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**RE: Sunrise Powerlink Draft EIR/EIS**

Dear California Public Utilities Commissioners,

We hope that you will evaluate the proposed Sunrise Powerlink (SP) and come to the same conclusion that we have come to. The SP is not good for San Diego. It will have terrible negative consequences for the environment and for the people who live in the area near the transmission line.

Just the fire danger and close proximity to the existing Southwest Powerlink make the new transmission line unacceptable.

The stated purpose that the SP is being built to transport Green Energy from the Imperial Valley to San Diego is not believable. There is not enough Green Energy being produced in the Imperial Valley to justify the billions of dollars that this new transmission line will actually cost. It is obvious that the SP will actually be bringing energy from the Sempra plant in Mexicali, Mexico to San Diego, Riverside and Orange Counties.

As you are aware, the Sempra plant burns dirty imported gas which produces high levels of pollutants that lead to lung diseases and global warming. These high levels would not be allowed in California and it is wrong that an American Company should be allowed to do it in Mexico.

The idea of using Green Energy is extremely noble and worth pursuing. Why not use the existing Southwest Powerlink to satisfy the need to bring in clean Green Energy from the Imperial Valley and rural Eastern San Diego County? Increase the capacity of the Southwest Powerlink by adding additional lines or increase the size of the line as more Green Energy is produced.

Encourage more solar by requiring solar on rooftops of all newly constructed homes and buildings. This will take time but it is certainly the cleaner,

cheaper, less environmentally damaging way to fulfill the Green Energy requirements.

Encourage all forms of Green Energy from recovering methane in landfills to installing micro-wind generators on roof tops.

If more energy is needed for San Diego's future then more gas fired plants should be built using new technology which allows for much cleaner burning plants. Build the new plants where they are actually needed. If this means that SDG&E needs to build new plants in Northern San Diego County or Orange or Riverside Counties, then that is what they should do. This would increase reliability, reduce outages, and be less expensive and be considerably less environmentally damaging then constructing the 150 mile SP transmission line.

Here in Potrero we believe that the Sunrise Powerlink will have many negative impacts: it will be a fire hazard, it will damage the wildlife including threatened and endangered birds, reptiles, insects and animals, it will damage our view corridor with the tall towers and multiple lines, there is danger from EMFs, high voltage lines are noisy, and it will reduce property values.

We find it extremely disconcerting that placing the lines underground in wealthier communities is suggested but not for our very beautiful, very scenic area.

We would like you to please consider carefully the alternate possibilities for increasing Green Energy in San Diego and say **NO** to the expensive, unnecessary, environmentally damaging Sunrise Powerlink.

Sincerely,



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