

October 10, 2006

To: Billie Blanchard, CPUC / Lynda Kastoll, BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
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Subject: Scoping Comments Regarding Proposed Sunrise Power Link Project

The routing for the proposed Sunrise Power Link project does not make sense and the process for deriving the routing has been flawed and unfair. The impact of the proposed routing plan would have dramatic negative impact to our community. As proposed, massive 667 kV transmission lines would reside adjacent to many homes in the Rolling Hills and Scripps Ranch areas. The intent of this letter is to offer an alternative that would dramatically alleviate the impact to our community.

Concerns about process: There exists great inconsistency between SDG&E's stated objective to "*minimize the need for transmission line ROW in urban or suburban areas*" and final proposal that was submitted by SDG&E. In fact, the City of Poway, and the 100's of homes impacted in the Rolling Hills and Scripps Ranch alignment is not even mentioned in the "Notice of Preparation for an EIR/EIS" report.

The only reference to these communities is that maps which show transmission lines running through our neighborhoods. There exist numerous alternate routes that would minimize impact to urban and suburban areas. For example, any of these alternatives would reduce impact to suburban residents:

- Scripps Poway Parkway, to Pomerado Road, to Miramar Road
- Use of land on the periphery of the Miramar air base
- Undergrounding along Route 56
- Undergrounding along Pomerado Road and Scripps Poway Parkway

Complaints: SDG&E thoroughly failed to engage our community during planning phase. In fact, SDG&E failed to return many phone calls and even written requests for information. Verbal and written requests were hand submitted during one of the "Open House" events with a promise by SDG&E that a response would be forthcoming. Ultimately, we were able to get intervention by San Diego County Supervisor Diane Jacob, who contacted SDG&E and requested that they return our calls. The process by which SDG&E engaged the Rancho Penasquitos and Ramona communities while refusing to engage Rolling Hills was unfair and resulted in inequitable proposed routes.

Environmental Impacts: The extreme nature of the proposed 667 kV "industrial strength" transmission lines (437 kV existing plus 230 kV as part of the Sunrise Power Link project) through residential neighborhoods is of grave concern to the residents in this area. We believe that power densities of this magnitude, along narrow easements, directly adjacent to residences is rare, if not unique, within the county of San Diego. We believe that this constitutes inappropriate mix of light industry with residential land use. Specific concerns include EMF, unsightliness, noise, and negative impact to property values.

- EMF concern: schools don't allow transmission lines of even 230 kV near school grounds whereas children spend even more time in this bedroom community than they spend in school... while the current plans propose 667 kV of EMF-generating power to be placed adjacent to homes.
- Unsightliness concern: Replacing wooden structures with taller steel structures, and stringing even more wires between the hilltops that adjoin our backyards would have dramatic visual impact to our immediate surroundings. **Figure 1** is a photograph showing the existing steel and wooden structures. The proposed SDG&E plan would replace the wooden structures with much taller steel structures; effectively doubling the visual impact.
- Noise concern: Unknown to many who do not live near industrial strength power lines, they actually make a lot of noise, especially in damp and foggy conditions.
- Property values concern: And finally, we are told by real estate agents that more power lines would impact property values in our neighborhood. The financial burden to individual property owners would be significant. It is especially worrisome that the EIR/EIS process does not appear to include a study of the financial impact to those residents directly impacted by the project.

Recommendation: We ask that the CPUC not ask a bedroom community such as Rolling Hills and Scripps Ranch to carry the burden of 667 kV of power running, literally, adjacent to their backyards. An alternative route for the Sunrise Power Link circuits must be found in order to mitigate such extreme power density in neighborhood.

We began with the statement that the routing for the proposed Sunrise Power Link project does not make sense. We will end with the assertion that we believe that the **need** for the Sunrise Power Link has not yet been demonstrated. In addition to our concerns stated above, the dubious claims being made by SDG&E in support of this project, in addition to suspicions within the community that this "green" project is in fact a flagrant attempt by Sempra Energy to use public investments to build out a Baja California to Los Angeles transmission line, outrages the residents who are directly impacted. The idea of increasing the power transmissions through my neighborhood to 667 kV in support of this dubious project is outrageous.

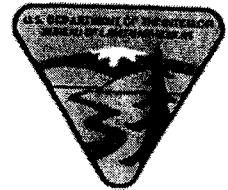
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Figure 1: Photograph of Existing Transmission Lines in Rolling Hills





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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

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Comment: MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE PROPERTY ALONG
TUBB CANYON IN BORREGO SPRINGS. WE HAVE
NOT RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED "SUNRISE
POWER LINK" BUT MAPS INDICATED OUR PROPERTY
WOULD BE USED. THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER
WAY FOR S.D.G.E. TO MAKE MONEY THAN TO DESTROY
AN AREA AS BEAUTIFUL AND SERVED AS TUBB
CANYON IN BORREGO SPRINGS. WHY CAN'T THESE
LINKS, IF THERE MUST BE MORE, (1) BE UNDERGROUND,
(2) BE ALONG I-8 OR OTHER "BUSY" AREAS. ?
WHY CAN'T "LEADS" BE USED FOR
ADDITIONAL POWER? WASN'T THIS PART OF THE
SOLUTION IN OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS?

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

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

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

From: Ken Wright [mailto:flyrod53@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 10:59 PM

To: sunrise@aspenerg.com

Subject: opinion regarding the sunrise power link

In considering the proposed options for the sunrise power link project, I urge the commissioners of the CPUC to question the real need for the construction of this massive project anywhere in San Diego County. Consider the fact that this will cost rate payers an estimated 1.4 billion dollars [likely a great deal more] and will not produce any electricity. That is a gross waste of money and more significantly a devastating assault on the pristine backcountry of our county. Much emphasis has been placed upon the impacts to Anza Borrego State Park and rightfully so but really, the impacts are devastating to any area of the county where these lines are placed. SDG&E has other options to provide power for its customers without doing this project. The dollar cost of this project could vastly upgrade existing power infrastructure and result in locally produced power through renewables and clean generation rather than the importation of electricity from outside the area. Doesn't that make more sense? Why allow this type of outdated power transmission to be pursued in 2006 when so many people are enlightened on this issue? I feel the commission should require SDG&E to abandon this project and produce an alternative plan which addresses local production of power.

