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October 1, 2007

David Kates
The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc.
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Santa Rosa, Ca 95403-5571

Re: Request for Information Regarding Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project, Application No. 06-08-010

Dear Mr. Kates:

As you are aware, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for SDG&E's proposed Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project. As part of the EIR/EIS preparation process, we are evaluating a wide range of potential alternatives to the project defined by SDG&E. Among the alternatives we are considering are the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) and Talega-Escondido/Valley-Serrano (TE/VS) 500 kV Interconnect Projects.

To assist in our alternatives analysis and to ensure that we can provide complete information to interested members of the public, we request your assistance with several issues related to correcting GIS files for the transmission line and its effects, identified in Attachment 1. Please review the data sets in question and rectify the demonstrated data gaps and inconsistencies.

We would appreciate receiving your response to this request within a week, by October 8, 2007. Any questions on this information request should be directed to me at (415) 703-2068.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Sean Gallagher, CPUC Energy Division Director
Ken Lewis, CPUC Program Manager
Steve Weissman, ALJ
Traci Bone, Advisor to Commissioner Grueneich
Nicholas Sher, CPUC Legal Division

Lynda Kastoll, BLM
Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental Group

ATTACHMENT 1

Some problems have been detected in the most recent GIS data received from Michael Brandman Associates on September 5, 2007. We request that the data set be reviewed and that the following problems be resolved.

1. As shown in Figure 1 (on the following page), the corridor shown in the vegetation file (FERC_Alignment_Veg and FERC_CO_AP_Alignment_Overlap_Veg) does not line up with the regular corridor alignment (FERC_Alignment and FERC_CO AP_Alignment_Overlap). Please provide us with files showing the same transmission centerline.

2. As demonstrated in Figure 2, there are a considerable number of slivers in the vegetation mapping (gaps where vegetation polygons do not line up). In other places the vegetation polygons overlap, as shown in Figure 3. Please correct the data so there are no data gaps and no data is overlapping.

Figure 1: Misaligned corridors

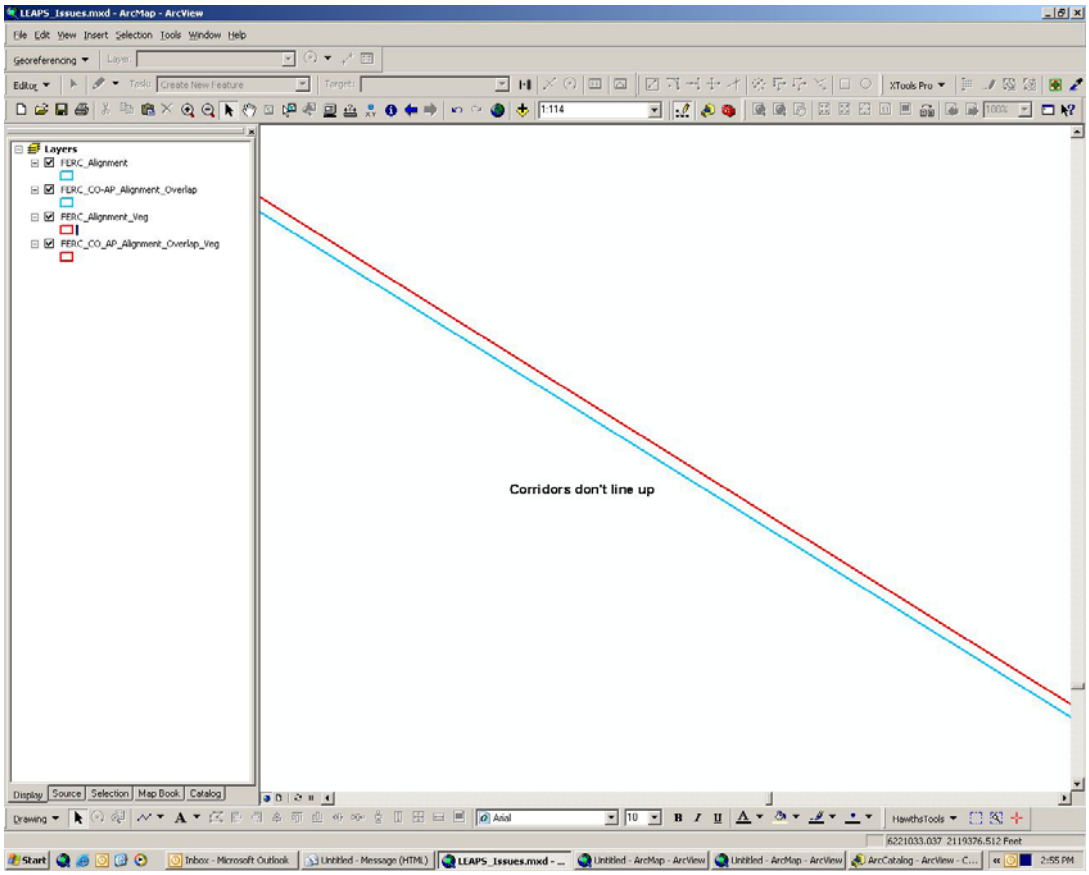

Figure 2: Gap in vegetation polygons

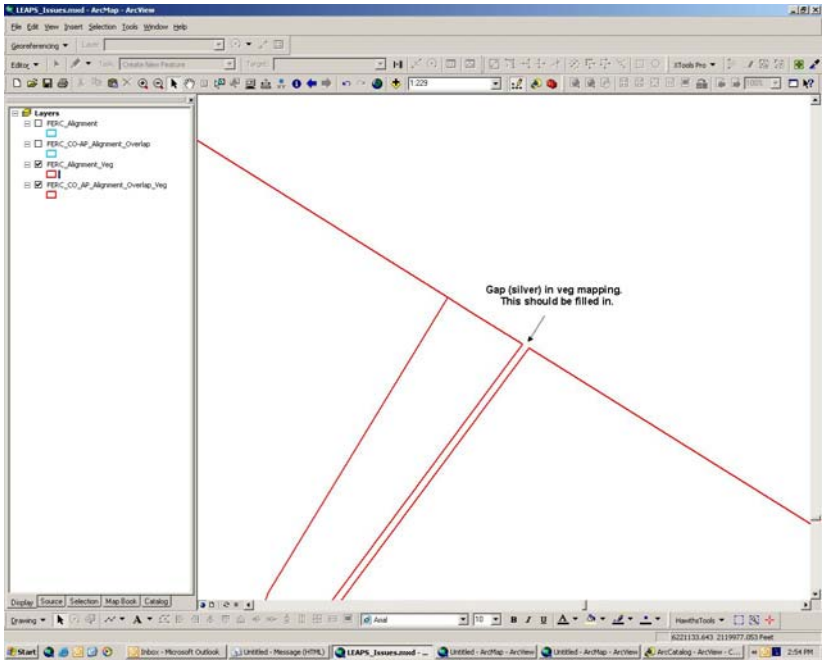

Figure 3: Overlapping and misaligned polygons