

Sunrise power Link D. Alternative route

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To whom it may concern:

This is to let you know that as a homeowner in the Alpine/Japital Valley area, we totally object to the proposal that 500KV electrical transmission lines should be coming through is area. This is not the better of the two routes. As a resident of this area for the past five years, we have been through three serious wildfires. Fortunately, this immediate area has not been touched. We feel that it would be a grave mistake having these high-power lines placed in an area so at risk of devastating fire. There are over 115 homes in a one-mile area here. The potential danger of another serious fire shows that no risks should be taken.

We believe the survey that was performed for the southern route may not have fairly evaluated the fire history of Jamul and Alpine. The graph showing the history of fires is showing information received from C.D.F. not from San Diego Rural fire Department. S.D.G.E. told them that they had no recollection of their Barret electrical substation starting a fire that threatened the neighborhood at the end of Dearhorn Valley Road. The fact is that Jamul and Alpine back country residents worked very hard at clearing their land to prevent fires. Just because they don't have as many fires as the northern route residents reported for this E.I.R. does not mean they should be penalized for doing a good job. It simply is not a good survey of what the real fire concerns are if this transmission line goes through our area.

Besides the wildfire danger these power lines can bring, there are other issues that still have not been addressed completely. The E.I.R./E.I.S. may not have done a fair survey of the southern route. An example is the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly, in the E.I.R. 2007 and 2008 U.S. Fish and wildlife studies were dismissed. It stated that it was a drought year and could not include population counts. The truth is that in East Jamul, they are still counting caterpillars and cocoons even after the Harris fire. Butterflies can wait in the cocoon for up to three years for the right conditions to hatch and still be alive. This is not mentioned in the E.I.R.

Please consider this letter that I have taken time to write. I am very concerned about this matter.

Sincerely, 

Gary Bradbury & The Bradbury family