

Appendix C-4. Summary of Oral Comments Received at Scoping Meetings

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Scoping Meeting, October 2, 2006 (4:30 pm – 8:00 pm) – El Centro, CA		
Nicole Rothfleisch	Imperial County Farm Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An electrical transmission line of this magnitude would be detrimental to the dairy industry in this area, as stray voltage negatively impacts dairy production. • Select an alternate route that will not impact agriculture in Imperial Valley, in particular, Bullfrog Farms and surrounding area.
Richard Van Leeuwen	Bullfrog Farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed route goes over our milking and cow shade facilities; proximity to electricity negatively impacts cattle and dairy production. • Proximity to transmission line can impact the health of our 30 employees. • SDG&E is using five-year-old maps to determine route; those maps do not show the Bullfrog Farms dairy facility. • The Powerlink line would inhibit planned growth of Bullfrog Farm and discourage other dairymen from locating their facilities in Imperial County.
Doug Westmoreland		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is difficult to comment on the project when the proposed routes have changed drastically recently. • Local informational meetings should be planned for those affected in the Imperial Valley; Ramona is too far to travel. • Imperial Valley is trying to attract more dairies; power lines will negatively impact that effort.
Ed McGrew	NuDairy One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imperial Valley is trying to adopt more dairies into the area; this project will be conflict with planned agricultural land use.
Marie Barrett	San Diego/Imperial County Chapter of the California Native Plant Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project objective should include conformity to Multiple Species Conservation Plans. • The PEA fails to completely locate, list, and analyze the risks to rare, endangered, and threatened native plants along the proposed route. It offers insufficient mitigation for construction impacts. It analyzes an old version of the route that predates the current application.
John Pierre Menvielle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 500 kV line would be detrimental to current and future dairies, and with them a growing hay industry, in the Valley. • Concerned the route that ran through the bombing range was suddenly changed. • Single pole lines are better from a crop duster and farming standpoint. • A 500 kV line creates a hum that can be heard even from a distance so the Project would greatly affect Mr. Van Leeuwen's dairy. • Reconsider the route through the agricultural area on the western side of Imperial Valley.
Scott Martin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the correlation between the Sempra LNG plant proposed for Baja California and this project and the resulting effects on air quality on both sides of the border — specifically in Imperial County. • There are discrepancies between the PEA and NOP in the number of affected state wilderness acres and the number of miles through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. • Unincorporated communities are underrepresented in the PEA; it does not indicate the proposed substations in Ocotillo Wells and Borrego Springs. • The PEA omits analysis of paleontological resources and offers incomplete analysis of all biological resources including and beyond plant species. • Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is unique in the ability to openly camp in it. The PEA fails to examine recreation impacts, specifically impacts on open camping regulations.

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Jeff Martin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts to military bombing range can be mitigated by underground placement of the Desert Link. • Suggests the line be broken down into smaller voltage lines and run through vaults underground. References gas pipeline through the Chocolate Mountains. • Concerned about visual impacts to the desert. • Concerned that the proposed route was moved from the western to the eastern side of the valley to abut agricultural land.
Denis Trafecanty		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commenter is not worried about an electricity shortage in 2010. • Feels that proposed renewable energy source is untested and highly questionable. Commenter wants the back country preserved through Santa Ysabel, Mesa Grande, Grapevine Canyon, and Ranchita. • In past years decision-makers decided that ABDSP and other preserve areas were no growth areas. • SRPL also proposed along a scenic highway. Why do we want to run a 160-foot line along a scenic highway? • Hundreds of people attended the CAISO meeting, but decision makers said public comment would not change their opinion.
T. Huss		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving pile during construction can impact wells. • Electromagnetic fields are dangerous after two minutes of exposure; the lines are proposed along highways where you will not be able to move away from them. • Some of the maps being used are from 1994. The scale of the map of the park is so large that you can't see anything. • The people in Ocotillo Wells will be impacted by dust from construction and will be at greater risk of asthma. • It is illegal to bring power from Mexicali because their plants did not install scrubbers.
Kelly Fuller	San Diego/Imperial County Sierra Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to SRPL and believes there are other energy solutions that can be selected. • Consider alternatives including better conservation programs, demand management and efficiency, local renewable energy from proven technology, replacing transmission lines to conduct more electricity, more local power generation. Upgrade high-voltage lines such as the SWPL rather than creating new lines. PEA's section on air pollution from construction is inadequate. Consider impacts to air quality and human health of increased power production in Mexicali and of particulates from increased off-road vehicle access. Analyze cumulative ozone production from power lines. • Analysis of the timing of renewable energy development is inadequate. • Consider impacts on global warming and on fulfilling California's global warming policies, especially if the Stirling Solar project is not completed in time. • Commenter is skeptical of Greystone's noise readings. • Commenter is concerned about impacts to endangered and rare species and to groundwater impacts from earth compaction. • Has received concerns from residents who have not been informed about the Project. They have heard about the Project from neighbors. • The desert is not fire-adapted, and increased fires are converting deserts to grasslands, which then cause more fires. How many birds would die from colliding with the lines, and how will SDG&E monitor this? What is the impact on predator-prey relationships from increased opportunity for bird perches? Specifically, the relationship between birds of prey and the flat-tailed horned lizard.

