



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



Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 2/21/2007

Name*: NORMAN D. SEVERE, Psy.D.

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Comment: I am writing this letter in an effort to outline numerous reasons why I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Powerlink Project and why other more appropriate alternatives need to be considered. Currently, I co-own property that is directly in the proposed route between Milepost 20-41 that is at ^{the} east end of Old Kane Springs Road (See also Imperial Valley Link) east of Anza-Borrego. Despite the obvious reason of this route going directly through my property, it is unbelievable and inconceivable that SDB+E would even consider to build this powerline through a protected wildlife area that borders my property and many other properties along Kane Springs Road. The proposed route as it has been planned would go directly through the currently undisturbed Anza-Borrego State Park and would disrupt habitats for the Big Horn Sheep and numerous other desert animals and plant life. This is unacceptable to me and many of the community members in San Diego, Borrego Springs and Ocotillo Wells. I not in favor of seeing or approving of a project that would destroy these sensitive and Federally protected lands. I am more in favor of the (New Wires) and (Highway 8 Route) alternatives. I am also joined in my comments by fellow ^{property} co-owners Aimee Severe, Mary Pelowitz and Guy Pelowitz. Sincerely, Norman D. Severe, Psy.D.

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 February 24, 2007. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (866) 711-3106 or emailed to sunrise@aspenerg.com.

From: Nathan Weflen [mailto:nweflen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 01:56 AM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Cc: nweflen@yahoo.com, 'cindy buxton', 'mary weflen', 'bryan/chris',
'max/alma stultz', 'pedro marcal', 'dave weflen'
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.

Nathan Weflen
13725 Boulder Creek Road
Descanso CA, 91916
nweflen@yahoo.com

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 Ceder 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 Ceder 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 Ceder 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

From: Andy Ahlberg [mailto:ranger1032@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 04:42 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Power lines through Anza Borrego

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my concern over the proposed power lines through the Anza Borrego Wilderness. Having grown up in southern California and spending alot of time in the eastern part of San Diego County I must make my voice clearly heard, Please do not build insdie the Anza Borrego State Park. This area is one of the last true wilderness areas in California, and perhaps the only wilderness area in southern California. To threaten this area would be absolutely irresponsible. This project would not only threaten this area physically but it would also destroy the view shed. Wilderness areas are a quality of life issue, please don't ruin my childrens ability to enjoy this natural area. Prior to this project, please think of the loss that not only would we suffer, but our children and their children and all the children to come would suffer this loss.
Thank you for your time in this matter. If you would like to discuss the matter more please feel free to contact me.

Andrew S. Ahlberg

A concerned citizen of Southern California.

From: Jane Alexander [mailto:janemalexander@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 02:24 AM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Oak Hollow Road Underground Alternative (Ramona)

I am a resident of Ramona and an equestrian user of the trails in the Mt. Gower Open Space Preserve. I would like to register my strong opposition to SDG&E's proposal to build an overhead power line with 100+-foot above-ground towers that would cross through the San Diego County Estates development in Ramona along Gunn Stage Road. This road leads to the staging area for and trailhead entrance to Mt. Gower OSP. The overhead lines would seriously undermine the natural beauty of one of the most popular trails in this area, and would adversely affect, if not destroy, the aesthetic experience of those who hike, bike and ride their horses along the trail. We go there to enjoy nature's unspoiled beauty and solitude, not to be subjected to the hum of massive steel towers and power lines, which are an unwelcome intrusion on the wilderness.

One of the specific alternatives listed for comments is this transition point, where lines go from underground to overhead. It could be moved an additional 0.6 miles to the east, a proposal known as the Oak Hollow Road Underground Alternative, and be far less injurious to the natural beauty of the Mt. Gower area. Of course, I'd prefer that the power line be kept out of Ramona, which prides itself on preservation of its rural traditions and is home to many of the county's agribusiness enterprises, entirely. If, however, it must pass through our community, the underground alternative is far less objectionable.

Please consider my input as a voter, taxpayer, resident of the affected area, and recreational user of the Mt. Gower OPS when making a final siting decision.

Sincerely,

Jane M. Alexander
315 N. Letton St.
Ramona, CA 92065
(760) 789-3576



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Date: 2/23/07

Name*: Debra Ann Conn

Affiliation (if any)*: Homeowner

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City, State, Zip Code*: El Cajon, CA 92019

Telephone Number*: 619 445-0022

Email*: debuli@cox.net

Comment: I have lived in Harbison Canyon since 1973. For many years, it was a quiet community with little growth. Surrounded by mountains, I have always felt it was isolated from civilization. But since the fire in 2003, not only are people rebuilding, but it seems we are having more growth on the hills around us. When the fire came through, the canyon was left to burn. It was too dangerous for fire crews, and the airplanes were unavailable. So we lost 286 houses, mine included, 12 just on my street. I'm sure with fire crews in the air, the number of lost houses would have been much less. With the proposed towers and wires running through the Canyon, we will once again be vulnerable to fires which can't be fought. Air crews will be reluctant to fight with the towers and wires in the way. Please protect

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Harbison Canyon and the hills around us by finding another route. There are towers south of 8 by Lake Jennings.

