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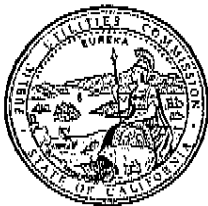
Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

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Comment: So, you have some trash and you're to cheap to take it to the dump. Hey! why not drive out to the desert and dump it there, yea, nobody lives out there. Well, I've got news for ya there are people out here and we live here cause its a beautiful place, and we don't wanna live with you or your unwanted trash. That includes your power line, put it in your own back yard, you use it you look at it! Oh and while I'm at it, do you Eddic Beaver types that come out here in you're SUV's want to see a power line stretched across you're pristine Jeep path? and have to put up with a bunch of pissed off locals? I think not, another reason to keep the trash where it belongs, where it is generated!

*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@aspenerg.com.



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Comment:

1. Why does it start at Imperial Valley Substation + not at the Salton Sea thermal area + go south?
2. Why can't the same southern route work again?
3. I don't buy the argument about diversity + security. I would feel safer that the lines are together. Back country is not safer from threats.
4. I would rather see SDG+E work on true and dependable solar alternatives rather than this archaic way.
5. NASA gave up the thermal energy. What make SDG+E think they can succeed?

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From: Jeff Gross [mailto:jigross@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 6:43 PM
To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: Re: Sunrise comments solicitation

Hi,

As a San Diego Carmel Valley resident, I would like to express some of my concerns regarding the Sunrise proposal:

- **Safety/Health.** The power facility slated to supply energy is located south of the border, where the safety, construction, and health standards are NOT the same as in the US. If we really do want to build one there, we should not want to set a precedence as similar to the Union Carbide incident in India. If you build, it must be safe.
- **Alternative Routing** taking advantage of existing routes. As with communication lines (Sprint ala utilizing Southern Pacific Railroad egress), why not co-locate the transmission lines with the Freeway system (ex. 56)? It should minimize environmental impact, facilitate constructions, and provide many other benefits.
- **Undergrounding/Property Values.** Finally, as a electrical engineer by trade who is environmentally conscious...as most existing and new developments are endorsing or even mandating undergrounding of power lines, why do we not require it at this time for Sunrise? This is a probable one-time initiative. Doing this is smart from a standpoint of reducing environmental impact, risk mitigation, and even residential community impact (i.e. as a property owner near the open/preserved areas, it will significantly affect property values, destroy valued views, and probably result in both delays and litigation).

Thank you for your consideration,
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I would like to address issues concerning the proposed preferred route of the Sunrise Powerlink, and the location of the Central East Substation, specifically. I will not address the consequences of allowing the route to go through the Anza Borrego State Park, leaving that to others more knowledgeable than I. The impact to the geography of the Central Link also needs to be clarified.

Sunrise Powerlink (SPL) proposes a Central East Substation in my neighborhood, which is historically known as the community of San Felipe. This new proposal is extremely more harmful than the previous proposed use of the existing substation on Highway 79, as it is in the heart of our community. SDG&E is doing a great disrespect by referring to us and the new location of the proposed Central East Substation, as an "Undeveloped rural area." Not once in the application process, nor in the scoping process information, are we ever referred to by our name of San Felipe, leading those who are not familiar with this area to assume there is no one living here. If you refer to the maps (See Figure 8) supplied for this process, you will see that the proposed Central East Substation is surrounded by the San Felipe Hills Wilderness Study Area, The Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation, The San Felipe Wildlife Area and Vista Irrigation Land. Tucked into the middle of all the wilderness is our small but historical community of San Felipe. In the heart of this, SDG&E has staked its claim. (Photo # 1)

There is a limited amount of private land for sale in San Felipe, as most of the private land has been held by families for generations. It is one such plot of land that SDG&E has managed to recently acquire in the heart of our community, and plans to trample our neighborhood with this giant facility, using the existing road into our neighborhood, and pass it off as virtually uninhabited.

