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Billie Blanchard, Project Manager California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 RE: SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Proposal

Dear Ms. Blanchard,

I am writing you in regards to the issues surrounding the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and asking you to actively oppose the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink proposal.

As a resident of Southern California, I am alarmed by the fact that a State Wilderness Area may be de-designated as a Wilderness Area in order to develop a 500kV energy superhighway. I find it disconcerting that our government is willing to put big business interests before those of a protected finite resource.

The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is important to me. It not only supports a diverse eco-system but it also provides a setting in which my children and I can explore nature and connect with the Earth. It is our civic duty to safeguard such open spaces, focus on their preservation and promote the idea that nature is worth protecting.

The fact is that there exist other logical and economically viable alternatives to SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink proposal that would better balance energy needs with conservation efforts. I strongly urge you to look into those options and oppose the building of a second transmission line directly through our desert.

Best Regards,

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