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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 2 20 2007

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Affiliation (if any)*: Property Owner

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Comment: The West of Forest plan is the least palatable choice. We own several parcels between WF 19-21 and they would be heavily impacted. If this alignment is chosen, it should be run down the "rancho" line and within the open space preserve as not to impact the many residential parcels, many of which are already built out. At the WF 21 area, your alignment is shown going thru a recently approved subdivision - which is not yet built, but has been in the planning process for 15 years.

~~The original Sunrise alignment thru the desert should be built there, that impacts the least amount of private property. In this county (and imperial) where the gov owns most of the property anyhow, I believe that these infrastructure projects should be aligned where possible within the government ownership, open spaces, and state and federal parks where no condemnation is necessary.~~

~~The "bolevard" plan where the line would run north into the desert, would appear to be a second choice.~~

~~West of Forest is just nuts.~~

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20 February 2007

From: David Gottfredson
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To: CPUC/BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
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Re: Comments on the Second Round of Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Comment(s): I cannot support any alternative that removes designated wilderness from Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, or anywhere else for that matter. Wilderness is meant to preserve land in perpetuity for future generations, not as a land “bank” for withdrawals when it is convenient for corporate interests. Further, removing land from wilderness protection would be a slap in the face to those who have contributed time and money to the acquisition of land for preservation purposes. If the proposed action were to be implemented and wilderness taken, what would we say to future potential donors? Even the printed materials provided during the second round of scoping meetings the week of February 5 alludes to the potential problems faced by the proposed action. On page 8 of the meeting materials under the heading “Is the alternative feasible?” the subject of Legal Feasibility is identified: “Does the alternative have the potential to avoid lands that have legal protection that may prohibit or substantially limit the feasibility of permitting a high voltage transmission line?” [emphasis added]

Removal of state designated wilderness lands would require the approval of the California State Park and Recreation Commission. To the best of my knowledge, and confirmed by the attorney for the State Park and Recreation Commission at the Commission public hearing in Borrego Springs on February 8, never before has state designated wilderness been removed from protection. If this were to occur, it would set a precedent of unimaginable magnitude. If this action was allowed to proceed and wilderness de-designated, no public lands in the state, or possibly even the country, would be safe from the whims of corporations. Thankfully, it is not a certainty that the Commission would grant such approval. Clearly, there are viable alternatives that would avoid designated wilderness. I will vigorously oppose any alternative that would take wilderness lands.

To compare the proposed towers through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to the existing wooden poles is insulting. The visual impact of the proposed towers to the viewshed in the park would be devastating. It seems that the project objectives have been tailored to promote a power line through the park. On page 7 of the printed materials provided at the second round of scoping meetings, SDG&E has identified the following goal:

“Minimize the need for new or expanded transmission line ROW [right-of-way] in urban or suburban areas of the SDG&E service territory already traversed by multiple high voltage transmission facilities and, to the extent feasible, assist in implementing local land use goals.”

Rather than put the power line in an already impacted viewshed, SDG&E has made it a goal to impact pristine viewsheds and lands. I am opposed to such a philosophy.

While it is definitely more appealing to support an alternative that would underground the proposed line through the Park, I have a number of concerns with such alternatives. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is a fragile desert ecosystem. The ground disturbance that would result from undergrounding the line would be extensive and it could take years, if ever, for the parklands to recover on their own. I would want to see assurances in these alternatives that the disturbed areas would be restored.

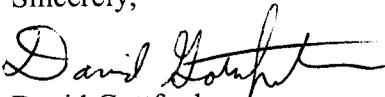
As much as I am a proponent of renewable energy, I question the stated purpose and need for the project. From what I see the project amounts to a poorly veiled attempt to create a power corridor, the goal of which most certainly is to provide a conduit for power generated in Mexico, where air quality regulation is more lax, to Los Angeles markets. It seems no small coincidence to me that the project would originate at the Imperial Valley substation just north of the Mexican border and suspiciously near to Sempra's (SDG&E's parent company) Termoelectrica de Mexicali CCGT Power Plant just south of the border west of Mexicali. Although the proponent (SDG&E) repeatedly states that the project is needed to provide a conduit for renewable energy sources in the Imperial Valley, to date no viable renewable energy project has been identified which the proposed project would serve. The only renewable energy project that I have heard discussed is an unproven Sterling engine concept that has never progressed beyond laboratory bench testing. Further, as indicated in public testimony provided during the California Parks Commission public hearing in Borrego Springs on February 8, this "potential" renewable energy project, for which no permits or environmental documentation have been prepared, would require over 7,000 acres of desert lands, as well as something on the order of 35,000 of the Sterling engine units, to implement. I have to question the ability to even bring such a project to fruition. Since there has not been a viable renewable energy project identified by the project proponent, I must conclude that the intent of this project is to transmit "dirty" electrical power generated in Mexico to LA markets.

