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**CPUC/BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
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Re: Comments on RDEIS Sunrise Powerlink

Tulloch Family Partners, LP and Cumming Trust D would like to submit the following comments regarding the SDG&E proposed reroute through the Santa Ysabel Valley.

- 1. We are impacted by the proposed route and each of the alternatives south and west of Highway 78 at Santa Ysabel. The SDG&E reroute provides no significant reason to go west of Santa Ysabel. The impacts to future uses of the private property will be greater than the environmentally superior route that traverses the far eastern portion of our property. Any time a property is divided by a utility there are lasting impacts and constraints to any future use and compensation for these impacts tend to be decided in a court of law.**
- 2. SDG&E owns property to the east of the Highway 78 and Highway 79 intersection and this line could just as easily go east along the north side of the Santa Ysabel town site, cross Highway 78-79 at the current SDG&E substation and easement following the existing easement underground traveling south, then west along the existing easement to the overhead transition site. This route is compatible with the environmentally superior alternative with the exception that it can avoid the portion of undergrounding in Highway 78-79 through Santa Ysabel by following the north boundary of the town site to SDG&E's existing substation. Does the fact that The Nature Conservancy owns property to the east of Highway 79 and adjacent to the existing SDG&E substation create an obstacle that is more important than another piece of private property owned by a rancher? Apparently so!**
- 3. Routing the underground portion east of Highway 79 along the northern boundary of the town site to the existing SDG&E property would reduce the impacts to agricultural land that will be impacted by the SDG&E revised route. It would follow the eastern boundary and pass through less productive grazing land vs. the SDG&E revised route that would pass through the middle of productive grazing land. It is stated that the agricultural portions can be restored however there is no mention of the permanent roads and access that will be required along the easement creating an area that is permanently impacted.**
- 4. The underground-overhead revision near SYAU-9 is a reasonable alternative that keeps the transition point at a lower elevation, thus being less visible. This alternative**

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would be more acceptable than the proposed project route or the environmentally superior alternative previously proposed by CPUC.