If importation of power is determined to be absolutely necessary, then why not require the utility to utilize existing pathways such as the Green Path 500kV line east of the Salton Sea or the corridor along interstate 80 then into San Diego via the existing grid. This would eliminate the need to destroy what is valued by thousands of concerned citizens. Other alternatives to this project need to be considered again even though they are not as desired by the utility company. I realize how difficult making these decisions must be but I urge you to make a hard one and deny this debacle. Sincerely, Ken Wright , Julian, Ca



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Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10-11-06

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Comment: In my opinion none of the routes going thru Ocotillo Wells area, Borrego Springs, State Park land or any back country area is a good idea. Not only will massive towers be an eye sore for the human population, but think what they will do to fauna + flora. With the technology we have there has got to be other ways. Why not conserve more power in the cities? Or have each newly constructed home use solar panels? 30 yrs ago I moved to the desert to get away from the mess - over population, etc. The towns + cities had become. That was 30 yrs ago - think how overpopulated they are now!!! Now because of that mess the CPUC, etc wants to come thru and rape our countryside. Does it not care about the terms we will all feel? Or the disruption to native plants + animals?

Please consider another route or the solar idea be ruining our back country and way of life.

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11 October 2006

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Re: **SUNRISE POWERLINK TRANSMISSION PROJECT**
CPUC Application Number: A. 05-12-014

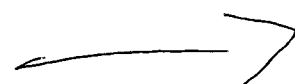
Dear Aspen Environmental Group,

I am writing to **protest** the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project. I am an SDG&E ratepayer in the City of San Diego. I am fundamentally opposed to the proposed Sunrise Powerlink. My opposition stems not from NIMBYism, but rather from a belief that our public money is better spent on **renewable, distributed, locally-generated power**, not miles of fragile power lines leading to a monstrous desert power plant.

If we the ratepayers are going to spend \$1.3 billion on new power capacity, we would be out of our minds to build new gas-fired plants and miles of environmentally-destructive power lines. That is 19th century technology. And let's not kid ourselves that SDG&E is going to build "renewable" power sources out in the desert. They will find a way not to do it, and everyone knows it.

For the same \$1.3 billion, we could provide **incentives** to install **solar panels within the city of San Diego**, producing the same number of megawatts of electricity. No new power lines would be required. SDG&E is trying to say that it would cost \$20 billion, but I believe that that is part of your misinformation campaign.

For the same money -- and it's **our** money, since the ratepayers are paying for all of this -- we could put solar panels on every roof of practically every school and commercial building in San Diego. They'd do this if energy reliability was truly the problem, since it would bring a *reliable, renewable, distributed energy source close to the consumers*.



Consider: the \$3.2 billion **California Solar Initiative** the CPUC recently passed will produce 3,000 MW of clean solar power. That's just over \$1m per megawatt. At the same rate, SDG&E's \$1.3 billion could generate over 1,200 MW of power -- more than what the Sunrise Powerlink is even capable of *carrying*, and Sunrise *itself produces no new power!*

And it would truly be renewable, compared to what they are trying to pass off as renewable with no guarantees.

I personally presented this idea to SDG&E, and they predictably dismissed it. They said that the \$1m per megawatt figure included "state subsidies". Yes, it does. **And that's exactly the point.** Ordinary people are exceptionally willing to pay out-of-pocket for energy independence in the form of solar panels. With a little incentive from the government, people will spend their own money to install solar panels. But no one wants to pay for miles of ugly powerlines.

\$1.3 billion in solar incentives gets people excited. It's renewable, it's voluntary, it's the future. \$1.3 billion in gas-fired plants and miles of powerlines through neighborhoods just gets people angry at the system.

I do not want to see new power lines strung through Los Penasquitos Canyon just so a private company (SDG&E / Sempra) can add to their bottom line. The entire Sunrise Powerlink project is critically flawed. Please reject this entire application, and demand that SDG&E come up with a 21st century plan for renewable, distributed, locally-generated energy.

Sincerely,



Andrew Sefkow

P.S. All that said, if CPUC allows the power lines, then the new power line *and all existing power lines* must be **undergrounded** through the **Los Penasquitos canyon preserve** in northern City of San Diego. Undergrounding in the eastern portion of the preserve, in the community of Rancho Penasquitos, is not sufficient. Undergrounding must also be done in the western portion, which is largest and most scenic part of the canyon. This is the premiere canyon preserve in the City.

From: Donald Armentrout [mailto:armentrouts@citlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 4:14 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: SRPL Scoping Comment

To Whom It My Concern:

Two questions have not been answered by the information I have read. They are:

1. What is the valid environmentally based reason that the existing designated corridor across BLM lands can not be used?
2. How does buying fossil fuel produced electricity from Mexico and transporting it into California fit within the State of California's requirement for 30% of each utility company's electrical power be from green sources? Sempra cancelled their plans for a coal fired power station in Nevada to provide power to California because of the green power requirement. What exemption does this project feel it has?

Thank you for your attention to my questions.

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From: Robert or Margaret Barelmann [mailto:ecp@ixpres.com]
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To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: [Sunrise Powerlink Project]

Good Morning,

My wife and I spoke to Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental to get details of the alternative that runs north of grapevine canyon through Ranchita. She was planning to send us the topography maps which we could not identify in the books provided. Our parcel number is 197-160-43. Could you forward this email to her and please send us the information? This segment is going to be a visual nightmare when entering the Anza Borrego Park from S-22. It would be helpful to send the proposed location for a couple of miles east of our land so we can evaluate the location of the easement. Thanks.