If this project is really to supply power to the San Diego market, why is the proponent so insistent on placing a substation near Warner Springs, even for the more southerly alternative alignments? Particularly a substation near the Riverside County line designed to accommodate the expansion of four additional 250 kilovolt circuits beyond those identified in the proposed action.

In summary, I am opposed to any alternative that would result in the taking of wilderness lands, whether in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park or elsewhere. Until such time the project proponent demonstrates that there are actual viable renewable energy projects that would utilize the proposed power lines, I question the need for the project as described. I am much more inclined to support the so-called "wireless" alternatives that promote local electrical generation. The project proponent should also be focusing not just on energy production, but energy conservation. At some point we need to say enough is enough.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


David Gottfredson

Cc: California State Park and Recreation Commission
Mark Jorgensen, Superintendent, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

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To: Billie Blanchard, CPUC
Lynda Kastoll, BLM
C/o Aspen Environmental Group

Dear Madams Blanchard and Kastoll:

Re: Round Two of Scoping Meetings on Sunrise Powerlink

Please, ask yourselves whether the solution proposed by SDG&E is consistent with the problem as they have defined it? Put another way: whether the pains taken by SDG&E to ascertain the plausible facts of the case are consonant with the grandiose scheme known as the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line?

Several questions arise: How carefully did SDG&E study the necessity for “Sunrise Powerlink”? How carefully did they explore the full range of its effects on the people and environment affected?

1. Which experts did SDG&E consult, besides those who agreed with them? One assumes they consulted electrical and other types of qualified engineers to fuel their arguments but, if so, who were they?
2. Nowhere does SDG&E identify the “experts” who, they say, agree that San Diego and San Diego County will need additional sources of power within the next three years (i.e., 2010) and beyond. Which experts, and in what areas of expertise?
3. It is conceivable that SDG&E consulted experts outside their own field. For example, they might have consulted historians or sociologists, or anthropologists in their quest for defensible knowledge?
4. They certainly might have consulted medical experts on the safety of a transmission line carrying up to 500kV on a continuous basis. 500kV is not the same thing as 69kV or, put another way, 69,000 volts is not remotely comparable to 500,000 volts, in either its effect on the environment or its consequences for human beings and other animals in the immediate or related vicinities.
5. The medical consequences might well be significant. Who has studied the impact implicit in the relationships a) between 69kV and 500kV or b) between half a million volts of current and the ultimate safety of the 150 feet right of way—either on the surface or buried beneath the ground?
Where are the studies of the immediate and long-range effects of electromagnetic fields which should have accompanied SDG&E’s arguments?
6. Too, one or several statisticians might have been helpful in probing the twin issues of immigration and emigration. What could we possibly know about future trends without detailed knowledge of current population flow and density? It is conceivable that California—and not just San Diego city/county—will lose population in the next decade.
7. Foretelling the future in terms of past actions, not to mention guess-work, is a crude form of analysis. But that is the approach SDG&E seems to have taken.

They mention experts but neither identify them nor any studies that might be germane to the subject. They say they have collected personal opinions from consumers but would that substitute for a series of careful, longitudinal studies, based on careful and intensive research?

8. Finally, SDG&E (SDG&E/Sempra) have ignored current power-generating capabilities, as well as the growth of new industries, like solar-, wind- and ocean-power. They have failed to take into consideration the probability that old power-plants will be replaced and/or updated. Where have they studied the economic implications of one huge \$1.3 billion energy superhighway transmission line versus the natural growth of new plants and industries?
9. It is difficult to take SDG&E's arguments with the seriousness intended because they are not based on serious study. Rather, they are generalizations whose overall design is clear: to convince an unwary consumer that SDG&E alone is qualified to choose the way power will be generated and transmitted in the future.

Where, one might ask, is it written that any company or corporate entity, such as SDG&E/Sempra, must build a power-line of gigantic proportions whose necessity, not to mention its safety, remains to be verified?

Cordially,
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Aspen Environmental Group

February 20, 2007

Although I have already submitted written comments about the Sunrise Powerlink Project, I do have additional comments after recently attending a meeting held in Wynola by the Aspen Environmental Group.

