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Date: 10/5/06
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Comment: Please sec attached sheets for my comments (once ms and atterpratives regarding the proposed Powerlink project and proximity to where I live along with Community issues. Thank you
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To: CPUC/BLM

c/o Aspen Environmental Group

Re: Proposed Powerlink Project

I attended the final public scope hearing held Oct. 5th in Rancho Penasquitos to discuss the proposed Powerlink project. Although too shy to stand and speak during the meeting, the folks in charge stated written comments were welcome from those who did not feel comfortable speaking in public, and equal consideration would be given to both verbal and written responses. Therefore, I respectfully submit my written comments regarding this project and its impact on myself, my family and this community along with suggested alternatives.

My home at 9950 Las Conicas San Diego CA 92129 in Rancho Penasquitos is located directly in the path of the proposed underground Powerlink project as shown on the map 6B which I received from Aspen Environmental (copy of area attached). From looking at this map and viewing the larger sized maps shown at the meeting, this electrical underground line as currently proposed would be installed immediately at my property line which happens to be just feet from my home and where our living quarters (living room, family room, bedrooms, etc.) directly face.

I also noticed that in this specific section only, the proposed Powerlink line is planned to directly abut my home and others in this area, whereas elsewhere along the proposed path immediately to the west, the Powerlink line is shown in the same canyon but placed farther away from homes nearer to the SR 56 freeway and bike path locations.

As a homeowner who lost my mother to a rare brain tumor and my husband a few years ago to cancer (Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma which his oncologist determined was most likely due to environmental exposure he received in childhood), I was left a widow at age 37 with two minor children to raise alone, and I'm very afraid of what could happen with such powerful amounts of electricity and EMFs being placed only feet from where we live and just 36 inches underground.

I also kindly ask for the least amount of intrusion and potential destruction to the canyon and wildlife here in this area. In this canyon behind my home is a small river that along with brush and trees help sustain wildlife that I have never witnessed anywhere else in urban San Diego. As a native San Diegan who grew up in North Park, I'm in total awe at this animal world that lives independently alongside us in our city. Red tail hawks, quail, woodpeckers, yellow orioles, white night owls, coyotes, raccoons and snakes are just some of the wild animals I have personally seen and know live in the canyon directly behind my home where the planned line is proposed.

I'd like to mention that this canyon is located right next to Las Penasquitos Preserve and since animals obviously don't know human boundaries, I'm concerned their ecosystem might be permanently damaged since they feed, hunt, reproduce and live in this canyon. There is a real possibility of a domino effect causing negative and unforeseen outcomes to the wildlife, including the wildlife presently located in and around the protected preserve if this environment is altered too much.

I appreciate the effort SDG&E and the folks working the project are taking to get input and work with all of us who may be directly affected by this project, so along with what I mentioned above, here is my list of concerns:

Concerns at the location where I live:

- * Close proximity of humans to electrical lines (even underground)
- * Permanent damage to canyons and landscapes caused by installation
- * Destruction of precious wildlife and potential permanent damage
- * Wild animals such as coyotes driven farther into suburban neighborhoods
- * Chemicals, fuels and toxins right at home sites due to construction
- * Property damage caused by noise, window breakage, landscape damage
- * Relocation required if noise, dust and chemicals are too close to living areas
- * Fire hazards from power lines near homes could be catastrophic
- * People walk this canyon, clear brush, etc. Electrical lines could be accidentally dug up or damaged causing fire or expensive repairs
- * Major earthquake (after Katrina and the unthinkable, what can one say?)

