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~~Commissioners,~~ Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. I'm Dave Concannon, and my wife Dee and I are here in opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink.

When we drove here this evening, we -- and others -- contributed to the carbon footprint of the area. We've heard that term bandied about, quite often by politicians....the same politicians who say we must do something about it, that we're responsible for "going green." Solar is the answer, they say. More Americans must go solar and they better get started now.

Because we haven't done that in any measurable way to date, S.D.G.& E. points to that as one of the reasons we must have the Sunrise Powerlink. *Back in the ^{early} 80's SDG&E said the Southwest Powerlink would take care of our energy needs well into the 21st Century. But here we are again. So maybe solar can be our savior?*

But how can we afford to go solar? How many working folks -- and retirees like us -- can afford to shell out between 25- and 50-thousand dollars for the upfront cost of going solar with the reward being some distant and low-level rebate?

Why haven't the utilities -- like SDG&E and others -- corraled the solar energy folks and said: "Look, you've got to help us lobby in Washington and in Sacramento to get bills passed that would subsidize the up-front costs of building solar."

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We aren't looking for handouts. These would be low- or no-interest loans which would have payback built in. Possibly grants for very low-income folks. Maybe paybacks could be done with the leftover electricity sent to the grid. And, we wouldn't need the additional electricity from the Powerlink if a portion of new residential and commercial construction is required to be solar or other green energy.

I don't know. But I do know that we would be going green with solar very, very quickly. And maybe we wouldn't have to have meetings like this anymore.

Thank You.