Here are the additional thoughts I'd like to share with you:

1. I understand that you had asked for comments relating to the "alternatives" introduced by your office. However, the alternatives that you shared with us weren't good enough — to put it bluntly.

When I was sitting in the meeting I felt as though I was a mother being asked to analyze and decide (using the cerebral part of my brain only) which damaging method to use on my child.

I'm very disappointed that the team hired to design a way to bring energy to San Diego did not mention utilizing solar panels on San Diego buildings. As a person with an M.S. degree in Environmental Education, I am not only disheartened but alarmed that during the meeting the phrase "conducting *environmental* impact statements" was used by a team who seemed out-of-touch (both intellectually as well as emotionally) from nature itself, and this, for me, was a tragic irony.

The Sunrise Powerline — as well as your proposed alternatives above *and* below the ground — are simply dangerous to people, land, and wildlife.

2. Degrading Public Land goes against the very mission for which public land was created. There is no difference between placing a giant, hideous power line through Anza-Borrego State Park and the Grand Canyon. (And, again, the underground scenario is also degrading and dangerous.)

In addition, I have a right to enjoy protected, public land. That right was given to me through the hard work of others who designated land as protected, public parks (like Yellowstone). That was a promise made to *me!* And something as small as your lack of determination for a healthy solution should not interfere with the grand quality of nature and the people who worked so hard to protect it.

3. When you drive through Anza-Borrego State Park there is a sign along the road that says "Littering. \$1,000 fine." If a soda can equals \$1,000, what would be the proportional fine for the power link? Why have you and SDG&E considered yourselves exempt from this law, and how, then, do

you explain to a child the visual difference between the fine for a soda can and the allowance of a mega power link in the land she loves?

Also, how do you explain to donors who contribute to the continuing protection of Anza-Borrego State Park that the park they put money into (a park that is *legally required* to be protected) has now been damaged?

It seems to me that these are significant laws. When people donate money (including as part of a will or trust), they are doing so under a premise, condition, purpose, and mission. Any misuse of the intended area for which they have donated is a serious matter.

4. As a side, Julian residents experienced a major fire in 2003 which took acres from Cuyamaca State Park. How can you consider damaging nearby Anza-Borrego State park and private land in the Julian area — for these are the only remnants not damaged in the fire? Don't you think Julian residents and wildlife are entitled to have even a little salvation from the fire?

I am absolutely appalled by your lack of connection to these issues. Again, our culture already knows the very dangerous effects which you are proposing. Where is your spirit to be innovative? And where is your drive to protect?

Susan Meyer
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From: mtnfolks@attwb.net [mailto:mtnfolks@attwb.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 08:16 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: COMMENT FORM - ALTERNATIVES SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT
Importance: High

From: Christine and Bryan Rowson
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(619) 895-3815

February 20, 2007

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECIEPT OF THIS EMAIL

First off, please be sure our name and address is added to the list to recieved all updates and informational documents concerning this project.

I have additional comments to make regarding Alternative D - Sunrise Powerlink Project. My original email, dated Februrary 16, 2007 is copied at the end of this email for your recollection.

When we sent in our first email we were not in possession of the Index Map d-41 of 52. From the look of the cover sheet which accompanied that Index Map , the planned alternative D deliberately jogs to incompass privately owned property at D-40, D-41, D-42.

WHY DON'T YOU SHOW A CONTINUATION OF A STRAIGHT LINE GOING FROM D-39 TO D-43? PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

All along the rest of Alternate Route D you have gone out of your way to avoid private land until you hit this remote area. It appears that this is a ploy to obtain the few private properties that sit in the middle of National Forest land. We will wait to hear from you on the way you are going to go before deciding what action we will take. We request that you consider adjusting the route to avoid the disruption of privately owned land and residents.

Also, even if you don't end up obtaining these properties at D-40, D-41, D-42 and put the line to the east or the west of the properties SDG&E should be responsible to compensate owners for the affect these ugly lines would have on the resale value of these properties, also to be prepared to compensate for the obvious health and emotional trama caused to us as senior, 2003 wild fire victims.

This week we will be contacting AARP to enlist their assistance in preserving our retirement home and investment here at your Alternative Route D-39 through D-43.

Please re-read our original comments which appear at the end of this email.

Our concerns noted at that time still hold. This email just serves to better pinpoint our area of concern according to your index maps for

the project. It is information we didn't have when we first sent our comments.

