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To Whom It May Concern:

This note adds one more voice to those supporting the findings of the EIR, regarding the proposed project of SDGE in eastern San Diego County.

My objections to the SDGE plan are based on both my commitment to preserving our state's rural and wilderness areas and on a personal, though more selfish, concern.

One of the few inhabited historical adobes (c. 1898) in San Diego County was built by Teofulio Helm of the Los Coyotes band of Indians, and functioned as a self-sustaining ranch into the 1960's. This adobe is within easy walking distance of the substation planned on S2 and even nearer to potentially hazardous power lines projected for that route.

My wife and I brought this property as a refuge from city life, a place where our children and friends could experience and appreciate nature and as a future place of retirement in an unspoiled country environment. If a substation is built near here, it will not only make the property virtually uninhabitable for us but will greatly reduce its value for resale to anyone who might tolerate the potential hazards of a substation.

It may be that SDGE cannot extend its service as planned without great extra cost and this is a real dilemma for the utility. However, I believe no right thinking citizen dare claim that this can even be weighed against the immeasurable damage that company's plans will bring to the shrinking acres of unspoiled lands in this county.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

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