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Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 09:06 PM
To: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Anza Borrego Desert State Park

February 23, 2007

Dear Members

We wish to state that we are opposed to the construction of a 500KV powerline across 22 miles of the Anza Borrego Desert State Park.

The proposed powerline would cross State Park Lands that were purchaed by past and present citizens for Park purposes. Also the Anza Borrego Foundation has for the past 40 years accepted donations of monies and lands to consolidate the inholdings within the Park.

The donations were given with the understanding that the properties acquired would be held in "TRUST" forever as State Park property for public use, and not be physically and visually violated.

State Parks are established to be held in perpetuity for use by the public, not to be exploited by outside influences, in this case the San Diego Gas and Electric Company. Please uphold the TRUST that "PARKS ARE FOREVER."

Thank you.

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From: Tian Du [mailto:tiandu@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 10:16 PM
To: sunrise@aspenerg.com
Subject: Against Sunrise Powerlink through Park Village Road

Dear Sir, Madam:

My name is Tian Du, and I am the homeowner at 12554 Picrus St, San Diego, CA 92129.

The proposed route of Sunrise Powerlink through Park Village Rd. can impact on the local communities badly and can cause long term, short term, predictable, unpredictable health and damage problems.

1. There is already an Existing Vacant Row planned (in Figure 6A) for this power line to bypass the Park Village Rd. area and there is much lower population density around the vacant row.
 2. Most of the houses along the Park Village Rd. are very close to the road side and there are no buffer zones from the power line to protect the nearby buildings and the peoples who live in from any radiation, fire, and other environmental hazards caused by the power line.
 3. Underground power line is harder to identify the functional problems and can hurt nearby human lives or damage the nearby buildings.
 4. Earthquake can damage the underground power line without detection and cause the environmental hazards immediately or later.
 5. The electromagnetic radiation on either side of the Park Village Rd. can have a long term, harmful effects for the LARGE NUMBER of residents, the joggers, the passing-by drivers and the children who go to the Elementary School along the road.
 6. Due to the additional risks caused by the power line, the medical, property insurance costs for the impacted population and buildings are expected to increase.
 7. Construction of the underground power Park Village Rd. without using the originally planned Vacant Row can cause more environmental damages because it will inevitably impact on the building structures, plants in the route.
 8. Construction of the power line in a higher population density along the Park Village Rd. can cause traffic jams for the large number of commuters.
 9. Additional noise from the power line construction along the Park Village Rd. will have very negative impact on the residents' health considering the already high noise level in Park Village Rd.
- In conclusion, I am strongly against the proposed underground Sunrise Powerlink route of using Park Village Rd. and strongly suggest the power line use the existing vacant row north of the community if there is no even better route.

Sincerely

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From the EIR/EIS Public Involvement Team: This letter was also sent by Chen Huang, resident at the address above. It is not duplicated here but the commenter was also added to the project mailing list.

From: David Evans [mailto:devans@SCEC.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 11:07 PM
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Subject: power line across Anza Borrego

To Whomever it may concern,

Do not put a power line through the Anza Borrego State Park. This proposal would have a severe negative impact on the wildness and beauty of the park.

Thankyou,
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From: EvansNancy@aol.com [mailto:EvansNancy@aol.com]
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Subject: Anza Borrego State Park

I would like to express my concern regarding SDGand E putting a power line through these prestine desert lands where so many of us go to enjoy nature.

Power lines are offensive intruders to the wilderness, and to anyone who wants to at least briefly escape from the mess we have made of "civilization".

Please do not let the business interests of this county take over the land so carefully put aside for aesthetic, health, physical and cultural values.

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I am writing to you as a citizen and as an Anza Borrego Desert State Park user. However, as a registered civil engineer, I would like to address the implications of granting SDG&E an easement for their transmission lines. Easement issues must be addressed. The SDG&E easement would impact and fragment habitat including critical bighorn sheep habitat as well as other biological and cultural resources. The most intense impacts would occur during construction when heavy equipment would pioneer access roads and grade miles of undisturbed land for their temporary haul roads, staging areas and permanent future access roads. Their excavation for the installation of the foundations for their transmission line towers would entail hauling the excess excavated materials to other sites. There would be construction equipment and concrete trucks driving throughout the Park to construct these foundations and string the lines. The soil disturbance could result in the propagation of exotic plants to the detriment of the native plants. The exotic plants could become extreme fire hazards. However, the most insidious impact (besides the shameless waste of natural resources like steel, concrete and other building materials) would be the utility company's continual use of the access road for repairs and maintenance, once the transmission lines are built, in perpetuity. Their right to access the site will forever impact every wash and streambed they cross and could potentially pollute, every sloped grade where erosion is possible, every dried out exotic plant which may ignite while their vehicles or unauthorized vehicles drive over it. It will be extremely difficult to secure the access roads from unauthorized users. Ultimately, the scars and the power lines will be an everlasting reminder of our capitulation to a greedy utility company.

The Director of State Parks, Ruth Coleman, has requested that the power line be routed to go around, not through, Anza Borrego Desert State Park, the jewel of California's State Park system. The visual impacts of the lines within the Park or even adjacent to the Park would blight this beautiful expanse and the noise would detract from the much appreciated silence of the desert. Furthermore, there is a rather frightening recent analysis of bird collisions with electrical power transmission lines which delineates collision factors including locating lines in Parks, conservation areas, flyways, etc. However, even if the lines are installed underground, the easement impacts and scars will be forever visible and access to "off-limit" areas by minimally secured easement roads within the Park forever compromised. It is unconscionable to even consider re-designating wilderness areas to allow the placement of these lines even if they are installed underground. Wilderness means forever. We must stop using our Parks as a "land bank".