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THIS IS THE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL EMAIL OF COMMENTS WE SENT ON FEB. 16, 2007:

Subject: COMMENT ON ALTERNATIVES SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT
From: Christine and Bryan Rowson
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(619) 895-3815

We strongly protest the installation of the POWERLINK PROJECT Alternate D and have the following comments on the scope and content of the EIR/EIS on the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

Please add us to the appropriate lists to receive all documentation and correspondence regarding this issue.

First of all please explain to us WHY this powerlink is needed at this time when we should be researching alternative energy sources - wind power comes to mind.

We are contacting AARP for legal advice on any legal protections that would prohibit construction of the project on or near our residence near mile marker 9 on Boulder Creek Road. As disabled seniors it would be an extreme hardship to have to relocate and it would be discriminatory to reduce the value of our home and property, our future by putting these lines on or near our place.

We have owned the property for 23 years and lived here since 1990.

1) Your documents states that Alternate D is in the least fire risk area. I beg to differ on that. Not only is this remote area subject to very high fire risk, the proposed high power lines would eliminate any fire fighting possibility by air. With the height of the lines and in a smoke filled environment the helicopters would not be able to fight any fire in or around the lines. As evidenced by the 2003 Cedar Wildfire, which started very near your proposed line, was impossible to fight in this area. The fire crews just had to watch it burn in the area near our home on Boulder Creek Road, mile marker 9.

2) When we had to rebuild our home after the losing it to the devastating Cedar Creek wildfire in 2003, we did all the massive cleanup ourselves and since we were both over 60 years old, it was no easy task. We went through many difficulties in the rebuilding.

Why did SDG&E planners allow all of us to go through the agony of rebuilding knowing they would be subjecting us to the uncertainty and pain of worry over once again losing our home?

3) It appears that the people who checked the Alternative D line and said there were no private land occupants north beyond the 8 mile

marker on Boulder Creek Road obviously stopped looking at that point. Our home is located just beyond that location along with 7 other property owners and residents. Someone DIDN'T do their job correctly when they reported at your meeting in Alpine there were no residence north of the area near mile marker 8 on Boulder Creek Road.

4) IF Alternate D is selected at least put the power lines to the east of the existing power line which would then be east of existing residents along Boulder Creek Road at the 8 - 10 mile marker. This require ONLY the movement of two of the power poles approximately 350 yards to the east of the suggested route, thus avoiding local resident's properties.

We protest the discrimination shown toward homeowners in our area. Just because we are older property owners and we are in a remote area, you act as if our rights must be given up in favor of peoples' rights in other areas.

FEBRUARY 20, 2007

SHIRLEY AND HAROLD WITHERS

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BORREGO SPRINGS, CA 92004

760-767-7736

I AM SURE SEMPRA ENERGY CAN AFFORD TO BUY ALL OF THE VOTES THEY NEED TO PUT THEIR SUNRISE POWERLINK THROUGH THE ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK, THEREBY FOREVER CHANGING THE VIEW AND DESTROYING THE ECOSYSTEMS WHILE DOING SO. THEY CAN AFFORD TO ELIMINATE THE WILDERNESS IN THE BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO BACK COUNTRY, I AM SURE.

BUT, CAN THEY BUY OFF GOD? ? ?

IF NOT,

WHEN THE RAINS COME, AFTER THEY HAVE SCRAPED OFF ONE HUNDRED ACRES, PUNCHED ROADS TO THEIR CENTRAL EAST SUBSTATION, AND THAT VERY FRAGILE MOUNTAIN COMES TUMBLING DOWN UPON THOSE LIVING BELOW, OR DRIVING ON HWY S-2, (NOTE THE MUDSLIDES THAT HAVE CLOSED S-2 AND BURIED VEHICLES AFTER THE FIRES IN 2002-2003) WILL THEY STILL BE ABLE TO PAY ALL OF THE LAWSUITS INITIATED BY THOSE AFFECTED, OR THEIR SURVIVORS?

I WONDER, THEN, WILL THOSE WHO HAVE ALLOWED THIS TRAVESTY TO HAPPEN, STILL BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT? DO THEY HAVE A CONSCIENCE?

IF POWER IS NEEDED, THERE IS FAR BETTER, MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS WIND-SOLAR-WIRELESS!

