

I am Donald Lee, a citizen of San Diego and a customer of San Diego Gas and Electric. The energy transported by the Sunrise Powerlink proposal would be generated from imported natural gas. I have three questions:

(1) How does San Diego Gas and Electric plan to meet its state mandate to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2010 if its parent company, Sempra Energy, is planning to use imported liquefied natural gas, since (counting processing, liquefying, transportation, and regasification) the greenhouse gas burden of imported liquefied natural gas would be about 25% greater than that created by the current use of domestic gas?

(2) Why is San Diego Gas and Electric planning to use natural gas with its greenhouse gas burden when the price of natural gas is rapidly increasing and likely to continue to increase, while local renewable energy resources are becoming more competitive and in some cases are already cheaper?

(3) Why use natural gas that makes us more dependent on the economic volatility and political manipulation of potentially hostile foreign powers like Indonesia and Russia (keeping in mind our unfortunate present dependence on the Middle East), when we could use locally renewable energy resources that would make us less dependent and enhance our national security and sovereignty?

Because the Powerlink proposal would increase the threat to our national security, to the economic well-being and health of ratepayers, and the ecological viability of San Diego County's fragile ecosystem (both from global warming and increased fire danger), I urge the California Public Utilities Commission to reject the Sunrise Powerlink proposal.

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