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Re: Sunrise Powerlink Project – Modified Route D Alternative

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

This letter is written on behalf of our client, SunCal Companies, in response to the Notice issued in May 2007 by CPUC/BLM regarding an additional EIR/EIS Alternative (the "Modified Route D Alternative") to the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

SunCal Companies has a legal interest in real property in the Jacumba area of San Diego County, California. The southern alignment of the Sunrise Powerlink will impact that property, and SunCal Companies objects to that alignment as creating significant visual impacts as well as safety concerns due to the potential for fire hazard and exposure to electromagnetic waves emitted by the transmission lines. Additional comments to the overall Sunrise Powerlink Project will be provided by SunCal Companies when the draft EIR/EIS is released for public review in August 2007.

As to the "Modified Route D Alternative," the maps attached to the Notice were of such a scale as to make an accurate calculation of the location of affected lands extremely difficult and, therefore, speculative at best. We, therefore, are unable to discern whether or not the Modified Alternative adds another line to the southern alignment which would go through Jacumba, or whether its adoption would increase the intensity of power being transmitted across lines already described in the overall southern alignment.

Beyond that, we object to any alternative which would enhance the feasibility of the southern alignment of the Powerlink Project. It appears that such would be the case with the "Modified Route D Alternative."

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Another major concern of SunCal Companies and of all property owners along the southern alignment of Powerlink is the potential of transmission lines to cause wildfire, such as occurred in the Laguna Mountains in 1970. Allied with that concern is the further issue of power interruption to the San Diego County area in the event of a wildfire precipitated by any event.

We respectfully request on behalf of SunCal Companies that consideration be given to the above points and that the "Modified Route D Alternative" and the entire southern alignment of the Sunrise Powerlink be eliminated from consideration.

Very truly yours,



William J. Schwartz, Jr.

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cc: SunCal Companies