From: Timothy Butrum [mailto:butrum@pacbell.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 03:28 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Mt Gower Open Space

Dear Sir,

I am an avid hiker and I often enjoy the trails and views in the Mt Gower Open Space Preserve. I understand that one of the possible routes for the Sunrise Power link is through the valley right next to the open space. Tall poles and power lines would really spoil the view from much if not all of the open space area and take away from the natural beauty. I have heard of the "Oak Hollow Road Underground Alternative" and believe that this option would allow San Diego County to get the power it needs while protecting a valuable public resource. If you have any questions for me please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

Tim Butrum
(760) 788-9424



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Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 2/21/07

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Affiliation (if any):* _____

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Telephone Number*: 619-722-6281

Email*: _____

Comment: SDGE has not proven that the Powerlink is necessary to support San Diego County's energy needs. San Diegans are united in that these proposed transmission lines do nothing to increase supply or decrease the expense for SDGE customers. These proposed transmission lines, regardless of their location, will destroy critical natural resources throughout San Diego's back country, challenge the integrity of existing preserved areas, and create hazards for our built environment where people live. The Powerlink is not necessary. I am opposed.

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Comment Form

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Date: 2/21/07

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Telephone Number*: 760/331-7757

Email*: Cynthia@dorst.us

Comment: First, let me say that I understand the need to bring additional power to San Diego. I don't, however, think it's necessary to bring it through our pristine desert and back country. Why not put it along I-8 or the US/Mexico border? However, if you must bring it through Ramona, please consider the Oak Hollow Alternative. This alternative would leave the power underground for a greater distance causing less disruption to the residents and views. I have been horseback riding these hills for many years and would be devastated by the destruction of this beautiful area. As a cancer survivor, I would also consider placement of these lines in my riding area a health hazard which I would certainly not appreciate.

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From: BFansler@veridiam.com [mailto:BFansler@veridiam.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 11:02 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Sunrise Power Link

To whom it may concern:

I want to register my comments concerning the above proposed power link.
Like many people I am aware of the need for more power and to look into the future for those resources and ways to provide it. That being said, I must strongly suggest that bringing in the power by using unsightly towering towers through an area and community that was intended to remain rural, even though settled by over 3,000 families, is just not acceptable to me.

My husband, daughter and I moved to the San Diego Country Estates 22 years ago precisely for the peace, quiet and rural atmosphere. I've ridden my horse on every single trail available in BLM land, parks and national forest alike, as well as the managed trails provided within the Estates. I hike the trails in both Mt. Gower and Simon Park and a lot of them in the Estates. We love the wildlife . . . song birds nesting in our cedar trees, bunnies, squirrels, even the coyotes. We used to run into herds of deer but as development has continued around us, those times are gone. Watching the hawks and occasional golden eagle - even greater egrets and the occasional blue heron are a gift of nature.

What isn't a gift of nature and was never envisioned for that wonderfully beautiful area are humongous power towers strung along the hills! Our community had the foresight to bury our utilities when it was developed and we would love to see that thought continue. This email serves as my family's support for the lesser of two evils (if you have to bring the power through the area at all), which would be the Oak Hollow Road Underground Alternative.

One can only hope you listen. Our lifestyle in California is already threatened and if it continues with no regard for already established residents, we will be joining in the exodus to find a better life somewhere else.

Thank you for taking the time to read one San Diego County resident's heartfelt comments.
Sincerely,
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McCoy
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Date: FEB. 21, 2007

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Telephone Number*: 760-803-0391 CELL

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NO TO PROPOSED SUNRISE POWERLINK BECAUSE:
 Comment: 1) IT WOULD DESTROY THE BEAUTY OF OUR PRISTINE CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SCARRED AND IS IN A FRAGILE STATE FROM THE 2003 CEDAR CREEK FIRE.
 2) THE TOWERS AND ACCESS ROADS WOULD CUT INTO THE DECLINING AREA INHABITED BY MOUNTAIN WILDS, DEER, OWNS, EAGLES, ETC.
 3) IT WILL GO ACROSS OUR FEW REMAINING CATTLE RANCHES AND DEVALUE THE LAND FOR MILES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TOWERS, DECREASING PROPERTY TAXES THE COUNTY COLLECTS WHICH WILL DECREASE FUNDS FOR EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, ETC.
 4) IT WILL INCUR HIGHER COSTS TO RUN THIS LINK UP AND DOWN THE STEEP MOUNTAINS AND TO MAINTAIN THE ACCESS ROADS WHICH ERODE IN EVERY RAIN STORM DUE TO STEEP GRADES.
 5) WHAT ABOUT THE CALIF, ENDANGERED GNAT CATCHER + KANGAROO RAT?

