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To Whom It May Concern:

The Descanso Planning Group continues to oppose the entire Sunrise Powerlink Project.

We would like to thank the California Public Utilities Commission for recognizing that the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink proposal is not the best way to go.

There are several viable and much smarter alternatives to meeting our region's energy needs. We are not experts in the field of energy. We would like to have it noted; however, that there are experts who are offering clean, green and much more cost effective alternatives. They are available for review and can be accessed through their respective internet sites; CUSP, UCAN, etc. We ask that these proposed alternatives be given as much consideration as SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink Proposal.

The Sunrise Powerlink Project would make us more dependent on imported power and will increase our energy costs. Power should be generated with diverse sources as close to the urban basin as possible to avoid unnecessary line loss of energy on long transmission line and all the negative impacts they carry to rural communities.

It will permanently scar our backcountry communities, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and the Cleveland National forest. Scenic vistas will be forever ruined. Wildlife corridor and habitat throughout the entire backcountry will be interrupted and adversely impacted by this project. It will change rural communities to industrial zones, causing negative visual impacts, conflicting land uses and increased fire risks.

The proposed transmission lines run through some of San Diego County's most rugged terrain; it is difficult to access during the best weather conditions. This project would inhibit firefighters to slow the spread of flames. It is simply unconscionable that SDG&E is willing to put our firefighters and our homes at risk! There is no justification for putting our firefighter's lives at risk by proposing they try to fight wildfires while working around 500kV transmission lines and towers.

This project will destroy the value of homes and property. The transmission towers and the accompanying Right of Way will severely encroach upon private lands. Consideration should be given to property owners regarding the noise and obstruction of view generated by the transmission towers and lines.

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Please reject this damaging proposal! Please respect the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report-vote NO on this polluting, damaging, unnecessary project that threatens our quality of life and our great open spaces.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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