

COMMENTS MUST BE EMAILED OR FAXED DUE TO THE 10/08/07 HOLIDAY!

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RE: Sunrise Powerlink and Modified Route D Alternative

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll,

It is my understanding that the public comment deadline has been extended to accept comments received by October 8, 2007. Please include my comments in the official record for the Sunrise Powerlink project and include my name on the list to receive notification when the Draft EIR/EIS is released for public comment.

Modified Route D Alternative, which interconnects with either the I-8 route, or the previously eliminated B-C route along the existing 69 kV powerline, both of which impact our rural community of Boulevard and many others, appears to have as many negative impacts to private properties, public lands and sensitive lands as the other ill-advised routes for this unneeded and unwanted project. I strongly oppose Modified Route D and all the other proposed routes, including the preferred and all the alternate routes. Please refer to SDG&E's own comments submitted to the CPUC on Modified Route D Alternative, dated June 14, 2007, for a list of some of Modified Rt. D's negative impacts. I agree with SDG&E on those impacts. The potential for new high power transmission lines, on this and other routes, to trigger fires is also a major concern for our high-risk area.

However, I strongly disagree with SDG&E on the need for the Sunrise Powerlink project itself. Sunrise will compromise San Diego's Regional Energy Strategy to increase the in-basin power generation to 75% in 2020. I support alternative goals of energy conservation through education and the use of more efficient insulation and equipment, upgrading the existing grid to eliminate bottlenecks, using energy generated at an upgraded and more efficient Encina Power Plant and a replacement for the South Bay

Facility, implementing an aggressive solar roof campaign including commercial projects like Kyocera's solar tree parking lot and UCSD's solar roofing projects, and moving energy from appropriately located renewable projects on the existing South West Powerlink when the current long-term energy contract runs out in several years.

Currently, renewable energy from Imperial Valley is being transmitted to SCE and PGE via the IID transmission grid. Ormatt just signed a deal to move new geothermal energy sold to SCE via the IID grid. IID has stated they have up to 1,000 MW of capacity to move more renewable energy north with just a few minor and affordable upgrades to their existing infrastructure. Overall, this would provide a more diversified distribution of energy, without having to invest in hundreds of miles of obnoxious and vulnerable powerlines through rural communities and sensitive lands. It would also save the ratepayers from bearing the burden of a \$1.5 billion dollar boondoggle. I also strongly resent having our rural communities bulldozed, and our property values slashed to accommodate an old school energy highway that connects to urban users in L.A. and which, according to the Utilities Consumer Action Network, represents almost \$800 million in profits to SDG&E and their shareholders.

Sincerely,

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