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Date: 2/21/07

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Comment: FRIENDS OF OURS OWN PROPERTY THAT ABOUT
MT. GOWER NATURE PRESERVE. OUR FAMILY HAS
HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING INTRODUCED TO THE
PRESERVE VIA HORSEBACK & HIKING. AN ABOVE
GROUND POWERLINK WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO
THE WILDERNESS & PRISTINE VIEWS OF THE
PRESERVE. I LIKE & STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
OAK HOLLOW RD. UNDERGROUND ALTERNATIVE. THE
ALTERNATIVE WOULD REDUCE THE VISUAL IMPACT
OF OVERHEAD LINES & TOWERS AS SEEN FROM
THE MT. GOWER OPEN SPACE PRESERVE &
SURROUNDING AREAS.

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The Honorable Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington DC 20426

Re: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project, Project No. P-11858-002
Update on Intervener John Pecora's Comments on FERC FEIS

From: John Pecora FERC I.D. number 021283
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Dear Ms. Salas,

I hereby submit comments on the Commission's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) analyzing the proposed LEAPS project. I am addressing and identifying an issue that warrants further consideration by the Commission.

Contrary to the following statements in Sections 2-13 and 5-12 "*Acquire and modify the multi-family residences nearest the proposed powerhouse site (the Santa Rosa Villas in the case of the Santa Rosa powerhouse site and a single family home and the Lakeland Village Plaza in the case of the optional Evergreen powerhouse site), provide relocation assistance, use properties for construction purposes or retain in vacant condition, and return to the regional housing inventory upon completion of construction to address potential adverse effects on residents during construction.*" The Santa Rosa Villas Apartments is not the "*nearest*" residence to the Santa Rosa powerhouse site. My property and home, as I clearly stated in my comments submitted August 15, 2006, is the "*nearest*" residence to the actual proposed Santa Rosa power house location.

Your staff addressed three of my concerns, electromagnetic fields (pg. E-65 comment 219), (dust page E-73 comment 254) and high voltage electrical humming (pg. E-74 comment 258) providing no useful mitigation and ignored my remaining concerns stated in my comments submitted on August 15, 2006.

I request that you direct your staff to correct this obvious mistake and require as a minimum condition of licensing the same mitigation for adverse effects to my person family, property and home recommended for the Santa Rosa Villas Apartments as stated in Section 2-13 and 5-12 "*Acquire and modify the multi-family residences nearest the proposed powerhouse site... provide relocation assistance...*" as may be required under the provisions of Section 7260-7266 of the California Government Code and Section 33410-33418 of the California Health and Safety Code.

I recommend the "No Action" alternative as the more desirable course of action to

mitigate the adverse effects to my person, family and property when considering the licensing of the entire LEAPS project.

The construction of the LEAPS project, as proposed in the FEIS, will render my home uninhabitable and reduce its dollar value to 0. The LEAPS project, as proposed in the FEIS, is causing psychological damage to myself and my family. Your staffs error to identify and mitigate the adverse impact to me, my family and the property I call home fills my mind and life with dread. It saps my courage and will to continue in my daily duties.

Following are my comments submitted on August 15, 2006

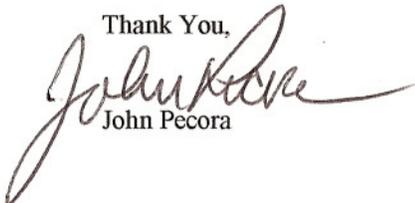
I thank you and your staff for your work in creating the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I have read this statement and discovered the omission of my home and property for 34 years missing in all discussions related to the Santa Rosa site. My home is located at 16336 Union Avenue at the corner of Ponce Drive and Union Avenue. My home and property is located 326 feet from the intersection of Santa Rosa Drive and Union Avenue. The route through Santa Rosa Drive and Union Avenue is the legal access to my home and property. My home and property is closer to the proposed Santa Rosa site than the existing apartments known as Santa Rosa Mountain Villas on Santa Rosa Drive. Those apartments are designated for destruction (DEIS page 3-229) to mitigate the negative impact on the inhabitants. How will the adverse impact to my life and my families lives be mitigated? I live closer to the proposed Santa Rosa site than the people living in the Santa Rosa Mountain Villas apartments. I am concerned that EVMWD, TNHC and you have not investigated the distance of my property to the proposed Santa Rosa site nor considered the adverse effects to my life.

