively close proximity of the lines to some residences.

4. Myth: *The proposed Sunrise Powerlink is the ONLY alternative for renewable and reliable energy.*

FACT: Many cost-effective alternatives are available that would have fewer harmful impacts on our parks, preserves, and communities. However none of these alternatives profit SDG&E/Sempra as greatly as the proposed Sunrise Powerlink. Adding 150 miles of transmission lines through fire, wind, and earthquake prone areas does not insure reliability.

5. Myth: *The proposed Sunrise Powerlink will have "less that significant" impact on the Anza Borrego State Park.*

FACT: The scale of the proposed project dwarfs the existing transmission line in size and magnitude of environmental impact to ABDSP. The already endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep, other animals, sensitive plants, state wilderness areas, and campgrounds including Tamarisk Grove and Yaqui Well would be in the corridor or viewshed and greatly impacted.

For ALL the FACTS visit these websites:

peoplespowerlink . org
cuspsandiego.org
pqconcernedcitizens.org
UCAN.org

borderpowerplants.org
cvconcernedcitizens.com
rasp.org



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Date: 10/4/06

Name*: Fred Jee

Affiliation (if any)*: Private citizen

Address*: Box 983

City, State, Zip Code*: Borrego Springs CA 92004

Telephone Number*: 760-767-3674

Email*: Jeeology@yahoo.com

Comment: Will past project - Sun Desert Project.
Nuclear power transmission lines through
Anza Borrego - be considered as part of
EIR evaluation project? -
Similar issues surfaced then and
probably does now -

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Date: OCT 4 06

Name*: GUS SWIGGERS

Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address*: PO BOX 185

City, State, Zip Code:* SANTA YSABEL CA 92070

Telephone Number:* 760 803-5744

Email*: DIAMOND VINEYARD @ ADL.COM

Comment: MAP FIGURE 8 ALT. ROUTE # 9
IS NOT ADRESSED IN PEA. THE NEW ROUTE
THROUGH MESA GRANDE SNAKES OVER PRIME
RANCH LAND & MUCH AG. PRESERVE LAND.
ALSO IMPACTING SENIC AREAS, NOT MATCHED
ANYWHERE IN S-D. COUNTY.

ALSO IS THE COUNTY INVOLVED IN
ALLOWING THIS LINE TO CROSS THOSE LANDS,
AG. PRESERVE

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I am firmly opposed to SDG&E's "Sunrise Powerlink" placement in the area of Borrego Springs/Ranchita/Warner Springs.

I believe it is a violation of the sacred trust that the state parks represent, to have the powerlink system placed in Anza Borrego. The disruption and outright harm to habitat and living creatures would be irreparable. Our area is irreplaceable, the powerlink is not.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Hoggan

Jennifer Hoggan
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579 Tilting T
Borrego Springs

Oct 4, 2006

10-4-06 Scoping Meeting

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E.I.R. comments

julinjoe@gmail.com

From: Juli Zerbe - JULIAN HISTORIC DISTRICT ARCHITECTURAL
REVIEW BOARD MEMBER

- 1) IS A POWERLINK NEEDED? CURRENTLY THE POPULATION OF SAN DIEGO IS DECREASING. REFER TO SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE ARTICLE. I'LL E-MAIL THE ARTICLE TO YOU.

- 2) SEMPARA ENERGY OWNS A POWER PLANT IN MEXICALI
- IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON MEXICO BEING EXAMINED? WILL THERE BE ANY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ENERGY TRANSMITTED TO BE "CLEAN"?
- NATIONAL BOUNDARIES ARE ARBITRARY AND POLLUTION MOVES THROUGH THOSE BOUNDARIES FREELY. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS NEAR THE BORDERS OF THE U.S. CAN STILL HAVE LARGE IMPACTS ON THE U.S.

- 3) WILDERNESS EXISTS ON PRIVATE RANCH LANDS AS WELL AS WITHIN STATE PARKS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LANDS. MESAGRANDE, SANTA YSABEL, BOULDER CREEK, S.D. RIVER BED ARE ALL WILDERNESS AREAS. THE PARCELS ARE LARGE, UNABLE TO BE DEVELOPED DUE TO TERRAINE AND ZONING AND HAVE LITTLE "VOICE" BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF PROPERTY OWNERS WHO YET STILL REPRESENT 1000'S OF ACRES.

- 4) GENERATE POWER AT THE AREAS WHERE IT IS USED.

