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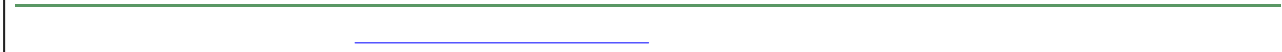
Sirs,

Environmental quality is more than a consideration of water quality, air quality, or animal corridors. The Sunrise Powerlink project would destroy our sense of wilderness in some of the most beautiful areas of our state. The Hauser Wilderness, the McCain Valley Resource Conservation Area, and other forest and desert areas would in essence be destroyed as true wildernesses by the presence of high voltage towers and lines.

Old US Highway 80 has recently been declared an historic highway by the California legislature. All of the Powerlink routes adversely affect this US 80 corridor and will be detrimental to future tourist travel along the historic route. The Modified Route D alternative between La Posta and the Campo Indian Reservation is laid on top of an historic section of old state highway. Other routes such as the Interstate 8 alternative will deface long stretches of historic US 80 including the Wildwood Glen Lane area, the site of state highways dating back to 1915.

This project is simply not needed in any of its manifestations. It will not save the ratepayers money. With conservation and proper power management, San Diego can meet its own energy needs without the Sunrise project. It is too costly in dollars and too costly to our environment.

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