



August 19, 2008

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c/o Aspen Environmental Group
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San Francisco CA. 94104

RE: Response to Recirculated Draft EIS/Supplemental Draft EIR
SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project/ SCH No. 2006091071

Dear Ms. Blanchard & Ms. Kastoll:

Thank you for the notification of the "Notice of Availability, Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project". The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) received the notice on July 11, 2008. According to the notice, the review and comment period is open through August 25, 2008.

The ICAPCD appreciates the opportunity to express our continued concerns related to the construction of a new 500 kV electrical transmission line from the Imperial Valley Substation located in Imperial County to a new substation to be located in San Diego County, and other projects called "connected actions" related to the Sunrise Powerlink Project (SRPL), which this document includes the New and Revised Analysis of the La Rumorosa Wind Project revising the project from a 250MW wind project to a 1,250MW wind project by Sempra.

As pointed out in the ICAPCD Board's comment letter on the Draft EIR/EIS for this project dated March 18, 2008, the ICAPCD Board's primary concern with this proposed project has been the concern that this project would allow further fossil fuel burning facilities to be built in the Mexicali Valley, where air quality standards are less stringent than those in California, and would further degrade the air quality in Imperial County - impacting the health of residents on both sides of the border.

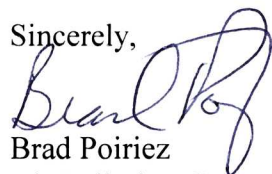
The ICAPCD Board's main focus continues to be protecting the health of the border region residents. The ICAPCD Board will continue to oppose any electrical energy generation project or portion of a project (or "connected action" or an "indirect effect") that does not implement Best Available Control Technology (BACT) and does not offset their emissions or pay in-lieu of fee to be used to offset those emissions that may impact Imperial County and its residents.

The ICAPCD Board would like to stress their support for renewable energy projects in this region provided that they too meet all the applicable standards as expressed above.

In essence, the concerns expressed by the ICAPCD Board in the previous comment letter dated March 18, 2008 remain the same. The ICAPCD looks forward to reviewing the Final Draft EIR/EIS for the Recirculated Draft EIS for the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project (SPLP). The ICAPCD reserves the right to respond to insure appropriate mitigation measures have been identified and included prior to any federal and state approvals of the SRPL transmission line.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (760) 482-4606 or at bradpoiriez@imperialcounty.net.

Sincerely,



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