I would like you to observe on this same map, (Figure 8), that once the SPL leaves the Park, the entire area is either all wilderness Area, BLM Land and Indian Land, with enclaves tucked here and there of small unincorporated communities like mine, with names like San Felipe, Ranchita, Santa Ysabel, and Mesa Grande. This area is some of the most beautiful, untouched, pristine wilderness left in Southern California, and San Diego County. To quote Supervisor Diane Jacobs, "This area is one of the reasons people pay big bucks to live in San Diego." It is truly a national treasure, and all who come here are struck by its beauty. It is also the last area in San Diego County that remains as habitat to the wild creatures and birds, where civilization has not encroached. (Photo # 2)

Nowhere else can you be at 4000 feet elevation in woods and mountains, with snow on the ground and freezing temperatures, and drive just twenty miles down to Anza Borrego Desert State Park to seventy degree temperature on the same day. From the top of Teofilio Summit in San Felipe, we can see all three observatories on Mount Palomar, as we share this magnificent valley, ideally suited for night viewing...This is all spectacular viewshed. The drive through my community on San Felipe Road is a scenic drive because of this beauty. The communities here try to live in harmony with nature, as we feel our purpose is to act as caretaker to the land, to see that it is preserved for all who come to visit, now and in the future. We sacrifice many of the modern conveniences that city dwellers enjoy, to preserve this heritage. We live with the risk of wildfire and losing all that we have. The SPL dramatically increases the risk of wildfire to this entire area, as it would traverse some of the most rugged terrain in San Diego County.

The communities of San Felipe, Ranchita and Julian were, four years ago, burned in the Pines Fire that was caused by a power line. When a wildfire breaks out in this wooded wilderness, it is so inaccessible no one can put it out. Firemen can only try

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to help nature help itself. The Pines Fire burned 68,000 acres for nearly three weeks. It jumped every highway, every two hundred foot fire break made by giant dozers. This thirteen mile wide inferno of destruction passed right through our community. We lost homes, outbuildings, pets, 500 year old oak trees, and more. No family was spared some kind of loss. As a result of this and the Cedar Fire the following year, we face exorbitant fire insurance premiums and/or cancellations of insurance policies, as we have been designated "Too high risk to insure." PLEASE, do not subject us to this higher risk! (Photo # 3)

The Military from Miramar Naval Air Station uses San Felipe Valley and the Ranchita area for their training exercises, sometimes flying so low we can see the pilots. There is tragedy in the making if 150 ft. towers and power lines are allowed to traverse this valley.

Every weekend the city of San Diego empties out, and the people come to this area to recreate. They come for a family drive to see their beautiful mountains, meadows, and spring flowers; to get a glimpse of open blue sky and perhaps observe deer, bobcats, mountain lions, eagles, or other birds of prey. They come during the season to hunt, they bicycle, ride horses and hike all through this region. Those of us who live in this wilderness just above the Anza Borrego State Park are very conscious of what is at stake. If you could see for yourself it would simplify your decision making process, along with the other facts, that prove the Sunrise Powerlink is the wrong solution to our energy problems.

By looking at the map (Figure 7) you will observe that the shortest distance for a transmission line from Imperial County Substation to San Diego, is obviously the Interstate-8 Corridor. I am also aware that the Federal Government is in the process of designating this I-8 Corridor, the Southwest Powerlink, as a super energy highway. Why, then, should this SPL project be allowed to alter permanently, the Anza Borrego State Park, the higher elevation mountain wilderness, and the communities like mine, with a project that I am convinced is not needed, too expensive, and whose objectives could be met with a far lighter footprint, than to destroy what can never be regained? This project does not comply with the objectives of the San Diego Regional Energy Plan. I believe the real objective of this project is to set up a pipeline to be used by SDG&E's parent company, Sempra Energy, to bring cheaper, unregulated power from plants built in Mexico, in a deal with Shell Oil, (Refer to enclosed news article, footnote # 1) to the larger cities to the north, as the real purpose of the SPL.

There are far better alternatives than desecrating this national treasure in this great state of California. We do not need to trample precious wilderness areas to accomplish our goals. Our nightly news broadcasts repeat the words "Global Warming," speak about our addiction to oil, and the fact that the supply is limited. This leads me to question why, on page 12 of the notice of preparations for these meetings, that "In Area Generation and Rooftop Solar" was eliminated by SDG&E. Our Governor thinks that rooftop solar is valuable and viable enough to have signed the "Rooftop Solar Initiative." California is now in a position to lead the country in its transition to renewable energy. Generating power on a local level will be a positive way to create many new jobs in the process, and show leadership the rest of the country is looking for at a time when change is imminent.