One question - WHY DOES THE CPUC PERMIT SDG&E TO MAKE NUMEROUS ROUTE OPTIONS FOR THEIR ONE PROJECT? It is my opinion that they should only have one project for one application. It should be evaluated on its merits like any other development application. If it passes, fine; if not, start the process again and go through the hearings again. The fact that many alternatives are submitted implies that everyone, CPUC included, is supportive of the necessity for this project. Multiple alternatives magnifies the number of private property owners who may be impacted by one of the alternatives. There should be a law against it. SDG&E is going to use condemnation to build a transmission line for the benefit of Mexico, SCE or DWP? The application as submitted is incomplete anyhow. Where does the 500kv transmission line go after the Central East Substation? Are we stupid? How can you evaluate the need if you do not have the WHOLE project. In fact some of the green power, from Stirling, probably will not be available. Yep, I am frustrated and cannot believe you are not asking more questions or just rejecting this project. It is a shame to go through the Park. Bob Barelmann

From: Tom and Laura Mauro [mailto:talkmauro@hotmail.com]
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Cc: cbaldwi2@san.rr.com; curt.baldwin@gmail.com
Subject: Concerns regarding SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project

As a neighbor of Curt's, I concur with his concerns. In addition, after reviewing the plans, it appears the only stretch of above ground transmission lines that runs through a residential area is through our neighborhood (Scripps Ranch). All lines through RP and near the Canyon Reserve are underground. So why not, if you are planning to dismantle the wood structures (given you have to install the new towers via helicopter - some major risks with that), move to an underground system? If the cost is more, I am sure that SDG&E can (and would) build the additional cost into the rate case they propose to the CPUC/FERC. I think this would be the best solution for both SDG&E and the community.

Sincerely,

Tom Mauro

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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October 13, 2006

Re: Application No. 06-08-010

Dear Scoping Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in protest to the proposed San Diego Gas & Electric Company's, (SDG&E) Sunrise Powerlink. I am a resident of Santa Ysabel and concerned citizen to the everlasting environmental damage that the proposed route and alternate routes will do to the pristine "backcountry" of San Diego County.

The initial route proposal by SDG&E to build the Sunrise Powerlink across Anzo-Borrego State Park and the alternate routes all traverse or impact the following public lands:

Cleveland National Forest, Anzo-Borrego State Park, Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve, Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve, San Felipe Hills Wilderness Study Area, San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, The Pacific Crest Trail, Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness, Pine Creek Wilderness, Hauser Wilderness, Hauser Mountain Wilderness, and the Jacumba Wilderness.

All of these Public Lands have been set aside in Eastern San Diego County with funding from various sections of our society. However, they all have one thing in common, "to preserve these pristine lands and their history for generations to come."

SDG&E, if given the approval, will forever change the scenic and historical value of the Eastern San Diego County public lands for their goal to make additional dollars for their shareholders. Make no mistake about it, SDG&E is in business to make money. They are said to be a Public Utility Company, but in reality they are a private company out to make as many dollars as they can.

They have used terminology that is very environmentally correct, such as "renewable power", "solar power" from Imperial County. When in fact their parent company, Sempra Energy, is constructing two fossil fuel power plants in Mexico within a short distance of the Imperial County Transfer Station. Also, they are constructing a LPG terminal on the Coast of Baja California, Mexico to supply fuel for the generators in Mexico. Let's look at this in the proper perspective. The so-called "Mexican Construction" is in no way "renewable" energy and is not discussed by SDG&E when giving public statements regarding the Sunrise Powerlink. They use the old tactic of pulling a blanket over your head to make things disappear.

It appears SDG&E is getting around the environmental issues of fossil fuels by building these power generator plants in Mexico, but strongly stating "renewable power" in their

public presentations. We all want and enjoy electrical power, but at what expense do we pay for it when there are alternate ways to achieve this goal.

My opinion is that SDG&E has a right of way for the Southwest Powerlink 500 kV Transmission Line along the USA – Mexican Border and can use that route for a new transmission line. Oh, I know they contend that is not a viable solution, because of various factors. My answer is for them to overcome those problems with their planning engineers rather than destroy miles upon miles of public lands.

When I compare the distance of the existing route of the Southwest Powerlink to the proposed route of the Sunrise Powerlink Proposal, I clearly see a shorter and less intrusive route. Why not use it?

Now we come to the issue of “Do we need power generated outside of San Diego County?” I understand one proposal before the committee is to re-build and upgrade existing electrical generating plants within San Diego County. Of course SDG&E discounts this as an alternative because they don’t own these plants. Once again, they are in business to make money and not take on partners.

Another issue, is SDG&E building a future to sell electrical power from Mexico to Riverside County, Orange County and Los Angeles County. They do not address the issue, but the fact remains that our sister counties to the north are growing at a much faster rate than San Diego County.

I will sum up my protest with this thought, all of the work that has been done by various groups and government agencies for years have attempted to save some of our backcountry and its history for future generations. Please don’t allow SDG&E to destroy these ideals when there are alternatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward P. Huffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

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Email*: _____

Comment: I have been a parttime resident of
Orestero Trusses for 31 years.

All of the proposed routes impact my
home and life in a negative way.

One ruins my view, and ability to visit a
beautiful area on Kays Springs road. Another
my home, my life and my future

All of this for something that doesn't
make good sense. There are other routes
they could consider with far less negative
impact.

It's my firm belief that the motivation
is good as usual, in many different ways

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From: Dwight Baker [mailto:dwightbaker@yahoo.com]
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Subject: No to the Sunrise powerlink

To whom it may concern,

This email is in reference to my concerns about the sunrise powerlink and its effect on the community. I do not support the powerlink, between the sycamore canyon substation and penasquitos substation, because it will only make the existing views more unpleasant with more huge power towers. I think that the existing power line towers that currently exist are ugly and drop the overall appearance of our scripps ranch neighborhoods as they stand now. Consolidating and adding another tower will only further corode the beautiful views of our community. As an alternative, if the current lines and the new lines were buried between the sycamore canyon substation and penasquitos substation, I would fully support the powerlink. Without the lines buried, I will only protest and vote against it. Please help restore our beautiful views and wonderful community and bury the lines between the sycamore canyon substation and penasquitos substation.