- 5) THE ROUTES PURPOSED ARE VERY EXPENSIVE AND ARE NOT A DIRECT ROUTE TO POPULATION CENTERS. RATE PAYERS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT. A DIRECT ROUTE WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE AND HAVE LESS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

Comments: J Zerbe julinj@ gmail.com

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- ⑥ San Felipe, Warners, Mesa Grande and Santa Ysabel are historic Spanish Land Grants. These valleys have major corridors for the backcountry. The proposed routes will highly impact the view sheds in these historic areas. The major industry in the backcountry is tourism. People come for the natural environment and for the historic ambience of these areas. The power line will negatively impact the economy of Julian, Santa Ysabel, Warners & Borrego Springs.
- ⑦ Rancho Penasquitos, Ramona, Borrego ~~have~~ have gotten lots of press because of population centers & the Anza Borrego State Park. Not many people are speaking out about the visual impact in Santa Ysabel. It will be awful! IF THIS AREA IS USED IT SHOULD BE UNDERGROUND.

My name is Kurt Livens. I've lived in California long enough to see how land develops around here. Urban infrastructure is put into the countryside, for sale signs appear, and cities are tilted up almost immediately. General plans are put aside, specific plans put in place, and you've got 200,000 **new** homes. Riverside County, Irvine County, Santa Clarita LA County, Tejon Ranch LA County, Imperial County, Riverside County. It's **all** the same formula.

How big are the contiguous private landholdings of the Warner Valley? I know at least 45000 acres are held by one owner. There is water up there, Vista Irrigation District's Lake Henshaw. Horn supported the casino as long as they took care of widening the road from Ramona. Looks to me that 100,000 homes will fit there easily.

Warner Springs looks just like Santa Clarita did in 1994 when I lived there. When I left in 2000, there were 250,000 new residents. So these Chambers of Commerce by the coast carrying the torch for SDGE's PR firm wont see any of the power they think they are fighting for.

The idea that new power plants in the Imperial Valley will provide power along these lines to San Diego is false and laughable if it weren't so callously poised to destroy our way of life. Borrego Springs is a developing tourist destination, centered uniquely as it is with this largest state park. As engineers, we know that 1/3 can easily be lost in transmission. As engineers we should also realize that power plants are an old paradigm of production.

We do not have representation because our governing entity recuses himself on SDGE matters because he is a shareholder. Not only do we not have representation, the course through Borrego Valley was the 5th District Supervisor's suggestion, and with this new route gerrymanders entirely through his district. I think SDGE has been carrying this in their back pocket until the park announced their objection to SDGE's preferred route, very cleverly pitting the park dissent against its community's dissent, and threatening to devastate everything that these people are working so hard to accomplish.

If this power is for San Diego, keep it along the 8. Redundancy was presented to us as an irrefutable premise upon which these alternate routes are predicated. But redundancy IS challengeable. SDGE PR engineers informed me that soot from fires causes insulators to fail. Is that a joke? I have three engineering degrees. Do we have to be idiots and believe this sophomoric nonsense?

Redundancy is my main point

SDGE has no compunction about recreating the disastrous visual disorganization of LA County here, with its criss-crossing backcountry of power lines visible from every single point of the Antelope Valley's 1 Million acre desert. If you allow it once, you wont be able to stop it being done over and over again. There are no trees along the 8, so fires will

not be hot along the 8. Brush fires along the 8 will not threaten power line continuity. Please re-examine the redundancy premise, or is it really the development of Warner Springs that is wetting the palette of SDGE's movers and shakers. I suspect that Sdgc won't consider going around the park because it won't reach Warner Ranch easily and therefore doesn't accomplish the objectives of its prime allies.



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Date: 10/4/06

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Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address*: P.O. Box 177

City, State, Zip Code*: BORREGO SPRINGS CA 92004

Telephone Number:* _____

Email*: FERRETTI@UIA.NET

Comment: WHY WAS SDGTE'S BOTANICAL SURVEY DONE AFTER THE PLANTS (ANNUALS) HAD DIED ~~BEFORE~~ FOR THE SUMMER? EITHER OF SDGTE'S PROPOSED ROUTES THROUGH ANZA-BORREGO STATE PARK WILL THREATEN ENDANGERED ANIMALS & PLANTS AS WELL AS NATIVE AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY SITES. THERE IS NO ROUTE THROUGH ABDSP THAT WON'T DESTROY HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF VIEWSHED.