Can you connect to those?

(866) 711-3106



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Date: 2/22/07

Name*: MRS. Debbie A. DeGarmo

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www.the3day.org

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Email*: debdegarmo@cox.net + debbie.degarmo@
ngc.com

Comment: I AM AN AVID WALKER, hiker that regularly
utilizes the Mt. Gower Open Space Preserve. I like the
oak hollow Road underground Alternative, because it
would reduce the visual impact of the overhead
lines + towers as seen from the mt. Gower Open
Space Preserve. I love walking, hiking with my breast
cancer 3 Day team mates + my 5 dogs in this area.
I moved to Ramona 8 years ago to enjoy the beauty,
Nature, admire the land, native animals + birds - to
capture a peaceful + healthy life style for myself,
(a cancer survivor) my family + pets. The above
ground tower idea is horrible, destructive. Birds
will die in the towers + hundreds will no longer
utilize this beautiful area for recreation - you would
be destroying An entire area, killing off the
natural habitat + animals.

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2/22/07 Debbie DeGarmo

From: DBD201@aol.com [mailto:DBD201@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 08:58 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Cc: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Subject: Anza Borrego

I am a retired State Park Superintendent and member of CSPRA. To be brief I am strongly opposed to SDG&E's proposed power line through Anza Borrego Desert State Park.

David B. Donahue
212 Avenida Sierra
San Clemente, CA 92672

PS I am a SDG&E customer.

From: Green, Michael D [mailto:MGREE@parks.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 04:28 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Proposed power line through Anza-Borrego

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a member of California State Park Ranger Association, the current Department Training Officer, and a State Park employee for over 17 years.

This message is meant to convey my strong objection to the proposed power line through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. These lands were set aside by preceding and often wiser generations to protect them from the very activity proposed. I appeal to your conscience, thoughtfulness, and good judgment. Please think beyond your immediate sphere of influence and honor the wishes of our predecessors by joining us to help preserve this wilderness for generations to come.

Thank you,

Michael D. Green

Acting Department Training Officer

California State Parks

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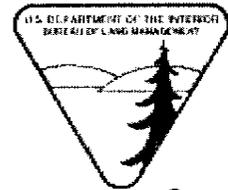
michael@parks.ca.gov



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PG iCFB

Date: 22 FEB 07

Name*: ALEX HOEFER

Affiliation (if any)*: PROPERTY OWNER IN SAN FELIPE VALLEY ON S-2

Address*: RESIDENCE IS 2677 GARFIELD ST

City, State, Zip Code*: CARLSBAD CA 92008

Telephone Number*: 760. 434 3783

Email*: ABIKENUTA@PACBELL.NET

Comment: GREETINGS - I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED SUNRISE POWERLINK.
I HAVE ATTENDED 4 MEETINGS (2 SCOPING - 2 SDG&E) AND
SUBMITTED SCOPING COMMENTS IN THE FIRST ROUND.
MY PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE IS NO "SPL". I AM NOT
CONVINCED THAT SEMPRAS/SDG&E HAS BEEN ABLE TO
DEMONSTRATE THE GENUINE NEED FOR THIS HUGE PROJECT.
I LIVE IN CARLSBAD NEAR THE ENCLINA POWER PLANT
AND READ THE FOLLOWING QUOTE IN THE LOCAL NEWS,
THURS 2/22/07, REGARDING A PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN
SDG&E/SEMPPRA AND THE NRG GROUP, WHO NOW OWNS
THE POWER PLANT - " A MODERNIZATION OF THE PLANT CANNOT BE
COMPLETED WITHOUT A CUSTOMER, AND THE PLANTS MOST LIKELY

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CUSTOMER, SDG&E REJECTED THE PLANT IN FAVOR OF OTHER PROJECTS IN AN EARLIER COMPETITIVE BID." THIS PLANT IS ALREADY AN EYSORE. DO WE NEED MORE EYSORES, WHEN THE ONES WE HAVE ARE UNDERUTILIZED?

THE GENERATION SOURCE FOR THE SPL IS NOT ONLY NOT PRODUCING, IT IS NOT A PROVEN TECHNOLOGY FOR THIS SCALE OF A PROJECT, I BELIEVE. (STERLING ENGINE/STERLING ENERGY.)

THERE IS ALSO THE SUSPICION OF BRINGING IN POWER FROM MEXICALI, FROM AN EXISTING SEMBRA PLANT, AND THEN ~~THE~~ I SEE A PROPOSED 2 CIRCUITS (EXPANSION OF CENTRAL EAST SUBSTATION - ACROSS FROM MY LAND) CALLED THE "TALEGA LINK" TO SEND POWER TO ORANGE COUNTY.

WHEN I ULTIMATELY BUILD MY HOUSE UP THERE I PLAN TO GO SOLAR WITH WIND GENERATION. THE THREAT OF THIS MONSTROSITY, ACROSS MY LAND IN THE LATEST MAP, HAS MADE ME RE-THINK MY CONSUMPTION AT HOME.

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I WANT TO BACK MY WORDS AND GO SOLAR AT HOME WHEN I CAN AFFORD TO DO SO.