Proposed Alternatives at the location where I live:

* Install the Powerlink away from homes and instead place it next to or under State Route 56. A gentleman spoke at the meeting and provided excellent suggestions and submitted maps showing how a line could be

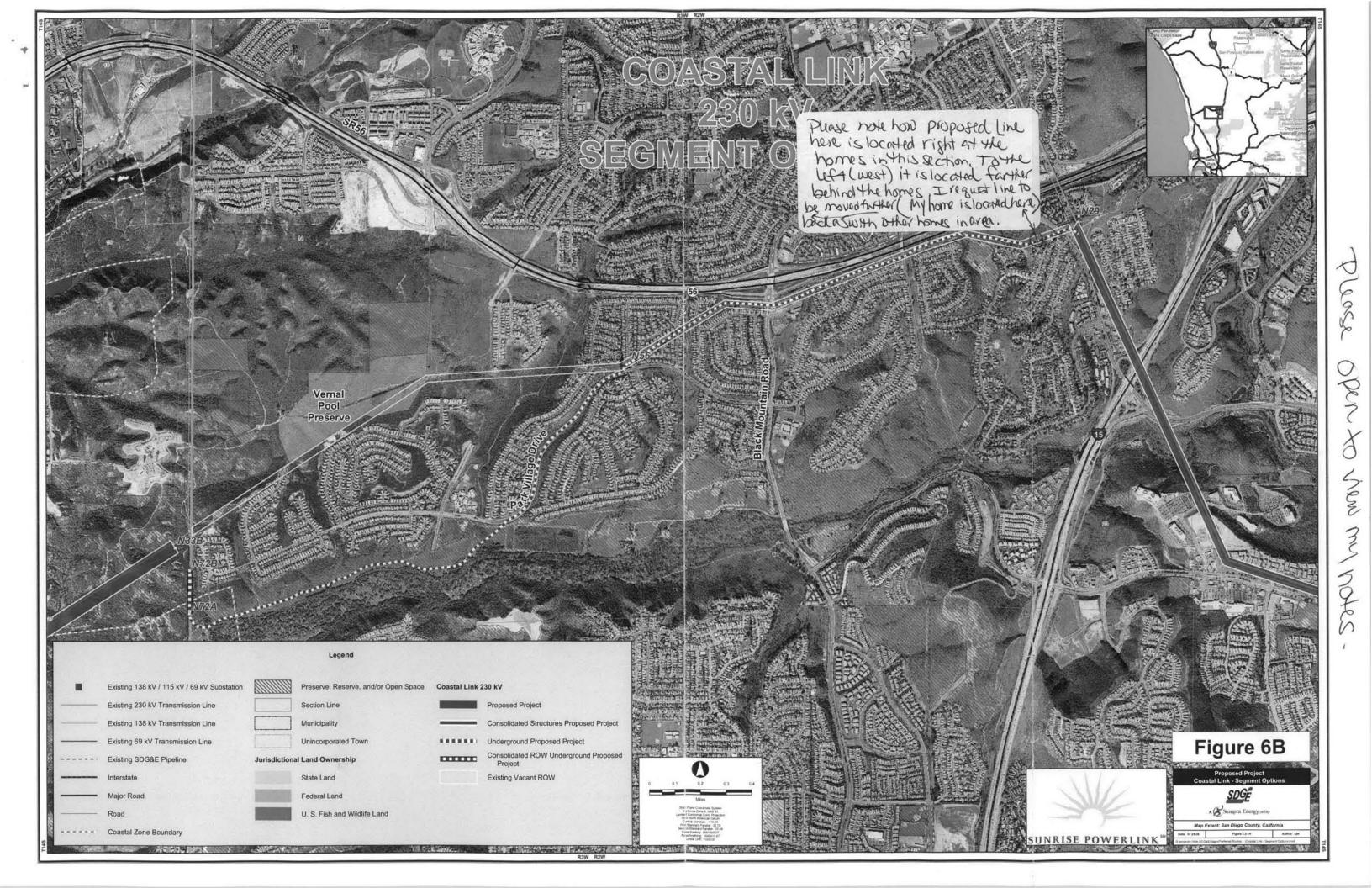
installed directly at the SR56 freeway and even connecting south to the Scripps Poway Parkway lines if desired. This would be ideal. No home interruptions or temporary relocations would be necessary which would also have great cost savings. The freeway is are already in place and the land is already paved so no further damage would conflict with people or wildlife. There is already fuel, diesel, emissions and noise at the freeway so during construction and installation of the power line no new added disruptions would be placed on private citizens in their homes. Lanes or roads could be closed off or re-routed temporarily as needed just as it is done when the cable or phone company installs or upgrades their underground lines. I was told there is a process so that Caltrans can be consulted and an easement obtained to do this.

