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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to support the conclusions of Aspen Environmental Group in their draft Environmental Impact Report study for SDGE's proposed Sunrise Power Link project. Upon review of the Draft EIR, I agree that the proposed route is of too great a detriment to the people and the environment of northern San Diego county. I believe the proposed project has too many negative impacts to merit its construction. While the EIR is extensive in its findings, there are other, less measurable impacts that I hope would be taken into consideration while the California Public Utilities Commission reviews this project.

I have lived in urban places for most of my life. Most recently, San Francisco 's Mission District was my home. One reason San Francisco is such a great place to live is that it is relatively easy to find wilderness not too far from home. The residents of the city flock to Marin and the east bay on the weekends to get away from the city and enjoy the open space. Healthy cities must have wild places for people to stretch their legs.

San Diego has certainly grown significantly in the last fifteen years especially with expansion to the east. People here in San Diego have the same need for contact with nature, and I have noticed a marked increase in weekend traffic on Hwy. S2, as people explore the back country on their weekends. There are many trails in this region, the most famous being the Pacific Crest Trail, which the power lines would severely impact, but many other trails as well, so many that would be so much less interesting to explore if the power lines were visible.

I currently live directly across the road from the proposed substation adjacent to Hwy S2, and it deeply saddens me to think about what this beautiful place will feel like if the substation were to be built here. The sound, the lights, not to mention the towers and lines, these things are alien to the back country and will destroy a very unique place.

Thank you for your time,

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