THE ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK AND THE SAN FELIPE VALLEY ARE VAST EXPANSES OF UN OBSTRUCTED VIEWS OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT AREAS AND ROUTES OF ANCIENT TRAVELERS.

I SUPPORT A "NO WIRE ALTERNATIVE" AND FOCUS ON MAKING THE MOST OF OUR IN BASIN GENERATION CAPABILITIES, LIKE RE-POWERING ENCINA AND MORE "PEAKER" PLANTS, ALONG WITH CONSERVATION, WE CAN COME UP WITH A BETTER WAY TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS AND SUSTAINABILITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS IN THIS PROCESS

SINCERELY, Alex Hoefler

ALEX HOEFER
2677 GARFIELD ST CARLSBAD CA 92008
760.434.3783

From: Albert Lewis [mailto:hempys@hempys.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 11:22 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: LEWIS family--NO Power towers

To whom it may concern,

My family and I value the rural character and peace of our beloved Descanso.

We are strongly opposed to a power tower through the Boulder Creek or Eagle Peak areas. We believe there are other alternatives including investment in and encouragement of solar power (we run a modern 1900 sq. ft. house on 12 solar panels and 2 solar hot water panels with no grid connection). On behalf of my wife, 5 month old son and myself, I urge you to reconsider the power tower option for meeting your desired power goals.

Sincerely,

Albert Lewis & Family

11970 Twin Springs Rd.

Descanso, CA 91916



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Date: 2/22/07

Name*: SHARON LYNCH

Affiliation (if any):* _____

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Email*: DLYNCH9081@aol.com

Comment: _____

It is very clear that SDGE would not be proposing this link if it were not a big money maker for them and their stockholders. Should the CPUC ignore the existence of the South Bay Power Station (not SDGE owned) which could potentially provide the "needed" extra power which SDGE claims we will need in the future, AND, should the CPCU ignore the facts that more environmentally friendly alternatives exist which SDGE does not pursue, AND ULTIMATELY grant approval to this Powerlink, the Holly Oaks Ranch Community of **90 homes** PLEADS that either the I-8 ALTERNATIVE OR THE WEST OF THE FOREST ALTERNATIVE be chosen for the Southwest Inland Section of the project. This would not only spare Anza-Borrego and The Cleveland National Forest, but also **the 90 family community of Holly Oaks Ranch** from the potentially hazardous and unsightly Powerlink.

We still think, based on evidence presented by stalwart consumer and environmental protection groups, that **the best alternative is No Powerlink**. However, in lieu of the fact that the Powerlink may be approved, ATTACHED is a petition signed by the families of Holly Oaks in support of the I-8 or West of the Forest Alternatives.

STATISTICS OF THE ATTACHED PETITON: The petition contains 93 signatures representing 77 households of a total of 90 households in our community. Thus, **86%** support the I-8 or West of the Forest Alternatives, keeping the Powerlink out of our community should it be approved.

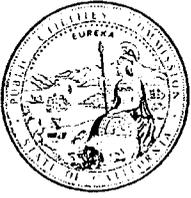
Of the 13 households not polled: 2 houses were for sale and vacant
 7 houses residents were not home
 2 houses residents were home but would not answer
 1 house resident refused to sign citing he was too busy
 to read about the project and form an opinion
 1 house resident is an SDGE employee

PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF HOLLY OAKS RANCH/RAMONA IN SUPPORT OF THE I-8 OR WEST OF THE FOREST ALTERNATIVES FOR THE SOUTHWEST AND INLAND PORTIONS OF THE PROPOSED POWERLINK

SOUTHERN OAK ROAD

NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	PHONE	E-MAIL (OPTIONAL)
1. Barbara Eastwood	<i>Barbara Eastwood</i>	2451 Southern Oak Rd	788-1017	
2. George Eastwood	<i>George Eastwood</i>	2451 Southern Oak Rd	788-1017	
3. Kelly Strong	<i>Kelly Strong</i>	2493 Southern Oak Rd	788-7933	
4. Michael S STRONG	<i>Michael S STRONG</i>	"	"	788-7933
5. Isabel L Taylor	<i>Isabel Taylor</i>	2465 Southern oak Rd		
6. Caron Capps	<i>Caron Capps</i>	2445 Southern Oak Rd	788-0623	788-9331
7. DONALD E WENDT	<i>Donald E Wendt</i>	2436 Southern OAK RD	440-9600	
8. Julia A Wendt	<i>Julia A Wendt</i>	2436 Southern Oak Rd Ramona	760-440-9135	
9. KATHY HALBROOK	<i>Kathy Halbrook</i>	2348 Southern Oak Rd Ramona	760-785-9131	
10. Tom HALBROOK	<i>Tom Halbrook</i>	"	"	"
11. Nancy Diamond	<i>Nancy Diamond</i>	2372 Southern Oak Rd, Ramona	92065 760-788-559	
12. STANLEY DIAMOND	<i>Stanley Diamond</i>	2372 Southern Oak Rd		"
13. ROBERT LINDSTROM	<i>Robert Lindstrom</i>	2282 SOUTHERN OAK Rd		
14. Jolinda Marshall	<i>J Marshall</i>	2291 Morningside Trl, Ramona	92065	
15. Jim Marshall	<i>Jim Marshall</i>	2291 MORNINGSIDE, RAMONA CA	92065	
16. Tom Torok	<i>Tom Torok</i>	2125 MESA Oak Ct Ramona, CA	92065	
17. Sherry Torok	<i>Sherry Torok</i>	2125 Mesa Oak Ct Ramona CA	92065	
18. Barbara Kinder	<i>Barbara Kinder</i>	2477 Southern Oak Rd Ramona, CA	789-1413 92065	
19. Mary Fulghum	<i>Mary Fulghum</i>	2536 SOUTHERN OAK RD	858-442-3000	mary-Fulghum@yahoo.com
20. JEANNE KORHONEN	<i>Jeanne Korhonen</i>	2527 Southern Oak Rd Ramona	92065	
21. JOSEPH STEFFER	<i>Joseph Steffer</i>	2614 Southern OAK RD	619-549-1154	

