

August 20, 2008

CPUC/BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery St., 935
San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: Sunrise Powerlink Recirculated DEIR/SDEIS

We agree with the conclusion on page 5-1 that the best solution to San Diego's energy needs would be the New In-Area All Source Generation Alternative.

All the other alternatives are going to cause major environmental problems for the residents of San Diego County. The huge cost of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink (SPL) makes it a very bad idea for ratepayers. The fact that the SPL is going to be obsolete before it is paid for, that there are better, more eco-friendly alternatives makes us say NO to the SPL.

The SPL will destroy our beautiful scenic vistas, the new roads will tear up our fragile soil, our wildlife will be disturbed and displaced, it will be ridiculously expensive and not as reliable as in-basin generation. The new transmission lines will be vulnerable to high winds, wildfires, earthquakes, sabotage, and will hinder firefighting efforts. Building another transmission line so close to the existing Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) seems foolish...you risk losing both lines in an emergency.

The DEIR was very sketchy on details of the windmills, their size, the actual location and amount of land needed and the environmental damage they will cause. With as many as 605 giant windmills it doesn't seem reasonable that only 7,500 acres will be needed. Just because it will be built in Mexico we still have an obligation to the residents in the La Rumorosa area to see that their environment is protected.

If the proposed wind farm at La Rumorosa is actually built, we feel strongly that the energy should be transported on the existing SWPL. If more energy is produced than the SWPL can handle, additional carrying capacity could be added.


The SWPL now carries very dirty energy produced from coal fired plants in Arizona and from burning highly polluting LNG at the Sempra plant in Mexicali. This increases the effects of green house gases, global warming and lung diseases - this is not good for anyone. We would much prefer to see the SWPL carry green energy from windmills in La Rumorosa and solar from the Imperial Valley. This would help SDG&E meet green energy requirements.

Additional energy should be produced by in-basin natural gas plants and rooftop

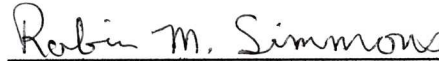
solar on all new construction as well as other sources of green energy like rooftop wind generators.

Please say NO to the expensive, polluting, environmentally damaging Sunrise Powerlink. There are better solutions to San Diego's energy needs.

Sincerely,



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