How will my following concerns be resolved or mitigated:

1. The interruption of my unimpeded and timely legal access and egress to my home and property due to construction traffic, the staging of materials, hazardous materials, equipment, dirt and vehicles. My spouse's profession requires unimpeded and immediate right of way at all times during the day and night. My seven year old sons medical condition also requires unimpeded and immediate right of way of emergency vehicles at all times during the day and night. As a member of the Lake Elsinore Marine Search and rescue and Riverside County Sheriffs department volunteer I require unimpeded and immediate right of way at all times during the day and night.
2. My home and property is in the direct path of flood waters in the event of a dike or pipeline rupture.
3. The disturbance of my peace during the construction of this project.
4. The exposure to elevated levels of toxic dust, noise and dirt that will effect my families health and the cleanliness of my house, vehicles and equipment.
5. Adverse health effects from long term exposure to elevated levels of EMF emanating from electrical high voltage lines.
6. The possible destruction of life, home and possessions from an earthquake triggered by the drilling of a lateral tunnel through the Willard Earthquake Fault line, the digging of an approximately 250 feet deep cavern, dynamite blasting, vibration of earth moving equipment and the movement of water through the pipeline if successfully installed.
7. Exposure to hazardous materials and hazardous materials dust.
8. Exposure to elevated noise levels associated with high voltage transmission lines.
9. Is the degradation of myself and my family's quality of life a taking and if so how will we be compensated.
10. How will the loss of my inalienable rights of *life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness* so gloriously stated in our Declaration of Independence be mitigated and compensated.
11. I have observed four Red Tailed hawks living, nesting and hunting in the entire area of the proposed Santa Rosa site. How will the destruction of those hawks habitat be mitigated?

Thank You,



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Background:

I am a resident of San Diego County and live in the area known as Crest which is a community east of El Cajon. Recently I attended (along with approximately 100 other members of the Alpine community) the "Second round of scoping meetings on the Alternatives to the proposed Sunrise Power Link Project". Although I found the meeting helpful in understanding the project and proposed alternatives to this project, I am not trained to give an opinion as to the necessity for the project overall in meeting future energy needs (my assumption being the project is needed) and will therefore limit my opinion to my local knowledge and impact of the alternative being considered know as the "West of Forest Alternative"

Opposition To Route:

The area denoted between WF-15 and WF-20 is the area intersecting my property as well as the property of many of my neighbors. There are small power transmission lines currently existing which have caused at least one fire and explosion in the area on my property when a hawk landed on the wire or insulator. Luckily this fire was extinguished by a quick acting resident in an area not accessible by firefighters (this occurred in 2001). In 2003 the Cedar fire destroyed this entire area and burned approximately 400 homes which unfortunately include a total destruction of my residence. I witnessed fire trucks leaving and watched in horror homes burn since the area burning was "indefensible space". This is literally the same area being considered for the 165 foot 500 kv transmission lines as an alternative to reduce the "High Fire Risk in the SWPL Corridor" and is the main reason for my opposition to this alternative route. This seems ludicrous in considering our area, the area impacted by the two worst fires in San Diego County history (Cedar Fire in 2003 and the Laguna fire of 1969) which would place these transmission towers literally in the backyards of many of the fire victims. My other concern for fire protection would be the impact of the high tower lines preventing air tankers from effectively making water and fire retardant drops on residential areas close to the power lines. The air tankers are the best and probably only effective way of fighting future fires in this area.

I have other obvious reasons for opposing this alternative that are not unique to us but important none the less. The power lines would have an immediate effect on reducing property values. The visual and sound impact is disturbing in placing power lines in a scenic area of one of the remaining low density areas in "western" east county. Although the surrounding area has experienced significant development

with housing and Indian Gaming Casino's our particular area has, through much effort and influence from local politicians and community members, dedicated open space and wildlife preservation areas. The amount of wildlife that exists in the area can only be witnessed and not described. The construction and maintenance of these power lines could not help but impact the environment in the area that is just now recovering from the 2003 fire devastation. The open space that was dedicated contains hiking trails that are used and enjoyed by many outdoor enthusiasts they are able to use the area because of its proximity to El Cajon and other metropolitan areas. It seems ironic that this area is being considered as an alternative to replace the area being impacted in the Borrego desert which I maintain would result in the same or higher loss of outdoor open space use. That is this property does not bode well as a sacrifice for saving the desert property and parks.

Conclusion:

If the project is truly needed to meet the expanding population and power needs of Southern California, I suggest using transmission lines that would least impact the scenic area of Crest and Harbison Canyon. Underground transmission lines are safer and more aesthetic to the community and should be used whenever possible. Avoiding relatively populated areas would be a second priority, and Finally Fire Safety a First Priority. For these reasons I oppose any recommendation to use the West of Forest Alternative for this project.

