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Re: EIR/EIS

To Whom It May Concern:

We are extremely opposed to the Sunrise Power Link project (SPL) and in all of its alternatives, except for the No Project Alternative for the following reasons:

1. Every alternative will cause irreparable harm to the environment, the near-by residents and the property values of landowners.
2. Sempra Energy will reap huge financial gains at the expense of the environment, residents and landowners. This is not right.
3. There are many possible alternative sources of energy that won't harm the environment, residents or property values of landowners.
4. Some studies have shown that we don't even need the power from the SPL.
5. There are "greener" alternatives that should be used instead of the SPL.
6. Much of the electricity from the SPL will not benefit San Diego.

We are just plain, ordinary working people. We have worked hard all our lives for what we have, and it isn't fair that Sempra Energy can take it away from us. I'm sure that none of the Sempra executives would want to live near those huge power lines, especially if they have children. And I'm sure they wouldn't want to suffer the loss in property values that the SPL will bring to every landowner in its path.

This entire saga reeks like the Owens River land-grab in 1913. According to an article from the San Diego Union Tribune by Michael Gardner (Dec. 18, 2006), greedy "growth-hungry Los Angeles civic leaders orchestrated the draining of the Lower Owens River...robbing residents and the landscape of precious (water) supplies" and turning the area into a "dust bowl."

It's a sad story, especially considering that it's true. Once again, people in power are saying that the rest of us need something that those in power can give us – but at a huge cost to us and with huge financial benefits to them. The cost will be the irreplaceable loss of our beautiful vistas, numerous plant and animal species, the tranquility of our country homes, and the destruction of our property values. It makes us angry that this project could even come this far and threaten us, bringing unnecessary worry and stress, especially when we don't need the electricity and there are environmentally superior alternatives to use when we do need it. The SPL is all the more baffling considering the efforts by governments, businesses and ordinary citizens to protect and preserve our fragile environment.

Please stop the SPL. We don't need it, we don't want it, and we don't deserve what it will do to us and to our environment.

Sincerely,  
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