Note from the EIR/EIS Team: This page is a sample of the petition signed by residents of Ramona. Only one page is included as a sample to reduce printing cost, redundancy, and use of space.



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Date: 2/22/07

Name*: Jennifer Massa

Affiliation (if any)*: RTA

Address*: 859 Mountain View Rd

City, State, Zip Code*: El Cajon, CA 92021

Telephone Number*: 619-748-2333

Email*: _____

Comment: Please don't put above ground
power lines through this section of
Lamona.

This area is a home to many
people and I am sure you can
find alternative ways to get
power to the people.

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From: Jeffrey L. Merzbacher [mailto:merzbacher@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 02:36 AM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Power Poles in the Mt.Gower Preserve

To you who care,

I ride my horses through the Mt. Gower Open Space Preserve on a daily basis. I love the feeling of wide open spaces and the vast views of the beautiful natural rolling hills. I believe that the Oak Hollow Road Underground Alternative is a splendid idea, because it would reduce the visual impact of the overhead lines and towers as seen from the Mt. Gower Open Space Preserve. I can not imagine looking over the horizon and seeing 150 foot towers after witnessing such a fine view up until now. I so hope that my children and my children's children will be able to experience the wonder view as it is long after I am gone. Please, please find an alternative!

Jeffrey L. Merzbacher, M.Ed.
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1(858)273-3341-work

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

- Aristotle (384-322 BCE)

From: Moore, Darci [mailto:dmoor@parks.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 04:23 PM
To: sunrise@aspeng.com
Subject: Transmission line in Anza Borrego

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the proposed transmission line in Anza Borrego. This is one of a number of projects that are currently threatening the integrity of our State Parks. If this project were to go through we will forever change the pristine wilderness experience that future Californians could have when they visit this unique state park. If we continue down this road of sacrificing our precious park lands which have in fact been set aside for protection because of the significance of their natural or cultural resources, in another 30 years no park will remain unblemished or marred. By allowing projects like this, we are robbing future generations of high quality park experiences. People go to parks like Anza Borrego to get away from infrastructure and the chaos of the modern world. These parks are supposed to be protected and we need to do just that.

Darci Moore-CSPRA Member

District Interpretive Specialist

Central Valley District

209-536-2913

dmoor@parks.ca.gov

From: Linda Polese [mailto:lpolese@cableusa.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 10:02 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Sunrise Powerlink-Anza Borrego Desert

Dear SDG & E, Powerlink representatives & CPUC:

Anza Borrego State Park land and surrounding areas should not be expendable under any circumstances. None of the alternatives for the Powerlink seem compatible with humans or nature! Caltrans recently changed it's construction route to protect the bats in Sentenac Canyon, certainly SDG&E can find other alternatives less areas to impact, such as the existing Route 8 corridor.

Anza Borrego is a valued California treasure, filled with an abundance of wildlife and endangered species, trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The Powerlink would be a major blight on the land, i.e. huge towers, loud noise and possible health issues. Nature should not be scarred by industry!

Borrego Springs, though small in its general population, should be heard as one large united community in contesting the proposed route, as the impact on our visiting population could be devastating. Please eliminate the entire proposed region of Anza Borrego Park and continue to eliminate the routes through Borrego Springs, Tub Canyon and Volcan Mountain.

If the Powerlink is to continue then, the best alternative is to BURY the LINES. SDG & E has buried hundreds of miles of lines throughout the City of San Diego and removed telephone poles to improve the aesthetics city-wide. SDG & E needs to do the same in the County of San Diego from the Imperial County line to the end of the line in San Diego. Thereby, saving the Park, Borrego Springs economy, the visual landscape, and all nature.

Borrego Valley Landowner,

Linda Polese
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lpolese@cableusa.com

From: Larry Pustinger [mailto:lpustinger@nethere.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 01:05 AM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: Scoping Comments, proposed Sunrise power link

CPUC/BLM
C/O Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
San Francisco, Ca 94104

Dear Bilie Blanchard and Lynda Kastoll:

Your Non-Wires Alternatives are the only approach which I can support. New in-area renewable generation sources are most consistent with SANDAG's plans for meeting greater San Diego's needs for additional electrical generation by 2030.

