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Re: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Land Use Amendment for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company Application for the Sunrise Powerlink Project; SCH No. 2006091071; DOI Control No. DES-07-58

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. We note that portions of the proposed alternative routes cross several Indian reservations under the service jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California Agency and held in trust by the United States for the tribal beneficial owners. The reservations include: Campo, La Posta, Viejas and Santa Ysabel. While these reservations are under our service jurisdiction, land use decisions of each of the potentially affected reservations are made by their respective tribal governments.

We strongly urge the California Public Utility Commission and Bureau of Land Management to consult directly with the potentially affected tribal governments on a government to government basis to ensure that possible land use conflicts are disclosed. Should land use conflicts exist, only the tribal governments have the ability to provide a resolution. However, if a land use conflict is not resolved, the Bureau of Indian Affairs would not approve a right of way for the implementation of any of the alternative routes across lands held in trust without the consent of the affected tribal government.

If you have any questions, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management and Safety (DECRMS) at (916) 978-6042.

Sincerely,

Superintendent