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Re: Sunrise Power Link Proposed Route D Comment

Dear Billie Blanchard;

Oct 1, 2007

As a resident of Potrero, and visitor to the back country for 20 years, I have recently seen large, white "X"s in some of the most pristine areas of our back country.

I was quite disturbed to learn these were for the proposed route for the Sunrise Power Link (SPL) that is set to re-energize L.A., Riverside County, and Northern San Diego County, with renewable energy from AZ + Imperial Valley.

I have only seen 2 comments regarding this project. One, was from L.A.'s mayor stating how important this project was; the other, from S.D.G. + E representative regarding when it would be online. Both were on a TV news program and were meant to be the "good" news.

Good news for all but those whose communities were being dissected by the 150ft. towers + the 500 kilovolts they carry.

Being an electrical layman, I wished to learn more about the project, the routes, + effects the power link would have. I hoped this would happen at the Lake Morena Town Meeting sponsored by MEGA Mod. in which the CPUC, Aspen Group, + S.D.G. + E.

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would be present to answer questions + explain the project.

Sadly, the only officials present to answer or comment on the SPL were 2 S.D.G. & E. representatives who relayed that S.D.G. & E. did NOT back, nor have control of choosing Route D, as it is in a high fire area. And, that northern San Diego County had the funds + lawyers to keep it out of their backyards, yet benefit from the power; where East + Southern San Diego will not. We are left to benefit from the dead zones these towers create; the concers massive electricity causes; + the terrain being forever changed with 150 ft. towers marking our lands.

Personally, I do not see these as benefits, nor "renewable" in any way. Whether it be electricity, or the new residents that will fill our valleys since electricity is now available; there will be no renewing! Humans must learn to live within our means. And if that means dealing with running blackouts, then, so be it. Those that are at risk should be compensated with generators, or REAL renewable energy from our locally available winds + sun.

And if any renewing be done, why not just renew (upgrade) the lines already present. Thereby, not changing, endangering or otherwise effecting anything new, but that which is already present. That's renewing at its finest! And, I'm sure it will save us all ~~money~~ money + time!

So, in closing, I urge you to re-dress this project and follow S.P.G. + E. recommendations, or start from scratch with a project that is truly renewable energy, not just re-routed to supersede CA. laws,

Also, I believe your agency owes residents of Route D a comment/question/answer session, as 250 of us were present, and 250 disappointed by your lack of concern for our combined voice regarding your SPK project; whether for or against - many of us have questions + if your agency does not wish to answer them, then perhaps you have no valid, legal answers. And this project should be opposed in its entirety!

The ball's now with you, and I will assume you have answers like "CPUC has determined Route D as the wrong way for this Power link" + have decided to put the 1 billion \$ dollars into solar + wind generators, locally built for the areas in need of energy."

Thank you for your time, and I hope to see you in our area soon to sell your project to the backcountry.

Signed: Kala Rains

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