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Comments on the EIR/EIS

Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

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The EIR states that private lands will be avoided but they are destroying Star Valley RD.

SDA+E proposed the northern route which would cross directly across the desert for some about 50 miles of Power line 4 different routes are shown in the EIR but were not considered. This is incorrect. The route should be re-evaluated. See Fig C-9 for picture of routes eliminated. These routes would if incorporated eliminate need for another route and the destruction of trees in east county. The EIR glosses over the effect of EMF on people from power lines but the Pope "Child Hood Cancer in relation to Distance from High Voltage lines" by ER FLEWELL + Welch: a case Study. (BLM) 2005:330:1290 (4 June) shows one in 4 children get Leukemia from Power lines

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Please either deposit this sheet at the sign-in table before you leave today, or fold, stamp, and mail. Insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be received by April 11, 2008. Comments may also be faxed to the project hotline at (866) 711-3106 or emailed to sunrise@aspeneg.com.

Put ENTIRE Star Valley road under ground. '

SUNRISE POWERLINK EIR COMMENTS

The EIR avoids considering the best route proposed by SDGE in figure C-9. This route goes directly northwest across the Ansa Borrego desert to near the San Felipe sub station and avoids environmental impact on Campo, Alpine, Jacumba etc. with the southern options. There already is a southern route along the border serving this area. Problems with aircraft at the navy bombing range can be avoided by routing around to the west or using the existing power route several miles to the east. This method would save about 50 miles of transmission line. We know this area and would be glad to work with SDGE and the government agencies involved to plot a viable route and our elected congressional representatives will be glad to lend support with acts of congress if required.

FIG.e-4-5 shows the modified route d alternative and star valley option. This portion of the transmission line should be routed north to alpine Blvd. and then west to alpine avoiding impacting the residences on a private road. Almost all states practice prudent avoidance regarding transmission line routing following the rule of law in the U.S. constitutions bill of rights. The alleged burial ground under I8 and alpine Blvd. can be bypassed to the north or south. We would be glad to assist in the planning for routing it. The east end of star valley is a pristine habitat for many animals including pigmy deer. Red tailed hawks and golden eagles nest in the cliff to the south overlooking the valley. This area will be destroyed for the new power station and power lines. Running the power lines along the ridge to the south of star valley road and then north at the turn to alpine Blvd. will make the area look like an industrial site as shown and discussed in fig.e4.3-4b will destroy the beauty and property values of the area. Helicopters and aircraft flying north from the border area at night and in the fog pass over this ridge below 50 foot altitude many times a month and if they hit the power lines, they may crash into homes on the road or if they make it over the next ridge to the north may create an environmental impact on viejas casino. There are two aircraft crash sites in the east end of star valley. Review of EIR might lead one to think someone in the PUC has a personal grudge against the residents of star valley.

The EIR expresses the concern over workers health from spraying herbicide to control weeds. The EPA National Primary Drinking Water Standards list herbicides as cancer causing contaminants. The spraying of herbicides around power poles may account for the high rate of cancer deaths in star valley because the residents are using well water. A solution may be after the litigation is over, to locate the power line to the south of the ridge such that the tops of the poles are below the top of the ridge and then run north under ground over the ridge to alpine Blvd. The buried cable along alpine Blvd. should have ferro magnetic sheilding to prevent death of people with pace makers near the cable. This potential problem is glossed over in the EIR.

Routing another power transmission line through Cleveland forest east of alpine and lakeside will increase the risk of fire not only from power line failure but from equipment failure at power stations and feeder lines. Firefighters may not be able to contain the fire before it builds into a fire storm like the cedar fire and destroys parts of El Cajon or even San Diego. We believe this routing provides unneeded risks to firefighters.

The northern route with the shortcut through the Ansa Borrego desert is the best route.

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