

SAVE OUR RURAL ENVIRONMENT (S.O.R.E)

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RE: Modified Route D Alternative to the
Sunrise Powerlink

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastell:

Please accept this letter on behalf of our organization "Save Our Rural Environment (S.O.R.E). This organization is a loosely knit local watchdog group formed in the 1980's to collectively resist eminent domain issues that affect the persons living in and around the Japatul Valley in eastern San Diego County. We have once again found the need to stand up protect the rural atmosphere we have come to enjoy living here. Having said that, we strongly object to the Modified Route D Alternative of the Sunrise Powerlink (the "SPL") through the Southern area of San Diego County and specifically through the Japatul Valley where we all live.

Despite the fact that we were to be materially affected by the SPL, there was very little notice given to our area of the impending project. The Japatul Valley lies on the outlying edge of Alpine and very little information was disseminated here. In reality first news of the Alternative Route D filtered into this area in June. As of this day, there are still a lot of people that will be affected by the SPL, if it goes through the Japatul Valley, that are totally unaware. In essence, the entire notification process has been grossly unfair.

SORE has been following the development of this project since then and we object to this construction for several reasons. If you take a look at the "SDGE Comments Regarding the Modified Route D Alternative", dated June 14, 2007, you can see the technical reasons as to why the Route D Alternative is inferior to the primary plan advanced that runs through Anza-Borrego and North San Diego County. We concur with these objections.

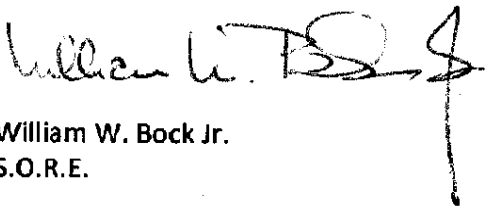
In addition, we feel our Japatul Valley rural area is potentially being sacrificed for the benefit of some large landowners in the North County, whose energy needs are first on the list of those being served by the SPL. It is, on its face, ridiculous to send the SPL many miles out of its way, across miles and miles of unspoiled forest land only to ultimately get where it belongs. It is also ridiculous to build the SPL on

forest land, much of which has not burned in many, many years. To build this project would involve knowingly putting the SPL in an area prone to burning. You cannot ignore the possibility that the SPL would also potentially be the cause of a forest fire at some point. In contrast the route across the desert and through more arid and less forested portions of north San Diego County, with undergrounding through the Santa Ysabel Valley, is far more intuitive.

I also personally offer a real-life observation about the environmental objections being raised by the foes of the route crossing the Anza-Borrego State Park. I have been going to the desert for most of my 54 years of life. I have seen the areas that this project will go through and the renditions of the appearance of the power lines. Despite the technical environmental objections, the real impact will be nearly zero. One only has to go north to the Kramer Junction area of the Mojave Desert or out to the Plaster City area of Eastern San Diego County to see the impact of the power line footprint. Once the towers are in place for a year or two, the apparent disturbance to the surrounding ground is nil. The logical conclusion is to run the SPL through Anza-Borrego with the utmost sensitivity our technology can deliver and through existing utility rights of way that have been in place for decades.

It is clear to us that the power needs of San Diego County will far outstrip our ability to generate new power within the service area. Hence the mandate for the SPL to bring power in form likely sources of renewable energy that will be developed in the Eastern areas of Imperial County. But the form of delivery should be direct and to the point; through existing rights of way and to the area where the power is going to be most needed, North San Diego County, not circuitously through unspoiled outlying areas like the Japatul Valley.

Sincerely,



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