FOLLOWING THE EXISTING LINE FROM IMPERIAL VALLEY SUBSTATION TO THE MIGUEL SUBSTATION WOULD FOLLOW A ROUTE THAT HAS ALREADY ~~BEEN~~ BEEN IMPACTED - WHY DESTROY THE LITTLE UNTOUCHED LAND IN THE COUNTY WHEN THERE IS ALREADY A DESTROYED ROUTE?

ALTHOUGH THERE IS AN EASEMENT IN ABDSP, IT IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH & WOULD HAVE TO BE ENLARGED FURTHER RUINING ALL

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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10/4/06

Name*: Nancy Bailey

Affiliation (if any):* _____

Address*: PO Box 10911

City, State, Zip Code*: Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Telephone Number*: 760-767-1212

Email*: nbaileyca2003@yahoo.com

Comment: I agree with all the ^{oral} comments made at the town hall meeting @ the Borrego Springs Resort today. Put your power lines along Interstate 8! Stay out of ABDSP lands.

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Rebecca Falk
P.O. Box 2143
Borrego Springs, CA 92004-2143

Statement to the California Public Utilities Commission, October 4 2006
Borrego Springs, Public Scope Meeting on the Sunrise Powerlink

I am a full time resident of Borrego Springs. I live here because the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park surrounds Borrego Springs, and is a rare wilderness refuge in a country and world that has been developed in a way that does not preserve open spaces of this kind, and doesn't respect how important they are for life, including human life.

My primary point is that as we realize the catastrophic effects of global warming it becomes impossible to ignore our responsibility to do two things. The first is to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels so that we do not contribute to the load of carbon emissions that create the greenhouse effect on our planet. The second is to keep our few remaining wild areas intact to create zones of refuge and balance as life itself becomes more challenging for all life forms.

SDG&E/Sempra Energy has already proven itself to be unworthy of the public's trust as its unethical conduct cost us all dearly in 2000 and 2001. In the so-called Sunrise Powerlink, we are being asked to trust SDG&E/Sempra once again in a very expensive publicly funded project that would put them in a position of greater dominance in the energy market. The timing is terrible. Just when the need for solar and alternative energy is clear and has resulted in a major project initiated by the California legislature and the Governor, we are being asked to invest in old-style transmission from afar of promised but non-existent solar production that just happens to be located conveniently close and in-line with Sempra's dirty power plants across the border.

We are being asked to sacrifice wildlife habitat, wilderness areas, open back-county areas, and life-styles that are what we should be protecting as we face the ecological hardships that have already begun. For what purpose?

I think it is to further profit and dominance of a market for a company that has a bad reputation in California.

If we want to further the production of clean energy, let's talk about supporting, initiating and funding projects that are local to the area where the power is needed. Let's pay attention to our increasingly and desperately stressed environment.

This isn't about being able to say that we supported a project that we thought at the time was going to be green. This is about making darn sure that we do the smart, ethical and environmentally right projects to create the energy we want and need.

OCT. 4, 2006
TO BLM + CPUC:

From: Sita Adelaide ANTEL
BORREGO Springs, CA 92004

My concern is for the future environment and climate change.

Global warming will affect my future and the future of all of us.

Does The Sunrise Powerlink really use renewable energy in its plan? OR is it really a way for SDG+E to bring in cheap fossil-fuel power from Mexico.

Please evaluate the sources of power at the Imperial County Substation & limit the amount of fossil-fuel + LNG-powered electricity that can run on the line.

Concerns for bighorn sheep + Swainson's Hawks. The proposed substation on SAN FELIPE Road would disturb Mountain lions + Wildflowers + could adversely affect human health.

Alternative: make existing power plants more efficient.

SDG+E should promote rooftop solar.
THANKS, SITA

I stand in opposition to SDG&E's Sunrise line.

I note in the media that recently SDG&E has attempted to characterize opposition to this line as a public land vs. private land controversy. That is beside the point, a red herring designed to divide the opposition.

Opposition to the Sunrise line rises from the many, many citizens who believe that a line should not be built through an area which is sensitive, habitat for endangered species, has been designated "Wilderness", and has been reserved for people to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the desert.

These objections pertain to both the primary and alternative routes proposed by SDG&E.

I believe that SDG&E has an acceptable alternative, to build the line on its present right-of-way along Interstate 8.

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