* If putting it at the 56 freeway is not possible, at the very least I ask that the power line be moved out farther away from direct contact near my home and others by me and instead be moved nearer the bike lane adjacent to the SR56 freeway. The road, freeway, and overpasses are already in place as noted above, so home interruptions or relocations would not be required and the existing neighborhoods, wildlife and canyons could remain intact. Electrical wires would be a safer distance away from homes in case of a catastrophe and residents would feel safer since it is not so close to their yards where kids live and play.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to give my comments and hope they are sincerely taken into consideration so that progress can be made to benefit all parties, including SDG&E but in a thought out and humane way with the least invasive means possible. That way, residents don't feel like the power company is the enemy and the power company can be confident that they have the respect of the community and its residents. Ultimately, this and other future projects will be an easier pill to swallow if we all work together and make a sincere effort to achieve what is needed with minimal turmoil and impact to those of us most affected by this project. Hopefully, positive considerations can be made for those of us who live along the planned route, so that it can be a success for everyone.

Thank you very much.

Regards, Melody Herbert (858) 780-0646



----Original Message----

From: Bob Nabours [mailto:rnabours@cox.net] Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 7:58 AM

To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Subject: Central Substation

From: Bob Nabours <rnabours@cox.net>

Date: Wed Oct 4, 2006 4:27:47 PM US/Pacific

To: <hikermommal@yahoo.com>

Subject: CPUC letter

To: CPUC

Robert Nabours 26742 San Felipe Rd

To all concerned:

I recently learned that SDG&E is proposing putting a large substation a 1000 ft from my house with a 230v tower less that 500 ft away. I am against the power link, but I fail to understand why you would want to destroy 40 acres of land, plus all the ancillary roads to put in this Central substation. The original proposal had the line run along S-2 and meet the existing substation at 79 and S-2, but then someone decided to hide the substation in the mountains ??(behind my house and the other 8 families that live on this road, plus countless other families on S-2, WHY? This will be an environmental disaster for the following reasons:

They will have to excavate and kill large stands of native trees(old shaggy bark, and manzanita trees) plus countless other indigenous plants. They are putting this substation in a residential area.

This is a mountainous area with a huge potential for a wildfire Access is limited and all this excavation will aggravate this designated water shed area

It seems that this substation will cost considerably more than if they upgraded the existing substation on S-2

As I mentioned early I am opposed to the power link, but again why not utilize the existing substation on S-2 for the following reasons:

It is a direct route along S-2 to the power station

The substation is a flat area, there will have to be minimum excavation. There are no trees or plants just grass and no families around.

There is easy access directly off two paved roads

Sincerely,

Robert K. Nabours



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Date: 0et 5, 2006
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Email:*
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Comment: We are strongly against the plan of high voltage power line passing through Park Village Drive, Its. (1) Power lines can produce electric field, magnetic field, radiation etc. which substantially effect on the human body and health. How about the 230 KV high voltage lines?
(2) Please do not ignor two public achools currently located mea by and many senior citizens are living in the area as well.
3) As a regident in the Park Village area, please don't distur our life any more to install high voltage power lines under Park Village Drive
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October 5, 2006

I am John Peterson and am a Board member of the Anza Borrego Foundation and Institute. Having worked within the environmental field over the last 25 years I also have a strong background within the environmental regulations contained within the CEQA and NEPA.

I commend Commissioner Grueneich for requesting that additional analysis be completed on alternative routes for the power line. The project as proposed located all power lines directly through the Anza Borrego State Park. Potential impacts to the Park from these routes have been addressed by others previously. According to State Officials these impacts would likely be significant and unmitigable.

