

RE: SDGE SUNRISE POWERLINK

TO: Judges, Board of Supervisors, San Diego

FR: Valerie Sanfilippo, Linda Vista, Sierra Club

Please oppose and do not approve the SDGE Sunrise Powerlink.

This is a proposal for 150-foot towers from Mexicali to L.A. through Anza Borrego State Park or Cleveland National Forest.

If it goes through the desert, it will destroy the wilderness of the state park, it would no longer be a wild park.

If it goes through the forest, it will cause more forest fires like the powerlines did in the Witch fire.

The environment impact statements by the State and Federal Government says that the powerline is not necessary and will cause air pollution and global warming, and increase outsourcing of jobs and national security, and there are better ways to produce energy.

Please require SDGE to fund alternative clean energy jobs and technology in our county.

It's time to start building solar power on all our buildings in San Diego.

Most of us live here for the rural quality of life in our city and county.

Stop over-building and destroying our quality of life and our county.

We don't need more empty downtown condos and more dirty energy.

The Sierra Club says we need to cut our carbon emissions 80% by 2050 to avoid global warming famine and drought - that's threats to our food and water supply.

We can cut 30% immediately with energy efficiency which would pay for itself by energy savings.

Please require SDGE to look forward to the future, not backward to the past, this would be a disastrous thing to do.

If SDGE has given the Supervisors campaign money, and they are applying for a contract, that is a conflict of interest and should be made public.

I hope that the Board of Supervisors is not going to ignore the public and the environment impact scientists on this matter as they do on so many others.

You are inviting more warming and more fires into our lives, and that is the very last thing you should be doing.

The Pentagon says global warming is our #1 threat, I hope you are all taking it seriously. Thank you.

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RE: SDGE SUNRISE POWERLINK

FR: Valerie Sanfilippo, San Diego Sierra Club, 18,000 members
POSITION: OPPOSE SDGE SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT.

PROBLEMS:

WILDERESS - We lost our forest state park in the warming-drought-Cedar fire, now they want to destroy our fragile desert state park, with high buzzing towers that kill birds, quiet and scenery.

FIRES - If it is routed through Cleveland National Forest , it will cause fires as their power lines did in warming-high wind-drought Witch Fire.

AIR POLLUTION/WARMING - Government scientists have said the project will create unacceptable levels air pollution and global warming, it is not a green project.

OUTSOURCING JOBS - The project will create temporary jobs here but outsource our permanent jobs to Mexican Power plant workers.

OUTSOURCING ENVIRONMENT - The project will bypass California 's strict environment laws and encourage dirtier power plants in Mexico .

SECURITY - The project threatens our energy security by going beyond our borders for power, subject to foreign governments which may renationalize the power.

COST - Engineers have said the cost is too expensive, at least twice what could be spent on alternative projects.

COAL POWERPLANTS - Scientists have said that coal cannot be made clean and is not an acceptable fuel for our current climate crisis.

BLACKOUTS - The blackouts of 2000 were manipulated to increase demand, and there was a blackout on 5th Avenue before the meeting which is suspect; blackouts in New York and Ohio were caused by lack of investment in repair.

GREENWASH - SDGE engages in false advertising by dressing this project in green and sun symbols, it has nothing to do with green or solar energy.

GROWTH - We should not be building more energy for more growth, when our water resources, especially because of energy warming, cannot support a great amount of growth.

BYPASS - This project would not benefit San Diego , it is a bypass of our jobs and laws to Mexico , and would bypass San Diego to serve Los Angeles .

VULNERABLE - Engineers have stated that the power lines are vulnerable to the high winds of Santa Ana `s which would cripple the entire system.

POWERLINES - Power lines are no longer an option for San Diego , not even for solar, wind or geothermal in the backcountry/ desert, because of the warming- drought- winds- fire prone problems.

SOLUTIONS:

EFFICIENCY - Scientists say we need to decrease our carbon emissions 80% by 2050, that means a radical change in energy, to avoid famine & drought, which is a threat to our food and water supply; we can save 30% just with energy efficiency which pays for itself in lower energy costs.

SOLAR ROOFS - Solar roofs on all buildings are the best option for energy independence and sustainability in San Diego .

AFFORDABILITY - Individual families cannot afford to install solar roofs because of the high cost of mortgages in San Diego ; SDGE should be made to install and maintain the solar roofs as their equipment, and charge residents for rental and the amount of power they use.

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION - We need to think in terms of local generation and distribution to avoid the long-distance power line problem.

REIMBURSE RULE - We need to change the thinking of reimbursement for power lines to a new basis on carbon, and there should be no subsidies without return on investment to the state.

SCIENTISTS - The State needs to listen to the scientists in this matter, they tell the truth, not the profit-driven salespersons who have global domination ambitions, and who have falsely covered up the warming issue until we are in this dire state.

REGULATION - The state needs to take a strong hand in regulating our utility businesses for the good of the survival of the species.

RESTRAINT - The intercontinental power link is a grand idea, but we need to restrain ourselves from this romantic vision and get down to earth with the realities of living within nature's rules.

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I am Valerie Sanfilippo of San Diego Sierra Club with 18,000 members.

I oppose the SDGE Sunrise Powerlink and favor enforcing solar roofs.

The SDGE Sunrise Powerlink is a project to bring Liquefied Natural Gas from Asia to Ensenada port, bypassing American longshoremen, through a pipeline to Mexicali power plant, bypassing American environmental laws, and on a powerlink 100-foot-high wires over a hundred miles through San Diego's desert state park, national forest, or private property, to hook up with Los Angeles powerlines.

If it goes through the desert, it will destroy our state park, if it goes through the forest, it will cause fires, which is how we lost our last state park; as well as powerlines caused the Witch fire which destroyed many homes.

This project will not only cause more fires, it will cause more global warming, which will cause more drought and more fires.

It will outsource our jobs to Mexicans and completely bypass San Diego's needs, while taking our property and endangering our property.

We need to get off this treadmill of dangerous fuels, we need to reduce our carbon emissions 10 percent each decade to nearly nothing to save our weather, our food supply and our water supply.

We need to stop building these dirty projects and start looking forward to the future.

Because of the global warming already caused by a lack of foresight for the past half-century, we are no longer in a position to do these types of projects.

We need to stop paying by the powerline mile and start paying by the solar panel roof.

My solution is that the government bodies pass laws and enforce that SDGE has to put solar roofs on every customer's building in San Diego.

We cannot afford, paying high mortgages, to do this ourselves.

We can rent the equipment as we used to do with the phone company, and SDGE would be responsible for upkeep.

We desperately need to do this radical conversion immediately, as we cannot afford any more wildfire seasons, and we must start right now to radically change our energy format.

We must do it for our children and grandchildren, so that they may have a chance to survive without major catastrophe.

Thank you.

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