Thanks for your time,
Dwight and Cara Baker

If you have any further questions, please contact us at

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From: Rebecca Falk [mailto:rebfolk@znet.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2006 8:44 PM
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Subject: EIR Scoping Comments on Sunrise Powerlink

Dear Billie Blanchard and Lynda Kastoll, CPU/BLM:

I am sending the following link to an article just published on the web about Canada's policy of reimbursing homeowners for surplus energy generated by home solar panels. It is creating a significant increase in installation of solar panels and is impacting available sustainable energy. I am sending this as one suggested alternative to the Sunrise Powerlink, which in my testimony at the Scoping Meeting in Borrego Springs I referred to as "old-style transmission from afar". I advocated power generated in the area of use, i.e. locally. The article you will find at this link describes a do-able locally generated source of solar power. You could recommend that SDG&E/Sempra buy excess electricity generated by consumers. I wonder how the cost of doing this would compare with building the Powerlink?

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/10/11/AR2006101101846.html>

Sincerely,

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In Ontario, Making 'Clean Energy' Pay

Utilities Ordered to Compensate Homeowners For Power From Solar, Wind, Water Projects

By Doug Struck

Washington Post Foreign Service

Thursday, October 12, 2006; A16

TORONTO -- Leonard Allen, who runs a small solar panel company here, finally has something good to tell callers, he says. For the first time, he can promise it won't take 50 years to recoup the money they spend on a rooftop solar system.

Canada's Ontario province has ordered local utility companies to pay homeowners or businesses for any electricity they generate from small solar, wind, water or other renewable energy projects, beginning next month.

The plan is unique in North America, but it is modeled after similar schemes in Europe that have spawned a boom in small "clean energy" projects. Critics say paying for such electricity is not the cheapest source for utilities, but advocates say it is the cleanest and most environment-friendly.

In Ontario, the program has already brought a rush of activity. Homeowners in Toronto are climbing onto roofs to add solar panels. A cooperative of small investors is raising money to build five large wind turbines to harness Lake Huron winds. Others are eyeing the locks of a St. Lawrence Seaway canal for small hydro-turbines. Farmers are looking at manure piles and figuring the profits of using organic decomposition to create methane gas that can make electricity.

"There's a tremendous interest, at all levels, from well-organized business consortiums to small homeowners," said Tim Taylor, a spokesman for the Ontario Power Authority. "The impact in megawatts is going to come from the larger projects, but there's a tremendous momentum found in small, backyard projects."

"We love the idea," said Keith Stewart, an energy specialist at World Wildlife Fund Canada. "The small stuff adds up. This model should be taken right across North America."

The growing chorus of cheerleaders for the program say it is an example of the kind of individual, grass-roots effort that many see as the solution to intractable problems ranging from energy shortages to global warming.

The Ontario program was launched after politicians promised to shut down aging coal-fired power plants but faced the reality of growing electricity demands.

Advocates of renewable energy, some of them veterans of a successful campaign to erect a large windmill in downtown Toronto, stepped in. They urged provincial authorities to use an economic spur to create hundreds of small electricity generators in hopes of avoiding building more big, expensive coal, gas or nuclear plants.

They brought Paul Gipe, a wind power expert, from California to lead the successful campaign. Gipe calls the result revolutionary: "the most progressive renewable energy program in 20 years in North America."

Gipe noted that while some local utilities in the United States allow customers to send power back into the grid, there are no programs that pay a premium for generating the electricity.

Starting in November, the 90 or so local utilities throughout Ontario will begin paying anyone producing solar power 42 cents a kilowatt hour. Wind, hydro- or bio-electric production will bring 11 to 14.5 cents a kilowatt hour.

In addition to getting paid for making electricity, homeowners and businesses slash their own electricity draw from the grid, where power sells at an average of about 5.8 cents a kilowatt hour across the province. Advocates say it reduces the burden on the electric transmission lines, encourages conservation and may save the cost of a new plant.

"Putting solar panels on the roof is a very tangible symbol of where your power is coming from," said Ron McKay, an artist and graphic designer who helped form a co-op in his east Toronto neighborhood to buy solar panels at a bulk price. "You start to conserve. You don't leave all the lights on. You change your light bulbs to efficient ones and start looking at your appliances."

Ontario's pricing scheme, called a standard offer contract, brought a flood of new interest to McKay's solar-buying co-op, and has produced at least two similar co-ops in other Toronto neighborhoods.

Members gleefully trade stories about watching their electric meters reverse on sunny days, putting electricity into the power grid rather than taking it out. "One woman said it's better than watching TV," McKay said. Another booster put a video clip of his backward-running electric meter on the Web.

Utility companies initially were wary of the administrative burden of buying power from thousands of customers. And there are technical problems. For example, utility linemen have to ensure that the small producers are disconnected from the grid when they work on electric lines.

Critics also say the cost to buy the power is higher than it would be from a conventional power plant, or an efficient big wind farm. Large contracts to build big projects is the North American norm.

Advocates counter that the prices set by the new Ontario program are too low. The 11 cents paid for wind power and small hydro may be profitable, they say. But the \$10,000 to \$15,000 needed to buy a typical residential solar array means it could take 15 years to recoup the investment at the price offered to sell solar electricity back to the utility in Ontario.

"It's still long-term, but at least it's not 50 years," said Allen, president of Solera Sustainable Energies of Toronto. "People aren't hanging up on me now. For a homeowner willing to invest in the future, it's okay."

Advocates like Deborah Doncaster, executive director of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association, say they want to get the program started and expect that the power authority will increase the prices later.

Rob McMonagle, head of the Canadian Solar Industries Association, said installation companies, accustomed to doing much of their business for remote Canadian cottages, have to gear up to meet an explosion of demand in cities.

"We've had a 400 percent increase in sales this year," he said. "We couldn't have handled a 1,000 percent increase."

On the front door of McKay's home in a working-class Toronto neighborhood, a small bronze plaque proclaims, "This house generates solar electricity." Up to the third floor, through a window and out to the roof, he proudly shows off his new solar array. And he looks out over the vista of rooftops to see a future of solar panels.

"I think the government has underestimated the amount of response it was going to get," he said. "What other kind of home improvement gives you dollars in return?"

From: nbild@msn.com
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2006 9:27 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Transmission lines

IF THE PLAN IS TO PLACE THE LINES UNDERGROUND NEAR SAN DIEGO CITY, THEN PLACE THEM UNDERGROUND THE ENTIRE LENGTH!!!!!!

10/20/2006

From: Sherry Kempin [mailto:sak@san.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2006 8:31 PM
To: Blanchard, Billie C.
Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Project

Dear Billie Blanchard,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink Project. I do not want to see the CPUC blindly support this project under the guise of being a benefit to the residents of southern California.