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In addition to our two previous emails with comments concerning Alternative D and our personal objections we would like to add our concurrence to Nathan Weflen's objections on the biological and environmental viewpoint. Copy of his email follows.

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Subject: No to Alt D from a Biological/Environmental diversity viewpoint

Aspen Environmental Group, 2-20-07

Please review my comments on Alternative D, Sunrise Powerlink.

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Please do not allow the P.U.C., SDG&E, or anyone to put a new powerline through the area known in the Sunrise Powerlink proposal as Alternative D.

Second to my personal property loss if Alternative D is chosen, is the loss we would all face if we put a 300 foot wide-150 foot high powerline through this area. The Boulder Creek Road area holds some of the most wild, beautiful and best kept secrets of San Diego County. The land not held in private hands out here is mostly classified as roadless National Forest.

This National forest includes the famous Three Sisters and Ceder Creek waterfalls. Most of that National Forest is Proposed Federal Wilderness including the No Name Unit, Sill Hill Unit, Ceder Creek unit. All of this would be compromised by a 300 foot wide path of destruction. In terms of rare creatures, I can identify the following unique items to the Alt D footprint:

1. This area contains numerous Horned Lizards(the San Diego horned Toad)
2. Endangered Arroyo Toads in and around all drainage's in this route.
3. The only known range of Cuyamaca Cypress trees in the world. (King Creek RNA)
4. Tecate Cypress (Isolated Ceder Fire new growth in the Conejos Creek drainage)
5. Native Steelhead were re-introduced in Boulder and Ceder Creeks 1998 and 2005 with captive-breed native fish at the Chula Vista Nature Center. These Trout were breed from the only 4 known in existence from the Sweetwater River in San Diego.(See www.sandiegotrout.org)

6. A lone Cedar Fire surviving Southern California Black Walnut tree located in Conejos Creek/Valley.
(D-39,D-40)
7. Numerous rock-lined "bowl type" vernal pools are situated on top of the mountain in the area of D-37 and D-38. These depressions provide water for all animal life for months after a heavy rain.
8. The California Newt(*Taricha torosa*) has a southern range boundary of Boulder Creek
(www.dfg.ca.gov/whdab/cwhr/A007.html)
9. Further unique items I will list in paragraph form.

Boulder Creek and Cedar Creek Gorges are particularly sensitive areas that already have a 69kv line and powerline road. The current situation is far from ideal from an environmental perspective. Alternative D put through these canyons would totally destroy the area with a 300 foot-wide easement and access roads.

SDG&E advises it's own line-workers(instructions in their laptops) to walk down the powerline road into Boulder Creek and avoid driving near the Stream. The area between D-40 and D-41 and the Cedar Creek crossing is extremely sensitive. The meadows and McCoy Ranch Road and Boulder Creek Road hold a huge track of mature Engleman Oaks that survived the fire.

Some of this land was purchased with Caltrans Mitigation money to save these Engleman Oaks. The rest of this grassland was donated to the Forest Service by the Rutherford family to forever protect this area. Alternative D would destroy this Oak Savannah. South of these oaks are two ponds(near 3330301700 and 3330301400)which on 2-18-07 had a pair of Golden Eagles flying back and forth between these ponds. The proposed Alt D would split these ponds(In Johnson Creek). North of these rare oaks, D-42 on the provided picture, is a tract of land owned by San Diego State University. SDSU utilizes this land through it's Soil Ecological Restoration Group. In this capacity, they are attempting to re-establish rare native grasses on this oak savannah. Those endangered grasses are *Quercus* and *Nassella pulchra*.

The re-introduction of these grasses requires absolute minimum disturbance. A 300 foot-wide powerline footprint through this land would destroy all efforts of SDSU.

See the following website for complete information.

www.serg.sdsu.edu/SERG/restorationproj/woodlandgrassland/cuyamaca.html

In addition to all these unique items, Native American artifacts abound in my area of interest; the area D-36 North through D-46. This includes Numerous acorn grinding holes with the hand-held grinding rocks still in the holes hundreds of years later. These rocks left in place in respect to these cultures by local landowners, hikers and hunters. A respect SDG&E apparently doesn't have when they talk of putting Alternative D through this area. Please use my studies and 30 plus years of exploring this area to reject Alternative D of the Sunrise Powerlink.

Thanks for you request for comments,

Nathan Weflen