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Dear Commissioner Grueneich and Judge Weissman,

I signed in but couldn't stay to testify at this week's public hearing at the San Diego County Administrative Center on the Sunrise Powerlink. Hence I am using email to get my message to you, hopefully.

I have been active in civic affairs in San Diego for more than 30 years and have held numerous posts; among them, chair of the Regional San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau.

At the conclusion of an information piece by Sempra about the Sunrise Powerlink, the narrator says "San Diego Gas & Electric Co., serving you today, planning for tomorrow." In my opinion no organization, for profit or not-for-profit does as much planning for the common good as SDG&E, looking decades into the future to guarantee that our county has enough power.

Now they have developed a way to bring power from renewable, green resources in Imperial Valley to 600,000 homes in San Diego County. The path SDG&E has chosen is creative and eco-friendly (unless you prefer tall, brown, creosote poles).

So what happens? The CPUC releases a draft EIR claiming that building up to five new power plants in San Diego is "environmentally superior" to importing power via the Sunrise Powerlink.

I would kindly term this a puzzling proposition, almost disdainful of San Diego. This happened once before in the late 80s. The CPUC then determined that Southern California Edison could buy SDG&E. Well, our community came together as it never had before or has since. We formed a multi-faceted coalition of business, government, consumer groups, unions and others to send the message in no uncertain terms:

OVER OUR DEAD BODIES.

It took 32 months but then the CPUC voted unanimously to kill the merger. Now the CPUC seems to be catering to the usual group of naysayers by recommending that FIVE power plants be built in San Diego County. That proposal won't even get out of the blocks. In no way is it possible.

The point here is:

We are a broadly based community here and we want and need clean, green power the best way we can get it, and soon. And we hope you're listening.

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