The CEQA (Section 15126.6(b)) requires alternatives that are capable of avoiding or substantially lessening any significant effects of the project, even if the alternatives may impede to some degree the attainment of project objectives, or may be more costly. I believe that the project as originally proposed did not comply with this direction.

In following the direction from Commissioner Grueneich SDG&E has now provided additional information within the brief filed on October 2, 2006. The main question is if this brief has fully complied with the direction offered from the Commissioner.

I do not believe that it has due to the following facts:

1) The original project placed all routes through the Park, now this response places all alternatives routes through one site Santa Ysabel. This does not examine the full range of alternatives. What about the southern route to the Miguel Substation or the route into Imposite County, or under grounding?

The routes proposed B C and D go directly through the heart of the National

Forest and other Park lands within the central County. They appear to take the longest

and most environmentally impactive routes possible.

3) On page 9 the report concludes that alternative routes B C and D would result in impacts to several sensitive plant animal species. No surprise here since any route within the County would have these impacts. The report appears to use the obvious as evidence against the routes.

4) Also the table within the report is not objective or truthful. As an example on page 11 it states that the proposed route (through Anza Borrego State Park) would have no impacts to regional and local parks designated open space. And impacts to the State Park will be mitigated. Well according to the State this is not correct (I would refer you to the letter from Ruth Coleman).

In summary CEQA requires an open process with objective and unbiased analysis. The provided information is not that and I do not think that it complies with the direction provided by Commissioner Grueneich.

John Peterson, Board Member, Anza Borrego Foundation, 5432 Taft Ave. La Jolla Ca. 92037 email address of petersonenv@hotmail.com

----Original Message----

From: Denis James [mailto:namteprac@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 10:51 AM

To: news@ramonasentinel.com; sunrise@aspeneg.com

Subject: save our back country

Ramona! SDGE is going to get away with destroying the back country, Anzo-Borrego Park, and any view you might have unobstructed by 160 foot towers. Wild life and residents will be endanger if the Sunrise power link goes through. SDGE say their selves that EMF from these lines are harmful and that there closer to you underground than 160 feet in the air. If a fire starts how do the fire crews and air craft going to fight it, who are you going to call SDGE or 911. On Tuesday Oct 3 2006 the BLM and CPUC held a meeting in Ramona at the Charles Nunn arts center. there are about 50,000 people living in Ramona and only 26 people came and some didn't even live here. That's 26 people that are fighting for your country way of life, and trying to stop SDGE from a new way to raise your rates. We all moved here and in the back country to get away from congestion and to enjoy the open views and wild life, If this line goes in you are going to loose all of it. The Power link is costing \$1.4 billion not counting over runs and finance charging, Then all you have is a line and towers going from Imperial Valley to the ocean. No Solar panels no Wind turbines, and no Geothermal plants just a line and a road at the bottom. Solar panels are said to cost \$75,000 maybe as cheap as \$25,000 and they need 56,000. with all the folks in Ramona can't we come up with a better plan. Solar panels on roofs, up grade the older plants in San Diego county and use the existing lines that are there already. When SDGE says that this Power link is for SDGE only then why do they need very large power station in Warner Springs could it be for going north to Riverside and Los Angeles. SDGE say that they need only one line but as you remember they raised your rates and said that they would give you a refund. If SDGE gets a foot in the door you can bet that it will not stop with one line look at Lake Jennings area. The BLM and CPUC are having these meetings to get ideas if only 26 people show up out of 50,000 it seems to me that we don't care. Well I do. Thank you Denis namteprac@yahoo.com Billie Blanchard, CPUC/Lynda Kastoll, BLM C/o Aspen Environmental Group 235 Montgomery St., Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

We wish to express our opposition to the SIV&E Survise Powerlink Project. In our opinion, the project is unnecessary. We feel SDG&E has not sufficiently explored alternative power resources to most their needs, such as solar energy. As year-round vesidents of Borrego Springs, we are particularly concerned about the adverse effect the project will have on the Aura-Bornego Desart State Park and on the property owned by our neighbors, The potential negative impact on the area's plants and wildlife cannot be underestimated. From an aesthetic standpoint, such an undertaking would scar one of the most beautiful areas in the state This could result in a loss of revenue for our valley's businesses, as we rely strongly on tourism. Most importantly, it would forever change this environmental treasure we've been given.