I urge the commissioners who will make the decisions about this project, to ignore the fear mongering we heard at the pre-trial hearing in Ramona, from the representative of SDG&E who asked you "Not to delay in your decision, as we need to keep the lights on!" This from the industry that was caught purposely turning off the power to jack up the price and laughing about the "Poor little old ladies sitting in the dark!" We do not need a rush to judgment. We must consider the other alternatives presented by professionals more knowledgeable than myself.

I urge you to put In-Area Generation back on the table as well as Rooftop Solar. I urge you, at the very least, to consider the I-8 Corridor as the only reasonable, less destructive and least expensive way to run a transmission line from the Imperial Valley to San Diego. The proposed route, as it stands, will desecrate the

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Anza Borrego State Park and our precious wilderness area for all time. If one examines the pros and cons of this project as it stands, the bad far outweighs the good. Too much would be lost and not enough gained by the Sunrise Powerlink. It does not serve the common good. I urge you to put a name to our communities, and a face to the people of San Felipe, Ranchita, Santa Ysabel and Mesa Grande. We have been here as long as San Diego. We are a part of the county and deserve to be recognized, and not referred to as "An undeveloped rural area," and dismissed. The Sunrise Powerlink will injure all of these communities in its proposed route, and as stated previously, plans to put the Central East Substation in the heart of the San Felipe neighborhood.

Do not allow SDG&E to pursue this faulty plan. Preserve our heritage for all of San Diego, and California.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

Timetable is offered for Baja arrival of LNG

By Diane Lindquist
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

September 14, 2006

Shell Oil executives said yesterday that the company's first supplies of liquefied natural gas to fuel Baja California and California power plants will start arriving at a Baja California re-gasification facility by the third quarter of 2008.

V. Mark Hanafin, president and chief executive of the Shell Trading arm of the Shell group of global oil, gas and petrochemical companies, said slightly more than half of Shell's LNG tanker shipments, which will be re-gasified at the Energia Costa Azul terminal, will be sold to power plant customers on the U.S. side of the border.

Shell is sharing capacity in the \$1.5 billion project being built by Sempra Energy on a seaside plateau 14 miles north of Ensenada.

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Sempra is to receive its supplies from Indonesia, while Shell expects to use natural gas from Russia's Sakhalin Island. A liquefaction facility being built there isn't completed, Hanafin said.

When the Costa Azul facility goes on line in 2008, both companies will be offering the first supplies of LNG to the west coast of North America.

Last month, Shell introduced LNG to Mexico when a tanker of fuel from Nigeria arrived at its Terminal de LNG de Altamira on the country's east coast, near Tampico.

Fuel re-gasified at that facility is being sold to Mexico's state-owned Federal Electricity Commission.

Even as the global corporation is making major strides in providing North America with a relatively new form of fossil fuel from other parts of the world, Hanafin, U.S. Country Chair John D. Hofmeister and Shell Trading Vice President Robert W. Pease were visiting San Diego to tout the use of unconventional and renewable energy supplies.

Hofmeister addressed the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening and a City Club luncheon yesterday.

"The industry needs to get its story better told," Hofmeister said in an interview. "We can achieve energy security in the country . . . through the whole range of alternatives that are out there."

The public also needs to play a role in diminishing the country's reliance on costly fuel sources, Hofmeister said.

"We need a change in our culture around conserving energy," he said.

Among unconventional sources that hold promise are the extraction of oil from oil sands and shales and gases from coal bed methane and shale gas.

Solar power plants and wind farms should be developed to decrease the cost of electricity, Hofmeister said, and greater reliance on ethanol and hydrogen to fuel cars, trucks, buses and other vehicles would offset the high price of gasoline.

Shell has initiated ventures to develop all these sources, including the establishment of a "hydrogen corridor" of stations reaching from Northern to Southern California.

"We're pushing the technology as quickly as we can," Hofmeister said.

The corporation's current investment to develop the new energy and fuel resources only amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars, he conceded, while Shell's spending on conventional fuel and energy resources totals \$19 billion annually.