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V. Doyle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One area of the proposed route is adjacent to the Carrizo Impact area, which posts signs about unexploded ordnance. New access roads would increase the chance of people being hurt out there. • The proposed route goes within a half mile of residents with small children; move route away from them. • Notification to Imperial County residents has been inadequate; full-page ads do not mention the route is proposed through Imperial County. Commenter requests the CPUC have a public workshop in Imperial County, similar to the one held in Ramona on Sept. 13.
Scoping Meeting, October 3, 2006 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm) – Ramona, CA		
Eric Larson	San Diego County Farm Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The physical structures proposed along the route would convert farmland to non-agricultural uses. Land will no longer be suitable for grazing either through physical exclusion of cattle or because added activity will cause cattle to avoid the area. • The county's open grazing lands create the community's visual character and are worth protection. • The EIR should assess the visual impacts, direct impacts to agriculture, and the indirect impacts on farming. • Prioritize alternatives that will preserve the county's agricultural resources.
Mimi Limerez	People's Powerlink, Sustainable Julian Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The real project being planned is one that stretches from the SDG&E plant in Mexico to Los Angeles. • Referred agencies to website for evidence of the real project (www.peoplespowerlink.org).
Peter Schultz	Starlight Mountain Estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed overhead facility (segment 10P) should be an underground facility instead for 6/10 mile from the point that SDG&E is proposing it go from underground to overhead. • The visual impacts of this new line would be three times that of the current 69 kV line. • This area has reduced fire management and protection. Concerned about ELF and MEF. • Overhead facility will impair the movement and life of native birds, such as raptors, falcons, hawks, and golden eagles. • Concerned about negative impacts of converting unique farmland to nonuse.
Jim Davis		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commenter doesn't understand why SDG&E wants to build this line before the Stirling Energy project is approved. • Hundreds of people come to the Santa Ysabel area every weekend to enjoy open spaces; this project will reduce that.

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Diane Conklin	Mussey Grade Road Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about the inaccessibility of the PEA; Complained that only one copy was available at the library. Requested a copy of the PEA. • All lines come out of El Centro Substation, which is a reliability issue. • With regard to lowering cost for consumers, SDG&E would make one million dollars in financing alone according to UCAN. Money making operation from the start. • Project will carry energy generated in Mexico, where there is no environmental review. Of interest because Sempra is building one of the largest liquid natural gas facilities in Baja; they will build gas lines as well as produce electricity. • SDG&E want to make us believe that Project is for San Diego County but the electricity is really going north. • When line crosses into San Diego it crosses three preserves that are part of the MSCP. This plan was approved by federal, state and local agencies for the protection of open space. Now land that was bought to mitigate other development may be developed for an industrial corridor. • Seriously evaluate Project alternatives including in-area generation. Consider 2030 energy plan that emphasizes in-area generation and local support for electricity. • Compare costs of rooftop solar with the \$1.3 billion cost of building the Project. • Point 5 of the 2030 energy plan refers to transmission. But, if you read plan carefully there is less emphasis on transmission. • Line follows Cedar Fire route, largest wildfire in the State's history. Don't want another ignition source in our community. Need to look at this issue carefully.
Paul Tarr		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that the EIR is irrelevant because CPUC approves project prior to final route selection. • Concerned about the impact on families who own the land on which power line is to cross. • Fire considerations have not identified by the fire department or the Forest Service but it is an enormous issue. Suggests taxing power at a premium to SDG&E so that it's only used during an emergency; Money would be used on infrastructure in San Diego County. • Project provides opportunity to import power and a Project that moves power rather than supply power to the San Diego area. • A lot of business behind the power line and lot of environmental issues that will get "run over." Concern that the Stirling project will never be built. Request that the SRPL be brought on line when the renewable project is built.
Sharon Lynch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about the Project's impact on quality of life and on wildlife. Also concerned about noise from excess discharge of electricity. • Ramona community as important as other areas; SDG&E should place the lines underground like they are doing for other areas. • Concerned that power lines will make area more susceptible to fire.
Don Larson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines dangerous to gliders flying in the area. • Visual impact of power lines will discourage gliders from flying.
Denis Trafecanty		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a campaign to counteract SDG&E advertising. Placed sign in yard and will try and place signs in other locations that will say: blue sky or cold steel; enjoy the view before its gone; park lands or power line; beauty and the beast. • No access to fight fires on ground; towers restrict defensible space needed for fire breaks.

