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Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

On June 12, 2007 the Pine Valley Community Group met for our monthly meeting to review and discuss the Sunrise Powerlink Interstate 8 Alterative Route.

The unanimous decision of the Planning Group is that this route I-8 alterative would totally destroy the rural scenic beauty of Pine Valley and the I-8 freeway. The I-8 Freeway in eastern San Diego County may be the most beautiful undisturbed freeway in California.

The I-8 alterative would traverse approximately 11 miles through the geographic jurisdiction of The Pine Valley Planning Group.

The environmental problems are enormous. A 40 acre substation, 130 foot towers with 300 foot pads, the service roads between each tower would be an esthetics disaster for the I-8 Corridor.


There will be serious problems for fire fighting near and under the towers and power lines. The service roads will be eroded do to the heavy monsoon rains we get in our area each summer. The silt from the eroded service roads will enter the tributaries and streams.

These service roads may also be a magnet for illegal off road activity.

If we had to pick the "MOST" environmentally destructive route for a power line, this alternative I-8 route would be our choice.

We don't know who recommended this route as an alternative route, but they don't live in Pine Valley and they don't drive the scenic I-8 freeway.

Sincerely:



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