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Dear Ms. Billie Blanchard and Ms. Lynda Kastoll:

Subject: *Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, San Diego Gas & Electric Company Application for the Sunrise Powerlink Project, SCH #2006091071, DOI Control No. DES-07-58, July 2008 (Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS)*

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the July 2008 *Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, San Diego Gas & Electric Company Application for the Sunrise Powerlink Project, SCH #2006091071, DOI Control No. DES-07-58, July 2008 (Recirculated Draft EIR/EIR)*.

Both the SDG&E Enhanced Northern Route and Environmentally Superior Northern Alternative Route in the Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS have significant environmental impacts to Imperial Valley's biological, visual, wilderness/recreation, agricultural, cultural/paleontological, noise, public health/safety, air quality, water, and economic resources. Environmental elements negatively impacted include farmlands, agricultural operations, cultivated fields, existing dairies, fledgling dairy industry, residents, and nearby property owners.

In the July 2008 Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS, Section 2 Sempra Presidential Permit and Related Facilities, page 2-232, Mitigation Measure F-1e Compliance Contributions (list F-1e), 11<sup>th</sup> segment identified, SDG&E West Main Canal-Huff road Modification Alternative, lists zero homes at risk. There are several homes and business facilities adjacent to the proposed 500 kV transmission line along this segment. For example, see attached SDGE Map Page WMC\_03 with business facilities/residences located and labeled adjacent to the proposed line. This one map has nine existing residences and several calf operational facilities adjacent to the proposed line that have not been identified in list F-1e. SDGE Map Page WMC\_02 has a large agricultural live stock facility and one residence that are not identified in list F-1e. SDGE Map Page WMC\_01 is carefully placed to not show the rest of the large agricultural live stock facility and two additional residences located just east of the eastern edge of this map. SDGE Map Page WMC\_04 has two residences that are not identified in list F-1e. SDGE Map Page WMC\_05 does not show two proposed dairies planned to be located west and east of the proposed line.

In the July 2008 Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS, Appendix 2, April 11, 2008 Sempra Energy letter, page 5, second paragraph, the third sentence, says that the West Main Canal-Huff Road Modification Alternative segment avoids direct impacts to Bull Frog Farms dairy structures and to the Raceway development. SDG&E Enhanced Northern Route and Environmentally Superior Northern Alternative Route in the Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS are routed through existing Imperial County dairy property along the segment, West Main Canal-Huff Road Modification Alternative.

Sincerely,

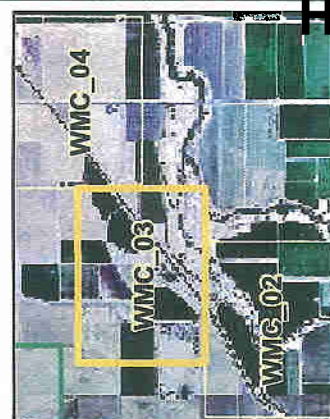
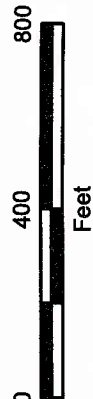
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SUNRISE POWERLINK™

- Proposed Structure
- West Main Canal - Huff Road Modification Structure
- Project Centerline
- West Main Canal - Huff Road Modification Alternative
- Right of Way
- Area of Land Management



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