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John Bremer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sterling engines will only provide power 7 hours a day. The renewable source they want to use will only work a third of a day; the facility will sit there for the rest of the day with no power running through it? • Project could follow I-8 all the way up where it connects to 67 and then to the power plant. This route would avoid crossing "virgin grounds." Supports the use of rooftop solar energy.
Phyllis Bremer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called attention to the increased interest in and demand for solar energy.
Scoping Meeting, October 3, 2006 (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm) – Ramona, CA		
Kelly Fuller	San Diego/Imperial County Sierra Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned why power lines need to go so far north only to head down south eventually. • Believes that Sunrise Powerlink is only first phase of sending power eventually to Los Angeles. Concerned that there will be no environmental review of the power going to Los Angeles. • Requested dwelling data, fire data, and other maps showing information regarding related areas. • SDG&E filing refers to the removal of 50 homes. Need to "tweak" the alignment of the route so that the line does not go through these homes.
Kathleen Beck		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not feel that a company with a profit motive should be allowed to determine the use of public lands. • Feels rooftop is best location for route. • Referred agencies to www.jimbell.com for information on an energy plan for San Diego. Jim Bell was a former mayoral candidate. • Believes that we should take the opportunity to move forward with more sustainable energy sources by generating energy close to its ultimate users.
Jim Lydick		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works in outdoor education at Fox Outdoor School and takes 6 graders to areas along Project route. It would be terrible to see the transmission towers in those areas. • Likens the SRPL project to the situation in the movie "Chinatown," only this issue deals with electricity. • Likes the original '23' plan regarding in-basin generation of power along rooftops.
David Lloyd		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with wind farms; wind farms cause problems for birds and bats. Solar takes miles and miles of land and require cleaning. Good energy sources cause some environmental concern. • More alternatives need to be studied for the Project. AB1576 encourages PUC to consider repowering existing generating sites. • The Project should be reserved for renewable energy only. • Needs analysis must take into account energy production modeling. Transmission models should also be included as part of the studies.
Diana Lindsay	Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments that the listing of alternative routes identified by SDG&E does not lessen impacts as required by CEQA and NEPA. The list is structured in such a way to justify SDG&E's original plan. • Project likely to have significant unavoidable impacts to biological and visual resources, which means a statement of overriding considerations will need to be prepared. What overrides are possible to offset significant impacts to a State park?

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Denis Trafecanty		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't need the SRPL project because we have the Carlsbad Plant, Encina, and the South Bay plant. • Many reasons to focus on in-county generation instead of the Project. The Project will impact big horn sheep, no studies completed on the impact of the transmission towers on their migration. There are also visual, biological and land use impacts. • A lot of properties are in agricultural preserve lands that can not be used for development. Crop dusters will have problems navigating around the transmission towers. • Concerned about the legitimacy of SDG&E's claims of the 3 Rs: reliability, renewables, reduced costs.
Scoping Meeting, October 4, 2005 (2:00 pm – 4:30 pm) – Borrego Springs, CA		
Linda Carson	Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunrise Powerlink is at odds with the objectives, goals, and mandates of state parks. EIR needs to evaluate impact on existing and future land use and effect of declassifying wilderness lands. • EIR should include a complete analysis of the visual impacts of Sunrise Powerlink; about 90,000 acres are within the viewshed. • EIR should investigate the impact on federally and state endangered and threatened species but also those plant and animals identified in the Regional Multiple Species Conservation Program list. • Impact to camping sites should be analyzed. • Native American community should be included in planning process.
Sam Webb		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a good date for the scoping meeting as many of the winter residents are not here at this time. • Disturbed the route would go through Borrego Springs because the route was selected to incite a fight to move the line somewhere else. Power lines should be placed south, outside the park. • Only acceptable route is one that does not destroy the most beautiful desert state park in the nation, ABDSP. Take power lines and run them out of the park not through it.
Lori Paul (on behalf of Mr. Garmon, read his letter)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed because of environmental impacts to Anza-Borrego, fiscal concerns as a taxpayer, and technological concerns about SDG&E's proposed reliance on unproven methods of power generation. • Appreciate incomparable beauty of ABDSP. There are few places like this one left in San Diego County. • The SRPL project would be a scar on an environmentally and aesthetically sensitive location as ABDSP. There are multiple ways of achieving goal without destroying an irreplaceable "heritage."
Rebecca Falk		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce reliance on fossil fuel that contributes to greenhouse effect. • Keep few remaining wild areas intact to create zones of refuge and balance. • Just when the need for solar and alternative energy is initiated by California legislature and the governor, asked to invest in old-style transmission that depends on promised solar production, which happens to be conveniently located to Sempra's "dirty" power plants across the border.
Bill Collins	Borrego Springs Community Soccer Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towers would be a permanent visual blight and red lights would destroy the night sky. • Transmission towers are not in character with community. Lights and noise would ruin camping area. • Other alternatives should be explored such as rooftop solar.