It disturbs me greatly that there is any consideration of placing the powerlink through Anza Borrego Park. How can destroying the natural beauty of the park and disturbing wildlife even be considered as an option.

It also concerns me that Sempra feels this is the "best " alternative to generate power when it seems that having local power plants producing local energy is the better alternative. I am doubtful of their stated motives and believe that they will use these powerlines to carry electricity generated by "dirty" powerplants across the border in Mexico where environmental regulations are weak.

Please listen to the voices of numerous citizens who object to this plan and oppose the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

Sincerely,

Sherry Kempin
5039 Manor Ridge Ln.
San Diego, CA 92130

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

From: Geoff Mack [mailto:geoffmack@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 12:36 PM

To: sunrise@aspenerg.com

Subject: Sunrise Powerlink alternative

To: Aspen Environmental Group on behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission

Re: Sunrise Powerlink

I attended the October 5th CPUC meeting in Rancho Penasquitos on SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink project and was pleased to see in the CPUC staff attending an openness to alternative solutions. I strongly support the notion of electricity generated by renewable means, but two related things continue to bother me about SDG&E's approach to the Sunrise Powerlink project. I have an alternative proposal that I think merits serious consideration.

SDG&E talks a lot about how this project will improve the reliability of the electricity supply to the region. But reliability involves some measure of redundancy, such that in the event a single source is compromised, other sources will continue to supply electricity. A single transmission line becomes a single point of failure in which a single accident could result in a major loss of power. Also worth consideration in this time of terrorism and eco-activism is the notion that a transmission line that stretches over miles of sparsely populated territory is highly vulnerable to acts of sabotage.

So it seems to me that a system composed of a larger number of smaller, closer energy sources is more reliable than a system composed of a small number of large transmission lines from faraway sources. That brings us to the second thing that's bothering me.

Instead of using the sun to generate energy far to the east and then relying on tremendously expensive and vulnerable infrastructure to send it to us, why not use locally generated solar power? Here's a way to meet increased demand for electricity and increase reliability at the same time, creating hundreds of thousands of small, local power generation sources.

If indeed San Diego is destined to see 650,000 new homes, then instead of importing electricity for them, why not require that new homes in this area be equipped with solar panels so that each new home generates its own electricity?

SDG&E will say that the cost of such a mandate would be prohibitive. That's not the case, for several reasons. California has led the nation in air quality standards, and automobile manufacturers, in pursuit of the large California market, have responded with affordable products that meet the mandated standards. The solar rooftop industry is no different, and the economics of the solar panel industry are surely similar: higher levels of production will result in substantially lower unit costs. There's a nice side benefit here as well: as costs come down, more existing homeowners will install rooftop solar, tempering even further future demand for new generation capacity from far flung, monolithic power plants.

Local funding could also support this approach. As long as ratepayers are going to pay one way or another, it's my belief that they would be more

inclined to favor those rate increases in support of a local solar solution than for a transmission line that has so many environmental and social impacts.

Still more funding could come from a partnership with the State of California, helping the state meet its Million Solar Roofs Initiative goals while simultaneously helping San Diego meet its own power needs.

All these funding sources could be used to minimize and maybe even eliminate the impact on home builders and home buyers through subsidies, tax credits, or other means. And since this solution would meet demand as the demand is formed, the costs would be spread out over time, moderating the impact on all concerned - SDG&E, ratepayers, homebuyers, and the building industry.

A new-home solar mandate could reliably and affordably provide access to large amounts of renewable energy, meeting San Diego's demand for additional electricity as that demand occurs, all in a measured, sustainable, and affordable way, while avoiding the environmental and social impacts of a large transmission project. Yes, there will be vested interests in opposition, but it makes sense for San Diego, and for California as a whole. I urge you to fully explore this idea in your analysis of Sunrise Powerlink alternatives. With a little creative thinking we can move San Diego into the 21st century as a model of progressive energy generation. I would be happy to discuss this idea further with any member of your staff.

Sincerely,

Geoff Mack
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(858) 967-2467 (cell)
(858) 484-9330 (home)

From: Celia Lawley [mailto:celia@fiddlegirl.com]

Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 3:07 PM

To: sunrise@aspeneq.com

Subject: Re: Scoping comments letter RE: Opposition to proposed Sunrise Powerlink

(please disregard 1st letter)

To Billie Blanchard, CPUC/ Lynda Kastoll, BLM

RE: Opposition to proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

This letter is to outline environmentally sensitive issues in the Santa Ysabel area where I am a local resident and property owner, which would be effected greatly by the proposed line.

1) Engelmann Oaks are on the endangered list and are very prevalent in this and other areas of the proposed line including the old Julian Highway area, as well as massive California Oaks that look to be 600-700 years old in the direct path of the line that would surely have to be damaged or cut down in the process.

2) The presence of Gold & Bald eagles in Santa Ysabel has been recorded for many years, and in a recent San Diego Union article was mentioned that Bald eagles are now nesting at Lake Henshaw. This, according to the article, has not happened since the 1930's. I watch the eagles fly over my property on a daily basis and am honored to be able to watch them and thrilled at their presence. I feel the presence of the proposed lines would threaten their safety and disrupt Santa Ysabel, specifically Lake Henshaw as a choice of breeding grounds, as the proposed towers would be less than 3 miles, as the eagle flies.

3) I have chosen to live in the solution, namely rooftop solar, because I didn't like the choices SDGE/ Sempra was making for me. My entire ranch runs on non-grid tied solar including my water supply. I feel that importing power from not only out of the county but out of the country is not only economically unsafe but wasteful and inefficient and adding to this gigantic, dangerous problem of global warming. Giving incentives to rooftop solar producers like cash back metering is the quickest answer to generating local, clean, renewable power. Everyone who lives in this county has a rooftop-WHY NOT USE IT, and pay them to do so?!!!!

