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RE: Sunrise Powerlink Project

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Lauren Krekelberg. I live in Japatul Valley, six miles outside of Alpine. I am a mother and grandmother and you have just seen pictures of my two grandchildren Garrett and Sarah. They also live in Japatul Valley. They are most precious and dear to me, and I am afraid for their future, safety and well-being.

I have many objections to the massive proposed power link, but in the interest of time. I will limit my statement to two areas of great concern.

First: huge transmission lines, as evidenced in the most recent October fires, have been directly linked to several of the wild fires. In my community, we have high winds most of the seasons and our back yards are the Cleveland National Forest. The area surrounding Japatul Valley has not burned in over forty years. It is a delicate balance in our back-county. I am a member of the Carveacre Fire Safe Council in my community. Our council dedicates many hours to education, clearing brush, masticating our acreages, water conservation and communicating and supporting our fire departments. The transmission lines are a threat to the safety of our lives and homes.

Secondly: the delicate balance of our community includes our water supply. We all have well water that supplies our homes. Our wells are the lifeline to water. The underground water comes from tiny fissures in the rocks. Any disruption, such as blasting in the area could cause our wells to go dry. Of course the blasting I am referring to would come from engineers who would be building the 160 foot transmission lines and the concrete bases that would support and stabilize them. To dig a new well would cost at least \$30,000. I do not have that kind of money and even if I did, there is no guarantee, we could find more water. Then what, sell my house?

Who would buy my beautiful home with no water, and 500 kv transmission lines running the length and breadth of my beautiful view.

In conclusion, I want to thank the CPUC and Judge Weissman for this opportunity to voice my objection to the Sunrise Power Link, and to plead that when making this important decision, you remember the faces of our most precious resource, our children, our future.

Sincerely,

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