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**Statement of Opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink**  
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I want to thank the California Public Utilities Commission for recognizing the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink proposal is not the best way to go. I also want to thank them for giving us the opportunity to submit our statements in person tonight by bringing this hearing into our community.

I would like to urge the PUC to please support the number one ranked Environmentally Superior Alternative to the proposed project as identified in the Draft EIR/EIS – the so called New In-Area All-Source Generation Alternative which would eliminate the need for running the 500 kv lines through any rural community regardless of various route proposals.

I would also like to address the matter of the unreliability of stringing a 500 kv line through areas that are prone to wildfires. We are told a second line is needed for emergencies. Yet that is just what happened this last October when the Harris fire forced the Southwest Powerlink out of service. Some experts have warned the Witch Fire could have threatened the Sunrise Powerlink at the same time had it been operational. Both lines would have had to shut down simultaneously – so much for the reliability argument. I also want to point out, not only could this line pose a danger by starting a fire, it could also pose dangers to the surrounding communities by limiting the fire fighters ability to fight a wildfire, since they cannot work around active lines and the towers would inhibit aircraft from doing their jobs.

I hereby register my full opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink.

Sincerely,

Beverly Esry  
Campo Resident for 20 years