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James Lindemann		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes the Project. • Concerned about the impact to endangered species and their habitat. • Suggests power lines parallel Interstate 8.
Bill Collins (as property owner)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own over 700 acres of land in the Project area. • Small road on property used to service water pipeline and storage tanks. Project may require road to be expanded, which could send rocks tumbling and destroy pipelines. • Bighorn sheep would be endangered by Project. • Exposure to electric and magnetic fields generated by towers is unacceptable. • Grinding and milling artifacts thousands of years old would be displaced. • Red lights from 160-foot towers would destroy night sky and would be permanent visual blight.
Mark Jorgensen	Anza-Borrego Desert State Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRPL Project totally unacceptable to the State parks. Met with SDG&E and Greystone for about 2 years and asked that a creative solution be found. Resulting proposal is uncreative and significantly impacts the park. • Wilderness land by definition should never be developed. Sees Project as "Eiffel Towers" through State parks, which is a violation of wilderness. • Proposes splitting 500 kV line into two 230 kV lines; Lines would go through rocky mountain areas or underground along causeways.
Fred Emery		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate review of alternatives; proposes a northern route that would go north along Route 86, crossing the back, and coming out towards Oceanside; • Greystone stated that undergrounding has been completed on 500 kV lines for short distances only, less than 25 miles. Proposed 22-mile route through the park can be buried. • Concerned about electromagnetic impulses and the impact on animals and people.
Judy Haldeman		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as it provides solace and stress relief for many weekend guests and a sense of discovery for many visitors. • Wanted to also point out that wilderness survives through vigilance.
Betsy Knaak	Anza-Borrego Desert History Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrego Springs depends on tourism and Sunrise Powerlink would negatively impact the tourism industry (sole industry of Borrego Springs). • Power lines would destroy the broad mountain vistas, mature vegetation, clean air, quietness, and dark night skies.
Jeanette Hartman	People's Powerlink; Sustainable Julian Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group mission is to get Julian off of the SDG&E grid. • Believes that the true purpose of the Sunrise Powerlink is to import power from Mexico and distribute to Southern California Edison and the Los Angeles Basin. • Referred the agencies to the People's Powerlink website for more information on the power plants in Mexico and connections to El Centro Substation. • Ask CPUC to reject SRPL because cannot evaluate project in isolation. Must consider complete and interdependent electric production and transmission plan that stretches from Mexico to Los Angeles.
Laurel Granquist		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines will go through ranches dating from the Spanish land grants as well as Native American archaeological sites. • Quality of life would be greatly comprised by Sunrise project.

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Cristina Warren		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines an obstruction for low flying firefighting helicopters. • Because of previous fires in the area (Pines and Cedar fires) residents concerned with the Project's potential to increase risk of fires. • Proposes 40,000 5-kilowatt solar panels be installed on homes.
Bob Hipchen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday visitors will be disappointed at the sight of towers.
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Charles Bennett	Anza-Borrego Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternatives not fully explored. Power project at odds with the objectives, goals, and mandates of state park. • Need to conduct complete analysis of visual impacts. SR-78, which parallels route, is a designated scenic highway. • Power lines can be seen in 90,000 acres or 18% of the park. • Construction to take place in area where federally designated endangered bighorn sheep reside. Need to thoroughly evaluate impacts to endangered species. • Area is archeologically rich. Construction will turn up lots of archeological sites. Native American tribes should be involved in the consideration of these sites. • Should focus on providing solar power. Use \$1.3 billion to do some real good. • If a transmission line is put in it should be placed along the border along with the border fence. It would be well-guarded if placed along the border.
Joe Rauh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines a flying hazard to low flying jets from Miramar. • 500 kV tower may require construction of another easement. • As realtor often get asked about electrical power. Each pole costs about \$6,000 to \$8,000. I often recommend they look into alternative power. • Talked with people that have solar power and they have said that they do not get paid for excess power. They may consider adding additional panels for long term usage if they received credit for the excess power.
Judith Withers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central East Substation would be constructed in community known as San Felipe. Application incorrectly refers to community as an "undeveloped rural area." • Plan to trample neighborhood with giant facility using existing road, and pass off as virtually uninhabited. • Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is a national treasure and one of the few untouched, pristine wilderness areas left in San Diego. • Area already in high-risk fire area because of past fires. Don't subject other communities to this fire risk. • Far better alternatives than desecrating a national treasure. Consider other alternatives such as rooftop solar and different and shorter routes.
Scott Martin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about opportunities and constraints identified in SDG&E document. • Project application identifies two opportunities and many constraints including federal and State wilderness areas, historic landmark, BLM land, geologically sensitive area and other areas (names several other constraints). • SDG&E has eliminated all alternatives that deal with energy efficiency, distributed energy, in-area generation, and rooftop solar. Need to consider objectives of Energy Action Plan and San Diego Regional Energy 20/30 Plan.
Louise Jee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air space has been historically used by military. Power lines would constrain that purpose.