The Reliability of in-basin electric generation is vastly superior to any sources which would rely upon out of area generation. While obvious, it will be stated here that creating new generation sources in excess of 150 miles distant from the intended market will always fail to meet Reliability goals.

The State of California is commencing its 10 Billion Dollar over 10 years program of tax credits and grants to spur innovation, development, and installation of local, on site renewable electric generation. While the effects of this stimulating investment are not yet known, the program itself was not known nor considered by SANDAG when its own 2030 plan was formed.

SDG&E & Semptra Energy have failed thus far to prove any urgent need or necessity for their application to meet with approval. To do so, they would have to prove that SANDAG's 2030 plan is not adequate. SANDAG's plan provides for their area's anticipated needs for expanded consumption with in-basin solutions.

The proposed Sunrise power link fails to establish public necessity, and also fails reliability.

I have attended seven public meetings and read numerous reports relating to the application. SDG&E & Semptra have changed their own estimates as to costs and benefits several times thus far during this process. It is clear to me, that the applicants can benefit and profit should their proposal be approved. But their ability to profit is not my concern, nor is it a proper concern of the CPUC or BLM.

At two meetings during which I was present, SDG&E & SEMPRA representatives repeatedly and unequivocally stated they did not want any of the 'south' county alternative routes. When questioned as to why they put forth the southern alternative routes, their response was that it was only to satisfy the demands of the CPUC. The applicant's representatives explained that they only wanted the northern route through Anza-Borrego State Park, claiming that it was the only route that would work! These same representatives denied any present or future expansion of additional circuits out of the proposed Central East Substation, which could head northward towards Riverside, Orange,

& Los Angeles counties. Yet, the project before you provides for additional 230 KV circuits out of the Central East Substation. Older postings to the SDG&E & Sempra web sites illustrated transmission corridors originating at Central East and traversing northward along the HGY 79 corridor towards Riverside County.

In recent weeks, SDG&E & SEMPRA Energy have publicly proclaimed that they would never purchase any power from the proposed LS power plant in the South Bay area of San Diego. Mr. Avery, president of SDG&E, said it wasn't necessary and further stated that SDG&E customers should not be made to pay for anything that is not yet necessary.

All present and all future Californians are being asked TO PAY for the Sunrise Power Link by giving up irreplaceable wilderness lands within the Anza-Borrego State Park. This cost is unacceptable and clearly not necessary. Several alternative routes are under consideration by the CPUC which do not intrude upon pristine wild lands. Most of these alternative routes are also many miles shorter than the applicants preferred route.

If a finding of necessity is somehow the finding of the CPUC, I would only urge a considered approval for the alternative route known as West of Forest. This route is considerably shorter than the devastating Anza-Borrego route, generally avoids National Forest Lands, and minimizes negative impacts upon developed communities and homes.

Advancing technology and innovation is to be relied upon. Indeed, SDG&E & Sempra Energy purport that the Sunrise Link would provide solar energy in the VERY near term, yet their contractor, Stirling Energy has not yet invested any money in starting their own process for land acquisition, plant approvals, EIR's, etc. It is my understanding Stirling's site needs would encompass about 7000 acres of desert lands. It seems as though any future prospective solar production of the magnitude requiring a Sunrise Power link, is several years beyond any completion of the proposed Sunrise Project. Many electrical engineers at public meetings even questioned the present day viability of the Stirling production model. I am not qualified to speak to this particular issue, but pray that the CPUC submits it to close scrutiny.

SANDAG's plan to meet the areas needs through 2030 was accomplished without benefit of California's 10 billion dollar renewable energy initiative, and without the benefit of the proposed Sunrise Power Link.

The states energy initiative strengthens SANDAG's ability to implement their 2030 plan, and at the same time any possible finding of necessity for the Sunrise Power Link becomes even more impossible.

It is my final hope that your careful considerations do not diminish the wild lands we have set aside for all who follow.

Sincerely,

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From: Ragsdale, Phyllis [mailto:PRAGS@parks.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 07:37 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: SunrisePower Link

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this note to share my concern re: the "SunrisePowerLink". As a California State Parks employee we work to preserve open lands for the enjoyment, education and recreation of the people of California. The building of power towers would create an unsightly distraction and possibly interfere with public access. It would be in the best interest of the people of California, this generation and for future generation not to go ahead with this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Phyllis Ragsdale, Guide I State Capitol Museum

From: srogers647@aol.com [mailto:srogers647@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 03:39 AM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: No Sunrise Powerlink

To: Billie Blanchard, CPUC and Lynda Kastoll, BLM

Re: Please say no to the Sunrise Powerlink

Please do not allow SDG&E to build the Sunrise Powerlink. It will destroy some of the most beautiful open space in the world.

There are many alternatives to the Sunrise Powerlink that would be less destructive to our natural environment. Increased energy efficiency and local renewable power generation are some alternatives. Please spend the money on these alternatives and we will all be much better off. Future generations will thank you.