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Jan M. Shannon Navil W. Shannon

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P.O. Box 1103

Borrego Springs, CA 92004

----Original Message----

From: John Bland [mailto:JBLAND@elko.k12.nv.us]

Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 9:29 AM

To: dpv2@aspeneg.com

Subject: Fwd: Scoping Comments - Sunrise Powerlink Project

>>> "John Bland" <JBLAND@elko.k12.nv.us> 10/3/2006 4:38 pm >>> To whom it may concern,

My name is John Bland. I recently received the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project package that describes this project. I am writing to request relocation of the proposed Central East Substation. Our family ranch and

ranch house that is nearly 100 years old, constructed by my Grandfather boarders this development. Our family heritage and the historic setting of

our ranch will be destroyed by this very large and obtrusive project.

scenic and historic value or our ranch will be overtaken and lost by the

development of the Central East Substation. Please consider relocation of

the Central East Substation.

Sincerely, John Bland

From: The Jorgensens [mailto:jorgy@cableusa.com]

Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 2:24 PM

To: sunrise@aspeneg.com

Subject: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

October 6, 2006

Billie Blanchard
California Public Utilities Commission

As residents of Borrego Springs, California, we would like to comment on the Sunrise Powerlink project.

We adamantly oppose the construction of an above ground high voltage power link through any portion of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We attended meetings hosted by SDGE early on in the process and provided comments, written and oral. The primary options proposed by SDGE come right through the heart of the state park and do not appear in any way to take into account ours or many other's concerns.

Such a high-profile line is completely incompatible with the esthetic and environmental qualities of this large park and the large amount of formally designated wilderness lands within it.

If the line is built, either underground the line or lines along existing highway corridors, or better yet, route the line out of this highly sensitive and world-class park.

Paul and Kathy Jorgensen P.O. Box 665 (641 Tilting T Rd.) Borrego Springs, CA 92004 William L. Medina 12970 Swath Place San Diego, CA 92129 October 6, 2006

Billie Blanchard, CPUC/Lynda Kastoll, BLM

c/o Aspen Environmental Group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3106

Please consider the following mitigation measures to reduce the potential impacts associated with SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project.

Page 8.2-21 of SDG&E's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) states: Underground construction of the transmission line would permanently impact approximately 0.17 acres of wetland features associated with storm water and culvert drainage near Ted Williams Freeway.

This impact can be easily mitigated with just a minor adjustment to SDG&E's proposed underground path. There is a bike path approximately 150 feet to the north of SDG&E's proposed route, adjacent to the Ted Williams Freeway. Constructing the underground transmission line along this bike path will provide the following benefits:

- This revised path mitigates any potential environmental impact to the wetland area
- This revised path moves the proposed transmission line further away from several existing residences.
- This revised path reduces elevation changes along the transmission route and eliminates the requirement to divert water during the construction process. These benefits may actually reduce SDG&E construction costs.
- This revised path facilitates SDG&E access to the underground transmission line for future maintenance activities.

I request that these comments be included in the final Scoping Report. In addition, these mitigation measures should be considered as part of the EIR/EIS process.

Sincerely,

William L. Medina

name = Donald J. Armentrout
organization =
email = armentrouts@citlink.net
subject = Sunrise Powerlink Project

FeedbackType = Comment

request_comment = I find it difficult to understand why this project cannot be built in an existing designated corridor. As a former member of the CDD staff who worked on several utility projects I found how easily proponents could use existing corridors once the BLM took a stand in supporting their land management plans. Is there a valid environmental reason why existing designated corridors cannot be used?