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Joe Raffetto		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land is not suitable for any power lines — whether underground or above. • SDG&E advertisements portray a cherubic-looking guy who runs business and needs energy; backcountry folks are keeping him from getting energy he needs. • If I-8 corridor was dismissed because of potential for terrorist attacks, I don't think that is a viable reason. Terrorists can't blow that up on a mass scale. • Alternatives identified are trying to pit people against people. No one should have to look at power lines. • Electricity in 2015 – are we talking about power lines and generators in 2015? Should look at alternative energy sources. • SDG&E keeps saying "We can't do it." Why not?
Paul Johnson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines will change aesthetics of park and impact tour routes. • Power lines being built on top of San Felipe Creek watershed (second largest watershed) where flash floods are prevalent. • Much of the year is sunny; use solar energy.
Kellie Hamilton		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrego Springs residents are asking the Board of Supervisors to designate town as a Desert Conservation District. • Must know how we feel about placing a 130-foot "transformers" along southern skyline. • Need to put time and effort into the environmental impacts that Project will create. Deserve to know that studies were done completely and fairly.
Tom Sternock		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping meeting held when only 1/3 of residents are in town. 90-day EIR circulation period too short. Review period should be 180 days and during a time when more residents of Borrego Springs are here, otherwise will miss 90% of the people that will be affected by the Project. • Project goals include keeping lines out of populated areas. Should also have a goal that lines should not be placed on Preserve lands. Park lands are intended for preservation. • Produce power in coastal San Diego County where the power is going to be used. • Distribution system being set up to accommodate future growth. This needs to be addressed in the EIR/EIS.
Esther Rubin	Conservation of Biology Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines go through the habitat of endangered species and sensitive plants and animals. • Impacts to plants and animals need to be properly evaluated in the EIR/EIS. Need to consider effect of construction and whether construction will affect migration patterns of animals. There are many unanswered questions regarding the Project's impact on plants and animals. • Consider options that include <u>not</u> building the SRPL and consider clean and affordable options such as local renewable energy, energy conservation and demand management of energy efficiency.
Ryan Henson	California Wilderness Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests all routes avoid Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, designated wilderness areas, BLM wilderness study areas, and Forest Service areas. • Public lands should not be used for utilities or other related activities. • No public interest so compelling to warrant obstruction of habitat, recreational value, and scenery. Please do not consider any alternatives that would damage these valuable "wild" places.

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Sandy Burnaman		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside would not be as beautiful with massive poles rising from the ground. • Please put the poles somewhere else, we like out piece and quiet.
Robert Staehle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not received any official notifications of the Powerlink project even though he lives in Tubb Canyon. • Concerned about the impact construction could have on bighorn sheep. • His professional opinion as an engineer is that the readiness of the Stirling engines for full-scale implementation is overstated. Thinks SDG&E/Sempra's motive for profit should be investigated. • Suggests alternatives to power lines should be studied in EIR/EIS such as providing incentives for residents and small businesses to install solar energy systems. • SDG&E does not look into solar energy because it does not provide a lot of profit for them. It is not the CPUC's responsibility to ensure profits for SDG&E. • Would like to see alternative of 100,000 homes installed with solar over the next five years and 10,000 small businesses or parking lots. • Another option is to turn off air conditioning remotely for residences during periods of peak loads. • Application makes reference to certain routes as not acceptable because they are susceptible to terrorist attacks. Investigate potential for terrorist attacks in remote areas where there is little to no one there to see what is happening. • Need quantitative analysis of potential for fires in state park and remote areas. Also need to consider who is liable if a fire does occur.
Kelly Fuller	San Diego/Imperial County Sierra Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional scoping meetings scheduled so residents of Boulevard, Descanso, Pine Valley, Campo, and Guatay can attend. • Impact to desert pupfish in San Felipe Creek need to be looked at in terms of groundwater changes that can stem from the project. • PEA's assertion of no significant impact on the flat-tailed lizard and the Colorado fringe-toes lizard needs to be examined. Also not enough detail on how mitigation will reduce impacts; some mitigation will not reduce impacts. Enforcement of measures must be addressed. • Avian deaths due to collision determined not significant, but the number of deaths has not been quantified. Need to quantify to adequately assess impacts. • Concerned with visual and noise impacts in wilderness areas and in other unspoiled beautiful areas. Also concerned with impacts on hikers and impacts to washes by introducing tamarisk in the far west of Imperial County. No distinction has been made between the washes and the areas surrounding them.
Lori Paul		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG&E letter states that 50 homes would need to be removed if one of the alternatives was chosen, but preferred route would not uproot any families. Unique resources along preferred route that are also important. • Yellow ocotillo, gamble, California quail, burrowing owls would be impacted by Powerlink. • There are Native American artifacts and fossil sites located in the proposed area which only residents know how to locate. • Did not receive any official notification from SDG&E of the Powerlink project. • Need to add nocturnal animals such as bats (Yuma myotis, Mexican free tail, and pipstrelles) and owls to the list of species that are impacted by the Project.

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Maris Bancho (for 2-year old Sita Antel)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much discussion about alternatives but need to determine if the project is necessary. Questions need for additional energy. • Believes that importing power from Mexico should be illegal and CPUC should consider this issue. • Make local power plants more efficient and require rooftop solar panels on all new developments. • Consider children of California in the final decision.
Cristina Warren		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomorrow morning (6:30 am) look outside and you will see the beautiful sunrise we are working to protect (power lines will destroy sunrise views).
Joanie Cahill		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finds it offensive that SDG&E/Sempra is asking them to believe that Sunrise Powerlink will reduce energy costs. • Wilderness is set aside to be untrameled; no way to put in power lines without trammeling. We need this space, children need this space (save wilderness for future generations).
Mike Hussey		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If used forest land would be cutting down old growth; nothing has been done out there. • The Chairman of the PUC should not vote on the Project because he has already come out and said "it's a done deal." • Power plants in Mexico don't have permits to send electricity across the border. • Using the same technology used for 200 years; we're led to believe there is no new technology for electrical transmission. • If within 150 feet of power lines EMF will impact body. • What about the Project's impact on wells during construction? This issue needs to be considered.
Peggy Hurley		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An option that was not considered with regard to solar energy was the use of public buildings to generate energy. Solar carports are set up in public buildings in Yuma Arizona. • You would not have to worry about people not getting their money back. (See comment made by Rauh above)
Ted West Townsend		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House burned down in Pines fire – helicopter struck a power line. Power lines are danger with regard to aircraft. Only way to go is solar or wind energy.
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Marty Allenby	Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to route proposed through ABDSP. Powerlink would encroach and intrude on designated wilderness areas. • Noise pollution produced by the buzzing sound of the power lines. • SDG&E's plan does not outline impact to habitat or wildlife; inadequate analysis and lack of mitigation proposal. • Project would intrude on view sheds on approximately 90,000 acres of park. • No study completed to support extent of damage to cultural resources. • SDG&E failed to adequately pursue and thoroughly document alternative routes.