Sincerely,

Gaylee Rogers
1340 Opal Street
San Diego, CA 92109



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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 2-22-07

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Comment: I AM A HIKER AND MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDER, ALSO A RAMONA REAL ESTATE BROKER. THE MOUNT GOWER OPEN SPACE PRESERVE SHOULD STAY AN OPEN SPACE PRESERVE. I SUPPORT THE OAK HOLLOW ROAD UNDERGROUND ALTERNATIVE.

SINCERELY

Jan Ryan

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*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 February 24, 2007. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (866) 711-3106 or emailed to sunrise@aspneg.com.

From: TOM TANNER [mailto:tomandmarytanner@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 06:15 PM
To: sunrise@aspeng.com, public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Subject: We oppose the Powerline

To: Ca. PUC
Subject: "sunrise powerlink"

We oppose the San Diego Gas and Electric proposal to build a powerline through Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Specifically we oppose the defiling of a wilderness area with obtrusive structures that will disrupt the very intent of wilderness areas.

Deselecting portions of a wilderness area for commercial "development" and profit is completely wrong. Parks and wilderness were put into place for perpetuity. This land is not available for private commercial ventures when other options are deemed less viable.

Sincerely,
Tom Tanner - CSPRA member
Mary Tanner

From: Dick Troy [mailto:dtroy22@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 06:44 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Sunrise Power Link Route

Please find another route for the project. We shouldn't have to sacrifice one public good for another.

Dick Troy
Sacramento

From: r wohl [mailto:rwohl@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 08:59 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Anza Borrego Power Lines

Please do not allow Sempra to build power lines across one of the great desert parks in the world. This is not just a local parochial issue. Anza Borrego Desert State Park is a treasure that should not be impacted or marred by power lines. State Parks has operated this park as a natural area, with wilderness status in areas that would be impacted by the electric lines. Please stop this plan and have Sempra and SDGE come up with other plans that do not make a major impact on this wonderful place.

Bob Wohl

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To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Cc: 'Myrna Wosk'
Subject: Powerlink

Dear Ms Lee and Ms. Blanchard,
Thank you both for coming to Borrego Springs on February 8.
Ms Blanchard, you were very kind in the past to immediately verify time and place when there was confusion as to the location and time of the CPUC meeting.

Ms Lee, and Ms. Blanchard, perhaps you were able to see through my disjointed presentation and understand what I was really trying to say at that meeting:

1) Imperial County has one of the highest rates in the nation of respiratory diseases. (Sorry I dont have the S.D. Union article wich discussed this). Further, according the the San Diego Union of 2/18/07:

". . .[Imperial] county's population jumped 3.1 percent to 161,600 [from 2004 to 2005].. . .

The current figure is even higher--166,600--and it's estimated that the population will grow to 214,000 by 2020."

If Sempra is allowed to construct their SPL, it seems so obvious that Mexico, right on the border with the proposed Imperial substation, is the perfect conduit for unregulated pollution pouring into Imperial County.

Please do take a look at the SDGE Feasibility Study, Status Report of August 9, 2005, STEP meeting. Sorry I'm not a whiz at computers so all I can do is give you the pdf and hope that you'll drop it into Google:

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Please look at the picture on page 5 "Imperial Valley - Central - Serrano/Valley Completing the 500 kV loop."

To me it looks like 7 or 8 substations in Northern Baja are all nicely linked into Imperial Valley and the proposed SPL. Let the pollution flow into Imperial County begin!

2) Wilderness areas are at the top of the heap as far as federally protected areas are concerned. Once ANY portion of our wilderness is allowed to be de-designated, everything is up for grabs: i.e., parks, forest, preserves, all can be seen merely as holdings to be used (abused) by commercial enterprises.

3) And finally. . .Perhaps you have seen the movie "The Smartest Guys in the Room" about the Enron fiasco. Allow me to include as part of my "comments" a mere ten minute clip from this movie:

> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANvV0jlxy5Y>.

PLEASE watch it. The language is shocking, as are the obscene acts of Enron, and while you watch it, please remember that Sempra/SDGE was a willing participant.

With heartfelt thanks for your consideration,

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February 23, 2007

Billie Blanchard, CPUC
Lynda Kastoll, BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
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Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

I am writing to comment on the scope and content of the EIR/EIS pursuant to the Notice of the Second Round of Scoping Meetings on Alternatives to the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project. My comments are as follows:

1. I support the Central Link alternatives retained – specifically, the Santa Ysabel Existing ROW Alternative and the Santa Ysabel Partial Underground Alternative (the “Retained Alternatives”) because either alternative would reduce visibility of the proposed 230kv lines as well as reduce agricultural impacts, safety and fire risk and impact on private property. Further, the retained alternatives would allow use of an existing transmission corridor.
2. The Retained Alternatives are superior to the loop from the intersection of Highways 76 and 79 to Mesa Grande Road and back to Santa Ysabel (from points 100 to 106 on the attached map) (the “Loop”), because the Loop (a) is about 1 3/4 miles longer; (b) climbs from 2500 feet at the intersection of Highways 76 and 79 to 4100 feet at its highest point, then back down to 3000 feet near Santa Ysabel; (c) crosses extremely difficult terrain and is therefore not inexpensive, especially along Mesa Grande Road; (d) is much more visually offensive since it travels along the crest of the hills for over one mile near point 103 on the attached map; and (e) as a result of its added length and higher elevation, it presents a greater safety and fire risk, and increases the agricultural impacts on nearby private property.
3. If the Loop is retained as the preferred route, I respectfully request that the route be modified in one of two ways as follows:
 - (a) straighten the proposed path between point 101 on the attached map and Mesa Grande Road (see red dotted line on the attached map) such that the proposed path remains along the base of the hills in the valley on the Cauzza property as opposed to the property line between Cauzza and Batchelder. This path would avoid the ponds and watershed in the valley on Cauzza’s property because the base of the hills is above the ponds and watershed. The property line between Cauzza and Batchelder is on the crest of hills and