Shell is one of few energy firms putting such an emphasis on developing unconventional and renewable fuel supplies, said Jeremy Martin, director of the energy program at the Institute of the Americas at UC San Diego.

"I don't see a lot of companies doing this," Martin, said. "It's based on the fact that the price of oil hadn't been high enough that they could be economically sincere about undertaking these kinds of projects."

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San Felipe Valley - looking EAST
PHOTO 1



View of 500 KV TO CENTRAL EAST substation
PHOTO 2



Pines Fire Destruction
PHOTO 3

Regards Sunrise
Powerlink

I was disappointed to see that alternative routes are now again in the area of the Banner Grade. I sent many letters before but again please do not destroy the natural beauty and wildlife of the Volcan Mountain, Scissors crossing areas. Power lines would be a safety risk for fires, harmful to the bird flyway and the wildlife we are just seeing come back from the fires. Please don't do this. I actually prefer the initial proposed route.

Klebarde, Julia

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

From: Robert Dias [mailto:dias.robert@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 4:50 AM

To: sunrise@aspenerg.com

Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Project

Date: 10/18/06

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To Whom It May Concern:

Our house is one block away from Greenbelt Park where SDG&E power line will pass through.

We just moved here two years ago. I have 2 year old daughter and 8 year old son. My wife and I worked hard for ten years after we got married and saved enough money so that we can buy the house. The house we purchased had multiple bids and we end up taking second loan so that we can purchase this house. We liked the location since it was very close to the park surrounded by the natural beauty of the Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. I was told that if the power line passes through the park then our value of the house will go down and it will be hard to sell the house in future. What really concerns me is the health hazard from the power line to my kids. I take my daughter and Son every evening to play at this park. In fact this summer we have been going almost every day to the park. I would like to suggest an alternate route which would be underground on hwy 56. I am not sure why it was not selected since it would not affect anybody's house.

Thanks

Rajesh and Joyce Dias

Comments for the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

October 18, 2006

Jan Krogh-Haugley
Ocotillo Wells Citizens Alliance for
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Being born and raised in Escondido, CA I was able to enjoy all of the scenic areas of this area that mean so much to many of us. Weekends and vacations were spent at the desert (Ocotillo Wells), in the mountains (Julian, Mesa Grande, Palomar Mountain) at the beaches and exploring everything in between. I have seen and felt the impact that so called progress has made on all of these wonderful places.

Being brought as an “off-roader” I was taught to respect and take care of our environment not only for ourselves but for the next generations to come.

I would like to make some comments that cover many but not all of my serious concerns with the Sunrise Powerlink.

Environmental Impact- The areas that this project would be touching is home to many animals, and plant life, some of these endangered. There are few places for some of these animals to call home with the encroachment of people, and the SPL. Construction and then maintenance would be a matter that would never stop, and the animals would not likely go back to the areas that they called home with the constant reminder of people. A very intense and

thorough EIR/EIS needs to be completed before any decisions are made.

Visual impact of this monstrous powerline will be outside our windows marring our view of our mountains and vistas, not just for us but all future generations

Hazardous conditions- we live in a high fire alert area, with the height and locations of the towers many of the areas would be left with little or no hope of help from water drops. The lines would endanger all types of aircraft.

Other points:

The Stirling Solar project is not a valid and substantiated project. Stirling only has 8 prototypes and they haven't even been commercialized. Nor has this type of project ever been a success enough for anyone to rely on it as a "sure thing".

The geothermal plant in the Imperial Valley is another project that has been thrown out as a "good fit" for our deserts. These projects take a large amount of water, which our deserts do not have, nor does the surrounding areas. The other concern is that if they have to drill a mile or more underground this could be of great concern for Earthquakes due to the San Andreas Fault that runs along that area.

The Mexico power plant issue; these plants do not meet our EPA or Ca air standards. The impact alone to our environment due to the close proximity of the Mexico/Ca borders should be enough reason not to go forward.

Updating and using our existing power plants and with the addition of a few more in the San Diego area should fulfill our need for more power on those days where peak levels are met. And the cost would be significantly less than building the SPL.