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Pam Albers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to route through ABDSP. Park's beauty and unspoiled vistas hold great personal meaning for her family. • SDG&E should be a good neighbor and consider value of preserving our environment; should be model for other corporations. • Construction unfortunate and tragic presence for ABDSP and other State and national parks. • Pursue other options such as parallel line that runs from Ocotillo through Jacumba.
Karen Mills	California Farm Bureau Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Link tables seem to be comparing apples and oranges. Compare land use and acres impacted. • Land classified as vacant should be classified as agricultural land because there are many grazing animals on these lands. • SDG& E is reluctant to consider easements on forest land because of the permitting process. But, existing easements should be used wherever possible. Don't want to short-sided planning for a long-term project.
John Peterson	Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commend Commissioner Grueneich for requesting additional analysis of alternatives. Must consider full range of alternatives. • Some information is not objective or truthful. Report says no impact to regional or designated open space but state disagrees. State Parks believes Project will have significant unmitigable impacts. • Consider southern route to Miguel Substation, underground options, or along river. • Report's tables/charts not objective, uses redundant facts to dismiss alternative routes.
Brian Jennings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a few crooked wooden poles in the park today, fails in comparison to what is being proposed. • Go to the park more than 10 times per year and three generations of family have enjoyed the park. • Currently, the views are unobstructed and one can see for miles on end. • Many Native American sites located in Anza-Borrego. • Established parks to give us a place to get away from development. Hope we maintain park as such a place for future generations.
Sara Feldman	California State Parks Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppose route through ABDSP. • State parks held in sacred trust for our children, grandchildren and future generations to come. Development in state parks is not tolerable. • There are other viable alternatives; our main concern is the park. Explore alternatives in an unbiased, fair and open way.
Nick Ervin	Desert Protective Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grave concerns with Project as proposed. Poses biggest threat to integrity of desert landscape that has seen in 30 years. • Environmental review must include consideration of the Project's impact on scenic view sheds; project will negatively impact scenic view sheds. • Noise study is inadequate. Cracking and humming from electric fields will disturb campers. • Towers will destroy the open camping areas of the park. • Habitat of bighorn sheep will be negatively affected. • Economic impact to communities like Borrego Springs and to State Parks must be considered in EIR/EIS.

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Chris Peregrin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think this project will be a disaster for the ecology of the region. Significant, negative ecological effects would arise from implementing the project. • Unique opportunity to distinguish San Diego as a conservation forerunner. San Diego can be a truly great center of ecotourism. • Please do not support this Project.
Bob Barelmann		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each and every one of us has the responsibility to our children and grandchildren to enhance, maintain, and preserve parks and national forest. • Route through ABDSP should illegal and unacceptable. • Land was set aside for wildlife and the use and benefit for people to enjoy nature forever. • SDG&E is already buying up land and surveying it as if the game is over. CPUC and judge must dictate that the project is the one that does not cross ABDSP, Cleveland National Forest, designated open space, or other public areas. • In extreme opposition to this Project due to impacts to wilderness areas.
Janis Shackelford		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not support proposed route of the SRPL Project. • Alternative D is not an alternative; it goes through fire prone areas. • Would like to see SDG&E partner with IID and find a way to transmit power from new sources, through the IID system, and then down to San Diego County from the north. • Would like to see SDG&E evaluate improvements to existing power plants in the county. • Would like to rooftop solar in conjunction with state program. Need financial incentive from SDG&E to expand system at home. • Does not think SDG&E should write off LEAPS project.
Jim Bell		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only alternative should be to <i>not</i> build the Project. • Tie solar to efficiency; efficiency pays back quickly. Invest almost all money into efficiency to get out of debt then shift to renewable energy development. Reduces electricity cost to consumer. • Thinks that SDG&E/Sempra are profiting by stealing money from customers whenever they can, willing to pay the fines in the few times they do get caught; SDG&E/Sempra should not be trusted on this project. • Recommended review of the book titled: "Creating a Sustainable Economy and Future on Our Planet." (He brought copies of the book with him to hand out after the meeting.) • Huge cash flow drain from San Diego economy to purchase imported electricity. Keeping dollars in local economy provides more jobs. Two billion in exported electricity could mean four billion in local economic activity if invested locally. • System on roofs and parking lots would be difficult to terrorize. • Should not be basing energy security on a non-renewable energy source such as gas.