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Telephone Number:* 760 -767- 3455
Email:* CBGAY@UIA. MET
Comment: We lotally object to the Surveye Pawlick
peopet Kunning through the Southern section
of the Garreen walley and the Jubb Canus area.
The impact of The line would very obstusing
resulty and it would not be good growing
in the valley. also the natural habitat would
be have a negative impact.
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From: Martin & Kathy Meglasson [mailto:mmeglasson@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2006 9:18 PM

To: sunrise@aspeneg.com

Subject: Ratepayor comments regarding Sunrise Powerlink

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please see the attached Word document file for my comments on the Sunrise Powerlink and my rationale for opposing SDG&E's proposal as submitted to CPUC.

Thank you.

Martin Meglasson mmeglasson@sbcglobal.net President Michael R. Peevey
Commissioner Geoffrey F. Brown
Commissioner Dian Grueneich
Commissioner John Bohn
Commissioner Rachelle Chong
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Sunrise Powerlink Plan

Dear Commissioners:

I am a California utility ratepayer living in Carmel Valley Neighborhood 10 (known as Carmel Country Highlands) of San Diego.

I am opposed to the Sunrise Powerlink as currently proposed by SDG&E. My opposition is based on information presented by SDG&E representatives at Carmel Valley and Torrey Hills Neighborhood Association meetings and at SDG&E's Carmel Valley open house as well as the views expressed in public forums by former members of the San Diego Regional Energy Taskforce and articles in the North County Times and San Diego Union Tribune newspapers.

I am concerned about inadequate future electrical supplies to Southern California. A recent article in the San Diego Union Tribune (September 3, 2006) points out that SDG&E has been aggressively pursuing new electrical supplies for the region. I commend the SDG&E for recently opening a power generating plant in Escondido. However, I believe SDG&E has chosen the wrong approach in proposing the Sunrise Powerlink.

The approach SDG&E proposes serves the aspirations of its parent company, Sempra Energy, to enhance its energy trading business by building an east-west high voltage corridor. The cost of achieving Sempra's business aspirations will be borne by California ratepayers who will have to pay for the east-west high voltage lines. SDG&E has alternatives which will also bring additional energy to the Southern California market, but these will not further Sempra's energy trading and pipeline operations and, therefore, do not seem to have been considered and have not been proposed. Power plant owners in Chula Vista and Carlsbad have offered to replace their power plants, which will be shutdown in the next few years, in exchange for long-term contracts, but SDG&E has refused to negotiate for this energy supply (San Diego Union Tribune, September 3, 2006). These options would not require the building of the Sunrise Powerlink and, therefore, would not result in massive costs to California ratepayers. Viable alternatives to the Sunrise Powerlink have been proposed by others and are referenced for your attention: http://www.borderpowerplants.org/04-24-06%20Powers%20Sunrise%20Powerlink_EI%20Centro.pdf.

San Diego regional leaders and energy experts developed a regional energy plan entitled "The San Diego Regional Energy Strategy, Energy 2030" which was published in May, 2003. This plan emphasized the need for local energy generation to assure a reliable energy supply to Southern California. In a recent article by the San Diego Union Tribune entitled "The Next Power Crisis" (September 3m 2006), it is said "The problem is deceptively simple. Energy firms aren't building enough power plants, particularly in Southern California." In developing the Sunrise Powerlink plan, SDG&E appears to have ignored the consensus of regional leaders and energy experts as expressed in the "Energy 2030" report by opting for remote power generation and a long-line strategy.

SDG&E proposes to site Sunrise Powerlink in the middle of parks and land preserves. I am distressed with despoiling Anza Borrego State Park and Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve by the planned placement of giant steel towers and power lines in the midst of what is supposed to undeveloped lands for public enjoyment.

For the reasons I oppose the Sunrise Powerlink as proposed by SDG&E. I hope that you will use your position on the CPUC to compel SDG&E to pursue the strategies in the "Energy 2030" report to assure adequate future electrical supplies to San Diego and the Southern California region, to avoid the imposition of unnecessary costs to ratepayers, and to prevent the despoiling of public parks and greenspaces.

Sincerely,

Martin Meglasson

Martin Meglasson 5774 Brittany Forrest Lane San Diego, CA 92130