4) I BELIEVE IN THE MAJESTY OF SIMPLICITY-simple answers to life's complex problems. I choose to live where I live because I want to breathe clean air and be surrounded by nature, not humming, buzzing dangerous power lines. I will always choose preserving nature and the aesthetics of my environment over monetary gain because this is my value. At the open house with CAISO at San Diego Regional office in which CAISO said the proposed Sunrise Powerlink project adds up financially did not include the impact of the line on aesthetics, which is your job , at the CPUC, as I understand it, to oversee the environmental concerns. I would like to see a higher price put on environmental aesthesis and embrace a clean energy future. The proposed Sunrise Powerlink project is dinosaur thinking in my opinion and will only contribute to global warming. We need clean, simple LOCAL SOLUTIONS, like ROOFTOP SOLAR.

If you'd like to contact me about my use of local rooftop solar, I'd be happy to give you any information that may be helpful to you.

Thank you for considering these issues in you decision about the proposed Sunrise Powerlink project and for giving local, clean energy generation a chance by helping change the laws for cash back metering on rooftop solar..

Celia Lawley

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

From: Myrna Wosk [mailto:mstarr@znet.com]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 7:58 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Cc: Myrna Wosk
Subject: SRPL Scoping Comment

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastol,

I urge you to look at a document published by Sempra/SDGE on August 9, 2005 entitled "SDGE Feasibility Study". It's a pdf 2005081111135011214.pdf (11 pages) (sorry I don't know how to make this a "link")

If you will look on page 5 you will see an illustration (which I hope is at the top of this letter) indicating the completion of a 500 kV loop. From the Imperial Valley substation there is a very clear link going south to Mexicali, La Rosarita, and many other sites, including Tijuana.

Imperial County is already one of the most polluted counties in the United States. SDGE has the potential to tap into poorly regulated energy sources in Mexico. SDGE has NOT unequivocally stated that under no circumstances will they tap into Mexican power sources.

Cheap access to Mexico means increased pollution in the United States. Once they build their so called "sunrise" powerlink, how great must the temptation be to satisfy the stock holders and run dirty power through our beautiful desert and very likely up to Orange County and beyond. Why do I cite Orange County? Because what other reason can Sempra have to want to build a new substation less than ten miles from San Diego County's northern border.

I beseech you to think of the future, and the possibility of in basin generation with new power plants IN San Diego along with solar power, and not succumb to mid twentieth century technology and the shortsightedness of Sempra.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in dealing with this highly charged issue.

Most sincerely,

Myrna Wosk
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La Jolla, Ca 92037

858-551-0768

Imperial Valley – Central – Serrano/Valley

(completing the 500 kV loop)
(locations and routes to be determined)



Not To Scale



A Sempra Energy utility

From: Nick Criss [mailto:Nick.Criss@cushwake.com]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 4:16 PM
To: Blanchard, Billie C.
Subject: Sunrise Power Link

Billie Blanchard (AICP),
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA. 94102

Ms Blanchard,

I am writing to express to you and the CPUC my extreme displeasure with the new proposed alignment of the Sunrise Power Link through the Borrego Springs community. I own a 20 acre parcel of single family residential property on Tubb Canyon Road. I have recently been informed by the Borrego Springs Planning commission that they are in receipt of a new alignment that will route the line over my property on the North side of Tubb Canyon Road. Neither I nor any of my neighbors have received any official notification from SDG&E or the PUC regarding this route despite the fact that SDG&E surveyors have been on my property without my consent.

I have only recently purchased this property for \$225,000.00 (May 2005) with the intention of building a 3,000 sf home on the property. In fact, I was one day away from signing the contract with my builder when I was informed of this new alignment. I did extensive due diligence on this property prior to purchase and found that it abuts the State Park to the South along Tubb Canyon Road and is bordered on the West by a large single family home on 20 acres and on the East by a proposed subdivision of 20 acre parcels. In all my due diligence I never uncovered any hint of an easement or any possibility of one. The Sunrise Power Link was only discussing alignments through Grapevine Canyon at the time. I feel that I was fully entitled to purchase the property with the certainty that the property would be rural, quiet and that the view from the property, which is to the South, would be forever open park land. Based on these assumptions, I purchased the land and have since spent over \$50,000 on plans, engineering, permits and entitlements.

If this alignment is approved, my property will be effectively useless. The property cannot be subdivided and for flood plain reasons, the house must be built on the top of the hill in the center of the property. Any house would look directly at the huge towers and lines and would be close enough to hear them day and night. According to SDG&E's application, the towers will give off up to 45 Db in daytime and still be legal. This is a location that is so quiet that you can hear a bird's wings beat as it flies by. In addition, the required lights would further destroy the dark night sky view from the property. If I built a house on the property I would never be able to recover my investment should I have to sell. And, if I tried to sell the land with the easement in place, it would be worth almost nothing. In either case, this alignment will cause me irreparable financial harm.

On advice of counsel, I am prepared to take legal action to recover my full investment in the property by seeking just compensation for **Direct Taking** and **Severance Damages** to the remainder of the property. I am also prepared to take legal action for **Inverse Condemnation** if the lines are located immediately adjacent to, but not on, my property.

You will no doubt hear from many other Borrego Springs residents about the disruption to the State Park and the Desert and the flora and fauna. I agree totally with these concerns but I want to let you know that the numerous private property owners in Borrego Springs directly effected by this route have excellent grounds for legal action and will prevail. The cost of this alignment will be much more expensive than your other alternatives. SDG&E will have a fight on its hands.

Please count me as opposed to the Borrego Springs Alignment.

Nick Criss



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



Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10/16/2006

Name*: Rosie Schwab

Affiliation (if any)*: Concerned Citizen

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City, State, Zip Code*: Boulevard, CA. 91905

Telephone Number*: (619) 766-4487

Email*: _____

Comment: I'm not in favor of the Sunrise Powerlink, or would I ever be. Not just in the area I live, but all the proposed sites. We in Boulevard don't have "Not My Backyard" attitude. Other alternatives should be studied and sincerely considered. I also would ask why we Boulevard haven't had a scoping meeting on the Sunrise Powerlink.

