

Hello Aspen Environmental Group,

I have a question about the proposed routes for the Sunrise Powerlink, and no one I'm in contact with seems to know the answer. I've also studied the maps and various NOPs and other documents, and can't find a definitive answer to this question, which is:

If the Interstate 8 alternative were chosen, would a transmission line still be built northward to the Central East Substation?

I've been told that it will, but have found no official confirmation of this.

The maps seem to indicate that the line running from the Central East Substation through Santa Ysabel and Ramona would exist with all alternatives, but you could make this clearer with a simple flag on the map stating "This line and substation will exist for all alternatives."

Or, if it would be eliminated if a southern route were built, then you could add a simple flag stating: "This line and substation will be omitted if a southern alternative is chosen."

A great deal of confusion exists over this point, and here are two examples: J. Harry Jones' articles in the Union-Tribune regularly assert that TWO 230-KV transmission lines will run southwest from the Central East substation.

Many residents of communities along I-8 are under the impression that no line would be built through Santa Ysabel and other northern communities, if the southern alternative were chosen.

I'd greatly appreciate your help in clarifying this point, both in a response to this e-mail, and if possible on the maps available online.

I'll also call your voicemail.

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