

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 10, 2007

Juan Sandoval, Assistant Manager, IID Energy  
Imperial Irrigation District  
P.O. Box 937 – 333 Barioni Blvd.  
Imperial, CA 92251

**Re: Request for Additional Information Regarding Proposed Sunrise Powerlink  
Transmission Project, CPUC Application No. 06-08-010**

Dear Mr. Sandoval:

We appreciate the information you provided in response to our letters of January 4 and 29, 2007. As part of the EIR/EIS preparation process for the Sunrise Powerlink Project, we are considering a wide range of potential projects in the area as cumulative, indirect, or connected actions to the Sunrise Powerlink Project. Based on news articles, your statement that IID is no longer planning to pursue the Desert Western Alternative, and as a follow-up to the previous IID data responses, we have additional requests related to planned projects within IID's service territory.

1. Is it correct that IID has also temporarily stopped contract negotiations over the Green Path Project? (See attached news article text.) Please explain the current status of IID's involvement in the Green Path project.
2. Please verify that IID's previous responses are still current regarding the specific components of the planned projects listed below:
  - Upgrade existing IID system to 230 kV as shown on map previously provided;
  - Construct a new San Felipe 500/230 kV Substation;
  - Construct new 230 kV line(s) into a San Felipe Substation for access to renewable resources.

We would appreciate your prompt response to this request, which will allow us to maintain our current EIR/EIS schedule. If possible, please respond to these items within one week (by April 17, 2007). Any questions on this information request should be directed to me at (415) 703-2068.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager for Sunrise Powerlink Project  
Energy Division, CEQA Unit

cc: Sean Gallagher, CPUC Energy Division Director  
Ken Lewis, CPUC Program Manager  
Steve Weissman, ALJ  
Traci Bone, Advisor to Commissioner Grueneich  
Nicholas Sher/Jason Reiger, CPUC Legal Division  
Lynda Kastoll, BLM  
Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental Group

## Attachment 1

### **Green Path Renewable Energy Project Hits Roadblock**

March 27, 2007

*Ed Joyce*

A plan to send renewable energy from the Imperial Valley to San Diego is being delayed. The Green Path project would link up with the proposed Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. KPBS reporter Ed Joyce has details.

The Imperial Irrigation District Board voted to temporarily stop contract negotiations over a plan to move renewable energy to San Diego and Los Angeles. San Diego Gas and Electric's proposed Sunrise Powerlink transmission line would tap into those sources to provide energy for more than 600,000 homes in San Diego.

Kevin Kelley is with the Irrigation Board. He says the board wants to review an independent consultants report before they make any decisions. Kelley says the board will make a final decision next month on the Green Path projects.

The Imperial Valley has geothermal, solar and wind sources that SDG&E and other utilities want to use. The utilities have to meet a state mandated goal of using a certain percentage of renewable energy by 2010.

Ed Joyce, KPBS News.