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June 8, 2007

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Re: Response to CPUC/BLM Notice Regarding an Additional EIR/EIS Alternative to the
Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project – May 2007

On behalf of the **Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians** (formerly known as the *Cuyapaipe Community of Digueno Mission Indians of the Cuyapaipe Indian Reservation, California*, or the *Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians*), please accept this letter as the Tribe's comments on the "CPUC/BLM Notice Regarding an Additional EIR/EIS Alternative to the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project" dated May 2007. As expressed in our previous letters, the Tribe's concern is with the routing of the transmission line and associated environmental issues.

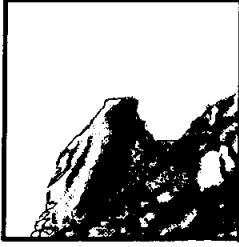
Pursuant to the additional EIR/EIS alternative, the Tribe herewith expresses its support for the BCD Alternative, in conjunction with the Interstate 8 Alternative.

The Tribe believes the facts and SDG&E's PEA evaluation criteria support the position that the BCD Alternative satisfies all PEA criteria (see Chapter 3 of the SRPL PEA), and is confident a re-analysis in an amended PEA will show these routes should be the preferred route for the SRPL.

Please contact the Tribe's CEO, Mr. Willie Micklin, should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Pinto, Sr.
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Re: Concerns Regarding Sunrise Powerlink Alternatives

Please refer to your letter dated June 6, 2007. The **Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians** (formerly known as the *Cuyapaipe Community of Digueno Mission Indians of the Cuyapaipe Indian Reservation, California*, or the *Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians*), requests a meeting with you to review detailed maps of the alternative alignments pursuant to the CPUC/BLM EIR/EIS for the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project. As expressed in our letters to the CPUC and BLM, the Tribe's concern is with the routing of the transmission line and associated environmental issues.

Pursuant to the additional EIR/EIS alternative, the Tribe previously expressed its support for the BCD Alternative, in conjunction with the Interstate 8 Alternative.

Please contact the Tribe's CEO, Mr. Willie Micklin, to schedule a meeting date. Thank you.

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February 12, 2007

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Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll,

We are writing to you to express our opposition to the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project as a whole, but especially the West of Forest Alternative in the Southwest Powerlink Alternatives (Figure 8 map).

The negative environmental impact of the West of Forest alternate route would be enormous. It goes right through the Sycuan Peak Ecological Preserve, within ½ mile of the Crestridge Ecological Preserve, through designated open space, and private properties. Native plants and animals would be affected by this route including threatened and endangered ones. People and animals live in, near, and travel throughout these areas.

The risk of fire is great in the West of Forest route. Some of the terrain is very steep and rocky as well as extremely windy. The sheer speed that a fire can travel up and down the steep mountainsides puts this area at increased risk. Firefighting would be impacted as well. Firefighters consider areas under and near power lines as "undefensible" and do not fight fires near them. Furthermore, fires would not be fought by air due to the dangers of the high towers. In addition, residents in the surrounding areas are listed as losing the only staffed fire department near them, leaving the closest fire station over 8 miles away! The destruction of hundreds of homes from the Cedar fire already proves that this is not a good area for huge power lines! Homeowners in and near this alternate route are at risk of losing their homeowner's insurance due to the hampering of fighting fire efforts created by these lines.

The health risk is great. The electromagnetic fields created will be huge. While research is inconclusive for healthy individuals living near power lines, studies have shown individuals with ill health are adversely affected. Current laws say all power lines like these must be at least 230 feet from all schools and hospitals because of the health concern. These health concerns exist in homes that are located near power lines as well.

Property values would dramatically decrease not only for the property owner's directly affected by the power lines, but also for anyone that has a view of these lines. The varied terrain on this route allows for people to see these power poles for miles. Increased costs or cancellation of homeowner's insurance would be a major financial burden.

If the Sunrise Powerlink Project must be built we recommend using the I-8 corridor. This route has already been impacted by the freeway and has existing Right-of-Ways

running along side it. Furthermore, it is the easiest way to put underground lines in any areas that might need it and will have the least impact on private land owners.

Finally, we believe that SDG&E has not proven that we need these additional power lines. Use of the Non-Wire alternates in the proposed project including the options that already exist make more sense. Reliable wind and solar options that are currently being used successfully elsewhere and the use of the existing Encina and South Bay power plants could address San Diego's need for more power. It would allow San Diego to act responsibly toward getting power that is environmentally friendly as opposed to allowing Sempra Energy to continue to rely on and produce dirty power in Mexico where there are few regulations. Pollutants from the power plants in Mexico can drift back into California, Arizona, and beyond.

Don't let a private business come in and use 1.4 Billion dollars of taxpayer money (or more), take over and destroy private and government lands forever, as well as risk the health of thousands all because of money. This project makes no sense. Please do the right thing and say NO to the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

Respectfully,

Kris Gerdesford