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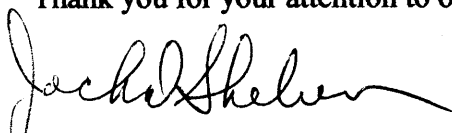
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March 15, 2008

CPUC/BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935
San Francisco, CA 94104

Enclosed is a resolution regarding the Sunrise Powerlink EIR/EIS adopted by the Julian Community Planning Group. The resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Julian Community Planning Group on March 10, 2008. The Julian Community Planning Group is a duly elected body whose role is to advise the San Diego County Planning staff, County Planning Commission and the County Board of Supervisors, as well as any other organization which has the authority to make land use decisions in the Julian Community Planning Area or locations that may have an impact on the Julian Community Planning area.

Thank you for your attention to our position on this matter.



Jack D. Shelver
Chair



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RESOLUTION OF THE JULIAN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP REGARDING THE EIR/EIS FOR THE SUNRISE POWERLINK

WHEREAS: The California Public Utilities Commission and the United States Bureau of Land Management have published a combined EIR/EIS for the project known as the Sunrise Powerlink proposed by the San Diego Gas & Electric Company, a Sempra Energy Company; and

WHEREAS: The Julian Community Planning Group has been monitoring the progress of the proposed project since its inception and members of the Julian Community Planning Group have attended numerous information meetings and public hearings regarding the proposed project and have familiarized themselves with the issues identified in the EIR/EIS; and

WHEREAS: In February 2006 the Julian Community Planning Group went on record opposing the construction of the Sunrise Powerlink project and specifically urged the Public Utilities Commission not to approve any route that would pass through or near the community of Julian; and

WHEREAS: Based on a thorough review of the factors outlined in the EIR/EIS, as well as our particular concerns for the environment of the Julian Community and surrounding areas, the Julian Community Planning Group finds that:

- There is reason to believe that the future growth of the San Diego Metropolitan Area will require additional energy resources in the foreseeable future and that no single source will adequately satisfy those needs.
- In addition to the energy demands from population and business growth, two of the major electric generating plants (South Bay and Carlsbad) and the San Onofre nuclear generating plant, all of which provide energy to the San Diego Region are scheduled to be phased out of service.
- A number of methods of meeting the future energy needs, such as a major expansion of photo voltaic generation, conservation, and new stand alone electric generating plants in the San Diego region have been proposed as an alternative to the Sunrise Powerlink. While admirable, they rely on untested technology, levels of conservation that may be unacceptable to the majority of users, and the ability to find agencies or companies willing to build new electric generating plants and who have the ability to finance and obtain the necessary permits.
- We have stated that we have not been shown the need for the Sunrise Powerlink, however, we acknowledge that there will be a need for additional energy resources in the future and the ability to obtain power from outside the region may serve a portion of that need.

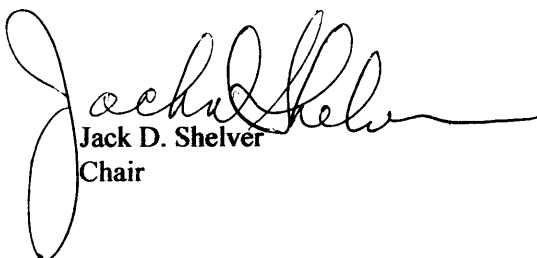
- The EIR/EIS identified the Alternative 4 South Route as the power line alternative that offered the most favorable environmental option. The Interstate 8 route with alternatives Campo North and West Buckman, while not as environmentally benign as the route paralleling the SW Powerlink, offers significant environmental advantages over the north Routes and appears to meet the needs of San Diego Gas & Electric Company
- Both the findings of the EIR/EIS and testimony at the Public Hearing conducted at the Julian Town Hall by a member of the Public Utilities Commission and an Administrative Law Judge clearly demonstrated that the SDG&E-preferred north route through Anza Borrego State Park and the Santa Ysabel valley would have devastating environmental impacts on Anza Borrego State Park and on the historically pristine Santa Ysabel valley.
- The Town of Julian is a designated Historic Site that depends on tourism for a healthy economy and it is our considered opinion that desecrating the Santa Ysabel valley with massive electric towers and wires would have a dampening effect on people coming to Julian to enjoy the historic rural ambience.
- The preferred north routes would have major and lasting negative impacts on one of the best grazing grasslands in San Diego County. Grazing has a long and colorful history and needs protection and preservation as a cultural artifact.
- If your Commission finds that the Sunrise Powerlink is a necessary element in the provision of energy to the San Diego region as well as the requirement to provide twenty percent of the regions' energy through renewable resources, we strongly urge that only the least environmentally sensitive routes be considered.

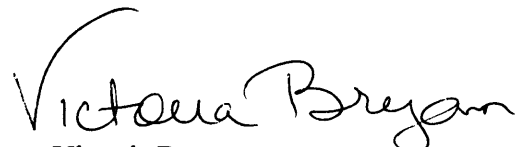
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Julian Community Planning Group supports the findings of the Sunrise Powerlink EIR/EIS in determining that the Alternative 4 Southern Route offers the most environmentally benign option for the Sunrise Powerlink.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the Commission finds that the Sunrise Powerlink must be built, that the Commission find that only the Alternate 4 Southern route is an acceptable route and that only that route be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Julian Community Planning Group strenuously objects to any consideration of the North Routes that would transverse the Anza-Borrego State Park and/or the pristine Santa Ysabel valley.

Passed and adopted this Tenth day of March, Two Thousand and Eight by a vote of 6 voting yes and 0 voting no and 1 abstention.


Jack D. Shelver
Chair


Victoria Bryan
Secretary