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Donna Tisdale	Boulevard Sponsor Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vigorously question and dispute stated need for this invasive, obnoxious project. • SRPL and renewable energy means 10s of 1000s of acres of treasured public open space and scenic vistas will be sacrificed with 1000s of towering windmills, over 30,000 massive solar generators, and over 100 miles of transmission lines. Feels that Sunrise Powerlink is a ruse to provide undisclosed Mexican power to Los Angeles. • Farming families in Imperial Valley not fully informed of planned sacrifice of their rural areas for coastal urban areas. • Over 5,000 acres near Ocotillo and Plaster City HOV area is the potential site for a massive solar field. Are off-roaders aware of this Project? • Blazing new corridors will only encourage and promote the industrialization of the back country, which does not comply with community character or plans and will pave way for future expansions. • Power should be generated close to urban basins. Pursue intensive conservation and other forms of local generation.
Bill Hoffman		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feels there is little actual demand for power. Need to focus on whether need project at all. Use of existing substations should be considered. • Wants EIR/EIS to consider options outside of ABDSP and the forest. • Would like to see e-mail addresses and other contact information on project Web site, and in reports in case the public has a question they would know where to direct their question. • What is it going to take from what agency to derail Project from ABDSP? Need to know who (what agency) has sign-off power or veto power over the Project.
Marsha Johnston		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weakest link in Project is that it has so much remote transmission. Central power generation is most cost effective. Cost of transmission and distribution adds significantly to cost of generating electricity. There are other alternatives that are less expensive such as recycled energy from industrial processes and from electrical generation that already exists. (Submitted a paper on recycled energy to the lead agencies.)
Kelly Fuller	San Diego/Imperial County Sierra Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego Sierra Club not given enough time to thoroughly examine alternative routes proposed by SDG&E. • No preliminary environmental analysis for new potential routes. • EIR/EIS should state that the Anza-Borrego General Plan would need to be amended before SRPL could be approved. Plan only recognizes existing easement and to widen an amendment would be necessary. • EIR/EIS must address the implications of adding 250 MWs of new peaking units to come on line in 2007 and 2008 (05-12-013 and 06-12-013).
John Raifsaider		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feels project is an act of violence towards nature. • Supports rooftop solar – “let us go wireless.”
Denis Trafecanty		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application states no impact to view sheds in ABDSP and to Santa Ysabel valley. Don't get it? • Under the Williamson Act, there should be no development on concerned property for 10 years. • Concerned SDG&E will again manipulate price of gas to create an energy crisis arising from the price of power. • Referred audience and agencies to People's Powerlink website for more information.

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Bruce MacRobbie		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions need for the Project; the more heard today the greater my doubts. • Flaw in the name of ABDSP because has "desert" in its name. Most people think of areas east of Yuma, but Anza-Borrego is a spiritual place. • Project would violate a favorite spot - Firemen's Memorial Point view will be disturbed. • Submitted several photos of landscape and Grapevine Canyon.
Gary Hughes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If and when SDG&E goes to Arizona or Mexico would they use other sources of "green" energy? If not, then why spend 1.3 billion on dirty power? Use upgraded and modern expansions to current generation facilities in San Diego.
Joe Raffetto		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is tearing the heart out of the county through infringement on ranches and view sheds at ABDSP or along the highway. • Sempra does not want rooftop solar energy to be used because it is not a commodity for them. • Would like real sources of power like rooftop solar panels.
Marvin Patche		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions why existing power lines are not being upgraded.
Pat Biane		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see SDG&E encourage more people to conserve energy. Provided an example of how Walmart stores are conserving energy by using energy efficient light bulbs in all of their stores.
Scoping Meeting, October 5, 2006 (6:30 pm to 9:00 pm) – Rancho Peñasquitos – San Diego, CA		
Martha Sullivan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about BLM jurisdiction in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. • Suggests an analysis of cumulative impacts like growth and surplus along the power lines to address potential for surplus in energy. • Questions reliability and feasibility of the Stirling Engine. • No Project Alternative must consider recent legislation on global warming and solar power. Must be part of No Project Alternative and not a separate alternative. • Under the California Solar Initiative, project must look into solar alternatives.
Marijo Vandyke		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft EIR/EIS should examine the potential of wildfires and earthquakes. Wildfires are frequent in back country. Line extends from Vicente Road to Sycamore Canyon Substation which follows route of Cedar fire. • Imperial Valley and Vallecito Mountains are most active fault area in California. • Questions when the use of geothermal sources will cause subsidence in the Imperial Valley. • Questions whether any sources of power will be located in Mexico. • South Bay Plant undergoing a complete overhaul. This plant should be included in calculation for power generation in the area. • Concerned about first responders and neighborhood fire capacity when dealing with overhead towers and voltage lines. Is the right equipment available? Can fire department handle transmission line fires?
David Regendardt		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towers generate a lot of 'buzz' from electricity. • State parks should be for the enjoyment of people not for the placement of transmission lines. • Many Native American artifacts, burial sites, and marked trails within 800-acre property. • Anza-Borrego contains many mountains lions, sheep that would be impacted by the Project. • Oppose route through the State park and through my land.