These are just a few of my concerns, but I felt it was important to pass on these issues to show that we the public do really care about our land and the environment that we live and will live in the future. Thank you for your time and serious consideration of not allowing this project to go be approved.

Sincerely,

Jan Krogh-Haugley

Emailed

From: Joyce Peterson [mailto:jpeters1@san.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 11:58 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: SDG& E Sunrise Powerlink
Importance: High

ATTN: Ms. Billie Blanchard

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

Concerning San Diego Gas and Electric's proposed project, the Sunrise Powerlink, I want to voice my complete opposition to any consideration of the alternative routes D and C. Alternative route D would result in the destruction of my town, Descanso (zip 91916), a bedroom community of San Diego located on old historic Highway 80.

We found out tonight that under alternate route D approximately 60 homes would be lost, which is over 12% of the total homes in Descanso. I've been living in Descanso since 1958, and I must tell you that it is a very close knit town that values its history and the preservation of its rural character. The years of careful community planning would be swept away by this mammoth power route, which would literally cut the town in half. Descanso's only elementary school, plus a Methodist church, would also fall under the Powerlink's knife. Those that didn't lose their homes would see their property values disintegrate to nothing, as Descanso became a ghost town.

The citizens of Descanso were all reassured that the original proposed alignment, which is favored by most citizens and the route of choice of SDG&E, would be the one used. It is true that the "proposed route" travels through the Anza Borrego Park, but would do no harm to the park once installed. There are plenty of State and National Parks, including Yosemite, that allow powerlinks to pass through.

San Diego has so much rugged, unpopulated terrain in the east County, land where no homes could ever be built. That is where the Powerlink route should go, not where people would lose their homes and communities would be destroyed. It only makes common sense to locate the Powerlink away from homes and towns.

As the alternate routes D and C were just presented, I also feel that more time is needed for public comment. There will soon be a ground swell of opposition to the destruction of towns and people's lives and livelihoods presented by these two alternative routes. The only route that makes sense is the original "proposed alignment".

Thank you for considering my requests.

Sincerely:

Joyce Peterson
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-----Original Message-----

From: The Mitchells [mailto:mitchells@nethere.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 9:47 AM

To: sunrise@aspeneg.com

Subject: Another Voice to Sunset the Sunrise

I live in Santa Ysabel. My view of the sunset is already obstructed by ugly power poles and power lines (with big balls hanging on them to make them even uglier). My radio and TV reception is already marginal, more electro-magnetic interference from Sunrise would make it impossible for me to even listen to the radio. Please don't allow the omnipotent SDG&E bullies infringe any further on the beautiful San Diego back country and completely ruin what's left of our already power pole littered vistas. SDG&E - Go underground or go away!

Ray Mitchell, P.O. Box 376, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

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Re: Sunrise Powerline Project

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

I write to you today to comment on the proposed 500 kV line through the Anza Borrego State Park. This proposal is dangerous, costly, unnecessary and unsightly.

The fire risks of such a line going through the desert backcountry, while minimal, are present. The least little spark from downed powerlines has caused horrific events in the past, as evidenced by the Pines Fire in 2002.

As I understand it, there are three proposed routes through the park. If built, they will degrade the viewshed of recreational users, passers-by as well as residents in and near the park. This area has to be kept pristine. Right now you can see for miles the beautiful natural surroundings. A powerline would cause irreparable harm to the view. Highway 78 is currently designated as a Scenic Highway. The proposed lines would follow sections of it, degrading the scenic view.

Transecting habitat is a known cause for decreasing biodiversity. California's endangered wildlife including Peninsular Bighorn Sheep and Golden Eagles are known to be in the area. If we are to protect these animals, we must keep their habitat pristine so they may reproduce and bring there numbers back in peace.

The area is rich in culture and history. There are dozens of known and potentially unknown archaeological sights in the area, including a village and sacred burial grounds. Disturbing these sights is affront to the heritage of the Anza Borrego Park.

It is time California develop greener energy resources through wind and sun. The Cultural, Recreational, and most importantly, Biological costs of the proposed transmission lines, while not calculable are far greater than monetary costs of finding renewable and alternative ways of generating power.

Sincerely,



Renata Di Battista