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## VIA E-MAIL TO sunrise@aspeneg.com

Billie Blanchard, CPUC / Lynda Kastoll, BLM c/o Aspen Environmental Group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935 San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

Re: Comments Regarding "Modified Route D Alternative"

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

On behalf of the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians ("Tribe"), I write to comment on the above referenced alternative for the Sunrise Powerlink Project. As the Tribe has stated on the record on several occasions, it is opposed to the construction of the Sunrise Powerlink Project. However, the Tribe does wish to provide input on alternate routes that may offer less significant impacts to the variety of areas we have identified; namely, cultural and environmental resources, fire risks, health and safety, communications impacts and aesthetics.

While it is certain that the Modified Route D Alternative and any I-8 based routes will have an impact on cultural and other environmental resources, aesthetics, fire risks, to name a few, the Tribe would prefer this route, or any of the I-8 based routes, over the Santa Ysabel proposed and/or alternate routes. The Tribe offers this comment based, in part, on the fact that Native American human remains were recently discovered during an environmental survey for the Sunrise Powerlink Project, in close proximity to the Santa Ysabel Reservation. The Tribe was named the Most Likely Descendent and is now in consultation with the landowner. The Tribe is not surprised by such a discovery and did expect that such discoveries would and will continue to occur. The proposed routes near the Santa Ysabel

Devon Reed Lomayesva, Esq. Office of the Tribal Attorney Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians P.O. Box 701, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070 760-765-1093, ext. 102 ~ 760-765-1312 fax Reservation will have significant impacts on our community and our reservation, as demonstrated by the above stated recent event.

The Tribe appreciates the opportunity to provide this additional comment and looks forward to your consideration of such. If you have any questions regarding this letter, I can be reached at 760-765-1093, ext. 102 or via email at <a href="mailto:drlomayesva@verizon.net">drlomayesva@verizon.net</a>. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

SANTA YSABEL BAND OF DIEGUENO INDIANS

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Devon Reed Lomayesva, Tribal Attorney

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