Concerned,

Rosie Schwab

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

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

From: tmsaier@aol.com [mailto:tmsaier@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 5:20 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: Sunrise Profitlink

Aspen Environmental Group,

Please underground all new as well as existing powerlines through our neighborhood of Torrey Hills! We have enough overhead powerlines running through our neighborhood and **this project allows the perfect opportunity to put all of the powerlines underground!**

Thank you,

Todd Saier
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San Diego, CA 92130
(858) 755-5602
tmsaier@aol.com

October 17, 2006

Mr. Jeff Martin
2204 Boley Road
Imperial, CA 92251

Ms. Billie Blanchard
California Public Utility Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Dear Ms. Billie Blanchard:

Subject: *SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project Notice of Preparation/Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project Notice of Preparation/Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (NOP)*. San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) has filed applications (A.05-12-041 and A.06-08-010) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project.

SDG&E could have worked jointly with local Imperial County, state, and federal land use officials to plan several proposed routes through the desert that would go along state and federal land boundaries for its route. Cutting across the middle of large federal land areas in a straight line with no regard for the military flying restrictions essentially eliminated the proposed middle desert route that could have been modified and adjusted to accommodate requirements for military, wildlife, and transmission line functions. SDG&E had route options that they did not review in their hurry to rush an Imperial County agricultural lands route through the CPUC process.

It is recommended that the proposed single 500kV transmission line be reconfigured into several lines with smaller/reduced kV capacities that could be undergrounded in Imperial County. Underground transmission lines section through the Department of Defense Land, for SDG&E's Western Alternative, removes existing land use conflicts such as military height limitations. Consider undergrounding the entire 500 kV transmission line along the western edge of Imperial County's agricultural lands. This would reduce impacts to Imperial County's agricultural and recreation lands. Place underground transmission lines adjacent to Federal and State land boundaries rather than through private property parcels. SDG&E has proposed undergrounding transmission line sections through San Diego County.

Locating a new Imperial County 500kV transmission line through agricultural lands causes damage to the local area views. It is requested that SDG&E mitigate this disturbance by reducing and reconfiguring the proposed single 500kV transmission line into several lines with smaller/reduced kV capacities that can be undergrounded in Imperial County along the western edge of agricultural lands.

SDG&E could have worked jointly with local, state, and federal land use officials to plan several proposed routes through the desert that would go along local, state, and federal land boundaries for the large land tract areas. Cutting across the middle of large federal land areas in a straight line with no regard for the military flying restrictions essentially eliminated the proposed middle desert route that could have been modified and adjusted to accommodate requirements for both military and transmission line functions.

The proposed Sunrise Powerlink route located in Imperial County along the entire western edge of Imperial County's agricultural lands from south to north will cause severe damage to Imperial County citizens, agricultural animals, wildlife, agricultural businesses, and natural resources that belong to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeff Martin

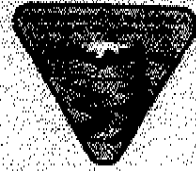
cc: Aspen Environmental Group
Lynda Kastoll, Bureau of Land Management



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Comment Form

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project



Date: 10-17-06
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 City, State, Zip Code*: San Diego, CA 92111
 Telephone Number*: 760 522 4346
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Comment: The proposed Sunrise Powerlink
is insanity to meet power needs of
this county. There are numerous creative,
smart, sensitive, intelligent, resourceful
ways to create more power and not
impact our visual environment at the
least. It is a combination of reduction
of the need and an intelligent use
of resources to meet new demand.
Solar * Solar * Solar * Solar * solar

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Re Power Line Project

In traveling through Julian California I read that alternative routes are again being considered for the power line!

Please do not put the power line along the Julian Highway and Banner grade. The Banner Grade is an amazing drive through a beautiful valley. It would be a shame to wreck that beauty. It would also create a hazard.

The Banner Grade is next to Volcan Mountain which is a spectacular natural resource for California. In fact the Volcan Mountain overlooks out into the desert and San Felipe stream should be preserved as it is today.

Please do not put the power line along the Banner Grade not the road there. I believe its 78 to Highway #2 - which I think is called Scissors crossing

Kurt Rasmussen
1272 W 72nd Ter
KC Mo 64114

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

From: Matt Way [mailto:mattjway@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2006 3:49 PM

To: sunrise@aspenerg.com

Subject: powerlines

Dear cpuc.

Affects to our environment include values that anyone in support of these ugly powerlines are failing to see! Thank you for standing in for us. We the people, are, the rate payers, the tax payers, the property owners and inhabitants by choice of the back country being threatened severely by this utility monopoly who's motives are obvious and equally relentless to the ability to enter our private spaces, work hand in hand with with clandestine plans to separate us from our freedoms granted as Americans with awful, dangerous, noisy, outdated huge structure that are 100 percent against the territory and environment they druell to conquer. We ask, Why are We, the people, the tax payers, the rate payers, the property owners, the natural beautiful perfection of the balance of nature all ask Where does powerlink fit in? NO-WHERE!!!!. We will not allow an overgrown monopoly overpower our CPUC with their tactics. You are all we have and our support must be with you first. So take my land, if it will help strengthen the CPUC to protect our environment from this treat for good. You the CPUC can join us too in answering a simple American question of: Why are We, considered the opposition? It is sempre and sdge that is the opposition. Our environment will always be stronger and force all greed mongrols to live with their own causes and conditions of being the true opposition. Lake Henshaw is a Mecca for wildlife of the most advanced blends which includes protected species not even know about and I won't reveal either. San Diego will be the leaders into the new mellinium of electrical conveniences that will be utilized by the entire planet, and we are willing to do it any way we can. We care that much for a healthy life.--Matt Way, spokeperson for property owners in the backcountry.

October 17, 2006

To California Public Utilities Commission

Regarding the Sunrise Powerlink proposal.

I have been appalled by the doublespeak and outright lies of the Sempra/SDGE representatives. I have heard this first hand as I went to one meeting and another and heard them contradict themselves. I also received a call in which the representative said the line would go down the public right of way when in fact, according to their maps, they had private property marked as part of their route.

Sempra has shown a total disregard for the lives and livelihoods of the citizens in the rural San Diego County. They fail to understand the connection with the land that backcountry citizens hold and see no reason why it should not be traversed by massive power lines. The town of Julian is working to put their power lines underground. How ironic would it be to have 500kv lines and towers traversing the view shed as tourists, Julian's lifeblood, travel to this mountain town?