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Mike Vildibill		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in Rolling Hills community of Poway. 437 kV lines run adjacent to community. • Project proposes to increase to 667 kV, which would be significantly different from the impact on other areas where 230 kV lines will be installed. • Recommends installation of incremental lines under ground in communities that already have overhead power lines. • SDG&E not very available during planning process; rarely returns phone calls. • Many residents have a concern with continued reliance on foreign energy sources. Need to consider energy from Mexico in this equation.
Keith Ritchey	West Chase Homeowners' Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposes 3 different routes: 1) Lines submerge at Carmel Valley Road for 3 miles and then re-emerge at Evergreen Nursery; 2) Run power lines under or in-between the median of State Route 56; 3) Run power lines through abandoned sewage area of park, along ball parks, along Mercy Road and then connect with existing power lines in Scripps Ranch. • Concerned about the proposed route because it would be placed within an area used as a park by residents.
John Callahan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the possibility of using existing easements for highways, rail lines, natural gas lines, sewer lines. (Co-locate power lines within these easements.)
Grazyna Krajewska		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More power lines would increase electro-magnetic fields. • Existing contract for 300 megawatts of power is suitable. Energy companies only want new power lines for more access. • SDG&E did not do their homework in investigating renewable energy sources and other options.
Bob Reich		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions the need for Powerlink to provide additional power. • Project has not been considered within context of energy for the City of San Diego for the next 20 to 30 years. • Doesn't believe large solar energy facility is likely in Imperial Valley.
Laura Copic	Carmel Valley Community Board and Carmel Valley Concerned Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one wants transmission lines in their backyards. Therefore, non-wire alternatives should be consciously pursued. • Project is in conflict with Energy Action Plan and San Diego Regional Energy Strategy because it focuses on transmission first. • Line goes underground in Peñasquitos and then above ground in Carmel Valley Highlands area where there is an existing line. We want the line to be placed underground. If not, then we prefer consolidation of lines. • Believe that those communities that already have lines are not be considered by SDG&E. • Project would adversely affect scenic vistas of the Preserve. More wires and towers would increase "wiring off" effect from the Preserve. • Significant construction in area and associated with the proposed Project would cause disorientation and displacement of wildlife. Drainage patterns have been also impacted by construction and would be further impacted by this Project. • Towers are within one quarter mile of a school. Project has potential to release hazardous materials that would impact schools and homes in the area. • Cumulative fire risk is also a concern because of dense vegetation and inadequate response time from firefighters.
Tom Kluczynsia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines would ruin the view coming down Montezuma Grade in Borrego. • Likes Figure 8, Item D of the alternatives proposed, would be better than going through Borrego. Don't place on Uptopp Canyon or will ruin Borrego appeal.

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Harvey Payne	Rancho Peñasquitos Concerned Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents are counting on CPUC to fully develop an unbiased record of alternatives for the Project. • Non-wire alternatives, in-basin generation, distributed generation demand reduction, and conservation efficiency measures should be pursued. • In-basin generation is a viable option in San Diego. Federal government has set aside a portion of MCAS Miramar for a new power plant for San Diego. • New line not needed to gain access to renewable energy. Why not load up SWPL with renewable energy to meet goal? • There are no good options. Cost of putting a line is too high from an economic standpoint, environmental standpoint and human standpoint.
Helen Dominguez		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity of power lines to Park Village Elementary school, homes and a park may lead to increased brain tumors in children. • Need to have a full disclosure of what can happen – what kind of chemical releases can happen if there is a fire underground or above ground? Need to study toxicity in the air and its effect on people.
Michelle Ritchey	West Chase Homeowners' Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dense community with a 150-foot SDG&E easement. If Project is constructed power lines would come very close to many homes, only 5 feet away from the fences of some backyards. It would be devastating if the transmission lines were placed in the easement, which is now used as a park.
Mark Schmidt		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about the Chicarita Substation; wants lines to be placed underground.
Weixing Chen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would earthquake rupture underground lines and cause fire to break out? Is there a minimum distance underground lines must be from homes?
Aurele Gilleran		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that no agencies are representing the health aspects of community residents. • Concerned about the impact of power lines to property value.
Demian Dorrance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a regional strategy that should be implemented. Regional energy strategy is for in-basin generation and repowering of power plants. • Support alternatives that avoid the ABDSP. SDG&E presented alternatives that they knew would be unacceptable. • Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve deserves the same protections as Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Continue lines underground for the second half of the preserve. • Computer simulations completely ignore residences along route. Impacts to community would be greater than shown in the report. • Those of us that bought homes near existing lines did not expect additional lines or higher EMF. • Don't have a good understanding of how alternatives are evaluated and selected. Need objective third party to consider and document all suggested alternatives and results.
Glenn Halchadorian		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPUC Web site and other documents do not delineate goals with hard numbers. Difficult to determine to what degree the project is being achieved. • Proposes that entire coastal link be buried to protect Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.
Tad Braun		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worries where power will come from if the new Stirling Engines do not meet projected needs. • Suggests swapping the line (500 kV in south along border and 230 kV in north or proposed route) to limit SDG&E's ability to sell energy to Los Angeles.