

Sept. 26, 2007

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Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

Re: Powerlink Modified Route D

It has recently come to my attention that a new alternative is being studied for a power line from El Centro to northern San Diego County that would pass through the southeastern portion of San Diego County, and, in particular, the communities of Campo, Jacumba, Boulevard, Potrero and Alpine. This letter is being sent to express opposition to the **“Modified Route D Alternative“**.

There are several reasons for my opposition to this Modified Route D proposal. I have listed those reasons for your review below:

1. How can a route from Imperial County to northern San Diego County even consider a path through Campo? Campo runs parallel to the Mexico border and is so far off the beaten path that the very thought is unbelievable.
2. The request “to avoid having to modify the Forest Management Plan” by the U.S. Forest Department is absolutely no reason to impact residents of the back country. If there is a need to transport power, and, if that requires a line through a property owned by the U.S. citizens, then, that requires a change of plans. “Plans” are not the environment.
3. No one wants high power wires going through their property. Rerouting the wires to a route of least political resistance is not environmental consideration.
4. The lateness of this alternative and lack of community meetings of this alternative strikes of **“putting one over on the community”** – like the good people of Mountain Empire community would not notice it. This is NOT the way we demand our government to work for our community. We demand full disclosure and proper noticing.
5. Our community already has a high tower power line. We have taken our share of the region impacts. This is not a case of “not in my backyard” because we already have one.

6. In the likely event of wildfire which we seem to be having annually in this part of the county, how would our region cope with the requirement to de-energizing both power lines? If we could get by without that power, is the line needed at all?

7. Additional Comments:

Thank you for the time to comment on this proposal. Please be very meticulous in your examination of the impact of these lines to our community and character of our community. I also ask that you take time to address the points outlined above.

Sincerely,

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