Profit is Sempra's only motivation. They say it is for San Diego but their own maps show routes north to counties around Los Angeles. The Sunrise link is redundant to the Greenpath planned and being built by Los Angeles.

As one citizen, what could I do with my outrage? I began to ask others what they thought. I then wrote this petition and gathered signatures. Enclosed you will find the signatures of ordinary citizens, your constituents and their signed opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink and its proposed routes. In view of these signatures I ask you to:

- Please consider the alternatives and disregard the power of the utilities companies. They have already asked for an increase in rates, is this coincidental?
- Please recall when Sempra created a power shortage in California and how they caused businesses to fail due to their over inflated electric rates. The litigation on this is still unresolved.
- Please demand that the Anza Borrego Desert State Park honor their charter and mission statement and protect and defend the park from massive power transmission lines. Please help preserve this park for future generations
- Please encourage companies and individuals to think ahead and plan for power production that is not centralized and vulnerable to terrorist attacks and natural disasters. Long transmission lines encourage greater power failures when affected by lightning or fires.

- Please encourage full use of existing power plants by approving permits for the Encina power plant to relocate and improve, and keep costs down and transmission lines fewer in number.
- Please help protect the backcountry and it's singular beauty from the encroachment of the city and power companies unregulated greed.

Sincerely,


Dennis and Adele Delgado
 25800 Mesa Grande Rd.
 Santa Ysabel, Ca. 92070
 760-782-3408

CC: President George W. Bush, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sen Barbara Boxer, Diane Feinstein, Rep. Darrell Issa, 48th, Calif State Assembly 74th Mark Wyland, 66th District Raye Haynes, 75th District George Plescia, 77th Jay La Suer, Rep. Duncan Hunter 52nd, San Diego County Supervisor Diane Jacob

Note from the EIR/EIS Team: The following page is a sample of the petition signed by 187 residents of the cities below. Only one page is included as a sample to reduce printing cost, redundancy, and use of space. While not all signatures are shown, all signees are included in the project mailing list.

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| Carlsbad | Nuevo |
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| Encinitas | Ramona |
| Escondido | Ranchita |
| Fallbrook | San Diego |
| Garden Grove | San Pedro |
| Imperial | Santa Ysabel |
| Julian | Santee |
| La Jolla | Spring Valley |
| La Mesa | Ventura |
| Lakeside | Warner Springs |
| | Yuma AZ |

SUNRISE POWERLINK

San Diego Gas and Electric wants to construct a monster, 120-mile long 500,000 volt power line with 16 story tall towers from Imperial Valley to San Diego. The line will cut a 200 foot wide path through pristine desert and alongside designated scenic highways. including Highway 78 with a spur running from Ocotillo Wells to south of the Salton Sea. Plans also call for a huge 80-acre substation surrounded by a concrete wall about 2 miles down Split Mt. Anza Borrego Desert State Park is a precious jewel to be preserved for all Californians. SDGE's Powerlink would spoil the parks scenic views, harm wildlife, and destroy the serenity that the public cherishes. **There are other viable, sensible alternatives.** It will also destroy the lives and livelihood of many people along the route where SDGE plans to cross private land and build substations. Many of these are ranches and homesteads that have been in families for many years, more than just land, but a home and an inheritance for future generations. Please act now to stop this visual and physical destruction of our fragile desert ecosystem and the rights of private citizens to be secure in their homes and property. Tell the State Park System to actively fight the transmission line and the CPUC to reject SDGE's inappropriate plan. In this election year you can show the people you care about our Parks and our children's heritage.

Copies sent to: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, President George W. Bush, US Senate :Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, US House of Representatives :48th district Darrel Issa, Calif. State Assembly74th District Mark Wyland, 66th District Ray Haynes, 75th District George Plescia, 77th District Jay La Suer, US Congressional Rep. Duncan Hunter 52nd. San Diego county Supervisor Dianne Jacob

Name-printed	signature	address	phone	Reg. Voter?
Mabel Delgado	Mabel Delgado	P.O. Box 96, Sycamore 92070		yes
JOAN McCLURE	Joan McClure	P.O. Box 776, Murietta CA 92567		yes
Patsy I. Myers	Patsy I. Myers	P.O. Box 235, Santa Ysabel CA 92070		yes
Zora Martinez	Zora Martinez	P. 25800 Mesa Grande Rd.	3104335160	yes
ROBERT REES	Robert Rees	2086 DICENZA LANE 92119		yes
Dore K Reed	Dore K Reed	8086 DICENZA LANE 92119		yes
MARK VIEHMAN	Mark Viehman	3009 BLUE JAY DR 92036	760765126	yes
Sonia Williams	Sonia Williams	338A Sierra Madre Dr 92054		yes
CHRISTIANA COOK	Christiana Cook	1050 SECOND ST ENCINITAS 92024	658-15-2628	NO
Suzan Driscoll	Suzan Driscoll	6620 Red Deer St S.D. 92122	658-455-1829	yes
Mary Ann Driscoll	Mary Ann Driscoll	1819 Caminito Yuleca	658-469-2740	yes
Josephine	Josephine	7245F Bay St; SD, CA 92122		yes
BRIET REED	Briet Reed	10805 TRUMP WAY LA MESA CA 91941		yes
Lucas Hytinen	Lucas Hytinen	129C 5th Escandido CA 92025	760 294 6240	Yes!
Michael Cantor	Michael Cantor	129C 5th Escandido CA 92025		Yes
Agnese Sorci	Agnese Sorci	1779w 1st San Pedro (CA 90732)		NO
Maria Hodgson	Maria Hodgson	743 S. Magnolia #101 Escondido CA 92020	(619) 447-6170	yes
Jon Hodgson	Jon Hodgson	743 S. Magnolia #69 Escondido, CA 92020	(619) 447-6170	yes
Frank Spiccia	Frank Spiccia	129 ROSCOMB W. LANE ENCINITAS CA 92025	760 753-3851	yes
Mike Bull	Mike Bull	142 King St. Chula Vista 91910	619-248-1722	yes
Keiichi Ito	Keiichi Ito	P.O. BOX 23419 SANDIEGO CA 92193	(619) 512-5800	yes
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