would cause the transmission line towers to be placed at high points including a peak of 4100 feet with 360° views for miles including from Mesa Grande Road, Highway 79, Highway 78 and the Santa Ysabel Valley. It should be unacceptable for all involved to place the transmission lines and towers on the crest of the hills between the Cauzza and Batchelder properties for about one mile near point 103 on the attached map; or

(b) follow the more westerly property line between Cauzza and Bloomdale along the valley avoiding to the extent possible the ponds and watershed in the valley on Cauzza's property (see black dotted line on the attached map) and underground the line along Mesa Grande Road on the attached map to where the line would otherwise go over two homes.

4. Finally, I respectfully request that you eliminate from consideration as an access road my private road, Green Oaks Drive, and the creation of one or more new access roads from Green Oaks Drive to that section of the proposed transmission line which includes point 103. The reason for the elimination of my private road is that it is located 1000 to 2200 feet away from the proposed path of the transmission lines and is being considered solely out of convenience, and not necessity. The reason for the elimination of the creation of one or more new access roads from Green Oaks Drive is that such new access roads would physically and visually subdivide my property, and are being considered solely out of convenience, and not necessity. At best, use of my private road and the creation of one or more new access roads from my private road would run to between one and three points on the transmission line which includes point 103, and to reach any other locations on the line would still require an access road to be built under the transmission line. In order to minimize the impact on my private property, SDG&E should build their access road under the transmission lines to the extent possible, and not utilize my private road and create new access roads from my private road.

I have discussed the foregoing with representatives of San Diego Gas & Electric (Mike Niggli, Dave Geier, Laura McDonald and Lynn Trexel) as well as Mr. Tom Murphy and other representatives of The Aspen Environmental Group. I ask that you consult with them regarding this matter since they have seen firsthand the extreme visual impacts of the proposed path along the Cauzza/Batchelder property line.

During the preparation of this letter, I've been informed by San Diego Gas & Electric that it is recommending to the CPUC a new route for the Central Link in the vicinity of my property, which new route is referred to as the Mesa Grande Alternative. San Diego Gas & Electric courteously shared with me the routing of the Mesa Grande Alternative, and its reasons for that alternative. Based thereon, I support the Mesa Grande Alternative over the alternatives discussed in Paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) of this letter.

I appreciate your serious consideration of my comments. Please contact me at 858-704-3301 if you desire any additional information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D H. Batchelder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David H. Batchelder

ccs:

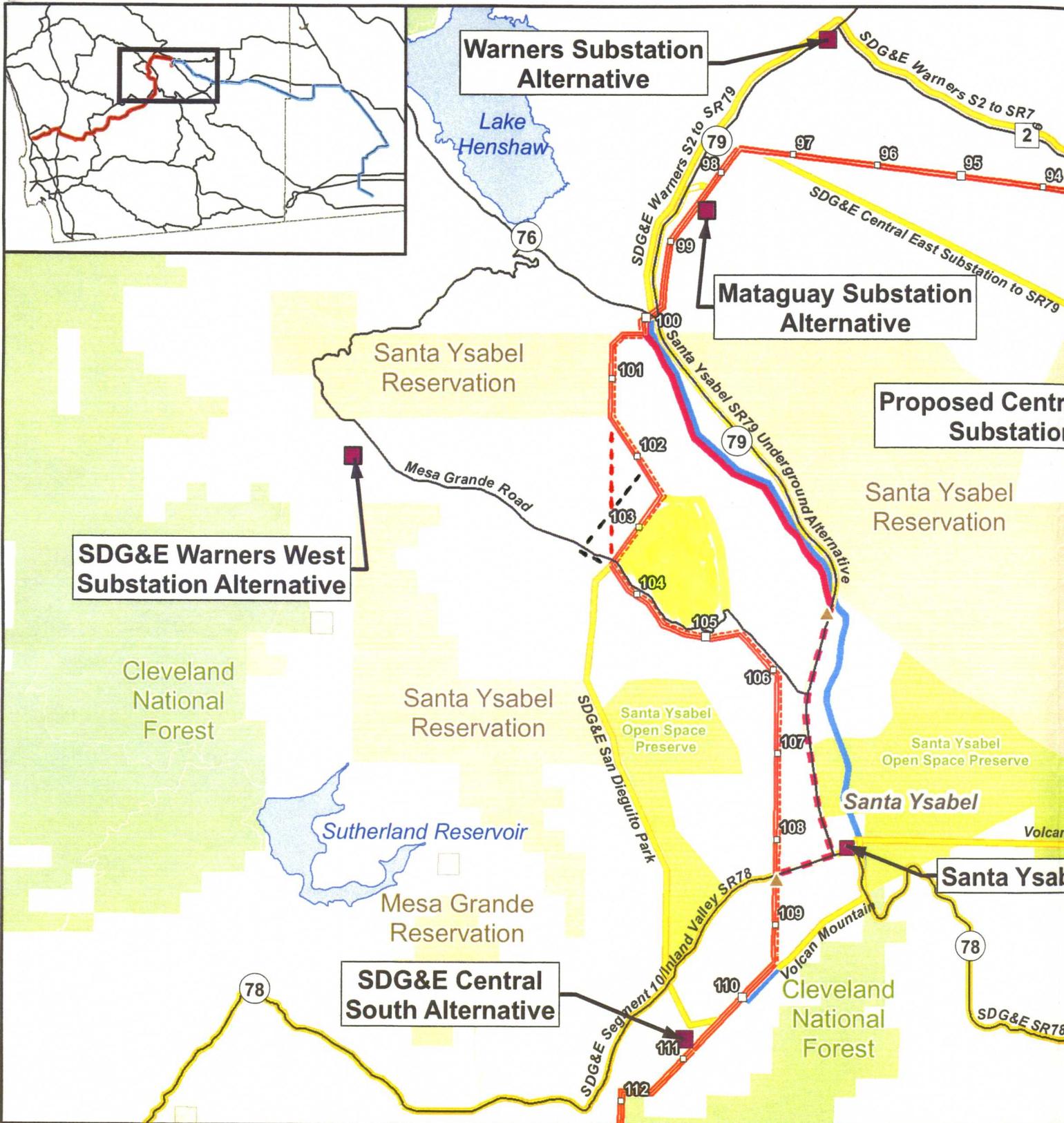
San Diego Gas & Electric

Attn: Mike Niggli

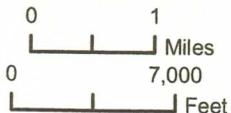
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- Proposed Project 500 kV Overhead with 69 kV Underbuild
- Proposed Project 500 kV Overhead
- Proposed Project Double-circuit 230 kV Overhead
- Proposed Project Double-circuit 230 kV Overhead Parallel to Existing 69 kV Line
- Proposed Project Double-circuit 230 kV Overhead Parallel to Relocated 69 kV Line
- 500 kV / 230 kV Substation
- 138 kV / 115 kV / 69 kV Substation
- ▲ Overhead-Underground Transition Structures
- 5 Milepost
- 1 Milepost

- Santa Ysabel Existing
- - - Santa Ysabel Partial
- Santa Ysabel Overhead
- Overhead Portion 230 kV
- - - Underground Portion
- Alternative Routes
- - - Underground Alternative
- State Land
- State Park

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Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Project

Attention: Billie Blanchard, CPUC / Lynda Kastoll, BLM
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We are writing to express our sentiments on the Sunrise Powerlink Project route through the Santa Ysabel Valley and Mesa Grande Area. We own a piece of property in Mesa Grande in a tranquil and remote wooded area off Black Canyon Road. We feel that routing a high voltage power line through Mesa Grande, with its inherent fire risks, endangers all of us with homes in this area. The County of San Diego routinely denies applications for subdivisions and new home construction in the area because of the inability of fire protection services to respond in a timely way. Our area has 16 parcels off a single private road and fire is the thing we fear most. Fires that have burned in our area have presented a major challenge for fire fighters. The roads in the area are mostly dirt and are single lane roads. The area is heavily forested, and each year we property owners must clear around our homes to keep a fire perimeter free of brush. SDG&E crews come in regularly to trim the trees around the existing small power lines. A project like the Sunrise Powerlink would multiply the dangers many times over. Keeping the area safe would require constant vigilance, with no margin for error. I hope this message reaches you before the Feb. 24 deadline, and that you are responsive to the sentiments of the property owners in the Santa Ysabel and Mesa Grande areas. Please reject this ill advised and dangerous project.

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From: Terry Brann [mailto:tgb@mainesummer.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 04:38 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Sunrise Powerlink

Dear Persons: I'm writing to you regarding the proposed Sunrise Powerlink project. If implemented as proposed, the powerlines and towers will have a truly unacceptable impact on a desert natural resource that remains a true California jewel, one that is still readily accessible to visitors from most anywhere. Setting lands aside in perpetuity for public use, one of which is a wilderness-type experience, definitely applies to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Having been assigned there for two years during my career as a State Park Ranger, I can tell you that the public wants and truly needs the kind of experiences offered in this magnificent setting. Transmission lines and towers not only seem incongruent with what parks and public lands in general are all about, but would destroy the very kind of experiences sought by this park's visitors. I urge you to seek viable alternatives and locations for the implementation of this project. Thank you, Terry G.
Brann SSPR, Retired P.O. Box 446 Gardiner, ME 04345