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February 22, 2008

Commissioner Dian Grueneich
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Commissioner Grueneich,

On behalf of the San Diego region, thank you for adding a Public Participation Hearing on February 25th within the City of San Diego, in addition to the hearings being held in the East County. From the beginning, the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project has generated a significant amount of interest not only along the proposed route for the transmission line but within the entire region. That's because the alignment preferred by San Diego Gas and Electric threatens the very heart of California's largest park - Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

In recent years, we in San Diego County have found that our state parks are under ongoing and potentially devastating threats by big, major infrastructure projects proposed at every level of government.

Earlier this month the Coastal Commission took a courageous stance in rejecting a proposed toll road that would have forever changed the world renowned San Onofre State Beach and its famed Trestles surf beach. The federal government continues to work on a triple border fence that will damage a unique natural preserve rich with a rich archaeological and cultural heritage at Border State Park.

It is time for the state to place our parks and open space preserves off limits for major infrastructure projects. Too often, our parks seem to have become the path of least resistance. I will continue to lend my voice to those who oppose any route that damage's our state's legacy to future generations -- our state parks.

Thank you again for conducting an open process that is responsive to the public in gathering information about the proposed transmission line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Kehoe".

CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District

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