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Dear CPUC/BLM Officials,

The 21st century is still young, still searching for the truths that will define its course. The Sunrise Powerlink project is of the old century. Constructing 150 miles of transmission lines from the Imperial Valley to Western San Diego County does nothing to encourage conservation. It is costly, environmentally damaging, increases the risk of wildfire, and adversely impacts cultural, historic, agricultural, recreational, and scenic resources. Most importantly, only one-third of the power generated in the Imperial Valley will ever reach its point of use. Two-thirds will be lost through generation and line losses due the length of the transmission lines.

We believe there is a better solution. The San Diego Smart Energy 2020 plan, offers a paradigm shifting alternative. This plan offers a move away from reliance on fossil fuels and imported power by reducing demand through conservation measures, reducing energy losses through improved grid management, and providing the needed peak energy through solar photovoltaic solutions. This plan offers:

- significant greenhouse gas reduction,
- less reliance on natural gas for power generation, and
- greatly expanded local renewable energy resources - generating clean power when it is most needed.

The environmental impacts and the life cycle cost of this program are estimated to be significantly less than the impacts and life cycle cost of the Sunrise Powerlink.

We encourage the California Public Utility Commission and Bureau of Land Management to give full consideration to the Smart Energy 2020 plan and to rank this plan among the available options to the SPL Project. Some will say it is too late to consider yet another alternative, but we believe it is never too late to consider an alternative that could save consumers billions of dollars, significantly increase our use of renewable energy, and preserve and protect our fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Tom & Judy Myers