The esteemed former Energy Advisor to Governor Davis and a senior fellow at the Milken Institute, Dr. Woodrow W. Clark II, co-authored a book called **Agile Energy Systems: Global Lessons from the California Energy Crisis**. I attended a lecture by Dr. Clark where he stated that "energy systems must be a combination of a central grid and regional or "agile" system meaning ON-SITE GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS AT A COMMUNITY LEVEL." He continued to say that renewable energy is sustainable and cost effective and that diversification at the State and local regions of energy supplies must be enhanced through renewable and LOCAL sources for power and fuel. He described our future in the green hydrogen highway which will lead us to energy independence. I wrote to Dr. Clark concerning the Sunrise Powerlink. He agreed that "there is no NEED for the proposed SDG&E project. In

fact, for them to propose this is one more move to impair California from being energy independent.”

Personally, I don't think it is a coincidence that the origin of the Powerlink is proposed to be sited in the vicinity of SDG&E's environmentally "unregulated" power plants in Mexicali. While we are being distracted by the Powerlink, SDG&E and Sempra are probably already making deals to have LNG shipped in from their Rosarita, Mexico facilities. I believe the plain truth is that the Sunrise Power Link is a ruse to ultimately transmit electricity from Mexico to larger markets in Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles Counties with the major impacts being suffered unduly by San Diego and Imperial Counties. The Imperial County Board of Supervisors has opposed the Sunrise Powerlink 4-0. San Diego Congressman Bob Filner, Assemblywoman Lori Saldana and SD County Board of Supervisor Diane Jacob all oppose it. We must not sell out when we are so close to achieving energy independence. We need to listen to energy experts like Dr. Clark who are intent on helping us learn from our energy mistakes and NOT repeat the same mistakes! We need to request insight from experts who aren't motivated by shareholders or greed.

I strongly support either the no project or the non-transmission "no wires" alternatives with the recommendation that the necessary future power can be produced locally. As an engineer, I've been trained to always provide solutions when challenging an idea, concept or project. I believe if we purchased or leased the same acreage that would be impacted by their 150 mile transmission line "right of way", which I conservatively calculated to be over 3000 acres or almost 5 square miles, for a local "solar farm" here, **where the infrastructure is already in place**, we could produce the energy locally in town where it is needed. The City, County or other local governmental agencies may own large tracts of land which could be used for such a system such as maxed out landfills or brown fields. Perhaps we could work out an agreement with NAS Miramar or Camp Pendleton to lease some tracts of their land. Using a third party lease to purchase agreement with an Energy Services Company, also known as ESCOs, performance contracting services could be provided to construct a solar farm with energy efficient equipment and services in which the payment obligation is guaranteed by the performance contractor to be less than the energy and operational costs attributable to the services and/or equipment under the contract for the term of the agreement. In other words, there is no up front money to construct the solar farm. If thought out properly, San Diego may be able to reap the benefits similar to those of the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power who minimized the impacts of the energy crisis since they generate their own power.

Solar energy can be produced in populated areas in other ways. We could mandate "zero-energy capable" homes by 2015 like the City of Austin is proposing. We could use tax incentives to encourage current commercial facilities to create their own on-site power generation like Kyocera's Solar Grove and encourage future commercial building owners to comply. A company called Envision is now offering "turn-key" Solar Grove systems to be constructed in parking lots throughout San Diego. Furthermore, there are newly developed polymer-based solar photovoltaic cells which are the latest breakthrough for the industry, capable of capturing light energy beyond the visible spectrum and estimated to be 60% more efficient than the current silicon ones. Photo voltaic technology is improving in leaps and bounds. We need to embrace this technology and generate our energy locally.

Additionally, we can conserve energy! Many people hang their clothes out to dry on a regular basis like I do. We use Energy Star appliances. We use energy efficient light bulbs. We use ceiling fans instead of air conditioning. We use daylighting to provide natural light. We need to build and live sustainably.

In closing, there are other solutions to our energy needs and we need to look towards them instead of allowing SDG&E to pilfer rate payer's money, impact our Parks and compromise our health just so that they can make more millions for their shareholders. Don't let SDG&E scare you with their tales of energy shortages which only serve to remind us of the energy manipulations that we Californians have already suffered through, not to mention their "possible" complicity in the price fixing and rate payer gouging. Follow the money and the true motivation of SDG&E and their supporters will become crystal clear. Let's plan ahead and create an intelligent and sustainable future for the greater San Diego region. Thank you.

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To: Susan Lee
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Subject: Re: SDG&E & Semptra Energy's Solar Energy Power Link

Susan, please add me -- John F. Flynn at 1065 Fresno Street, #18, San Diego CA 92110 -- to your mailing list for SDG&E & Semptra Energy's Solar Energy Power Link. I strongly oppose this very expensive project to ring Arizona and Nevada Solar Energy to San Diego. We already have all the Solar Energy in San Diego that is needed to meet all our Solar Energy needs at a much, much lower cost than the Power Link's Solar Energy. Thank you for your help on this.

John F. Flynn, Major U.S. Marine Corps Retired and Energy and Environmental Technologist and Communicator in San Diego since 1980 at jflynn2@san.rr.com and (619) 298-5554

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RE: Sunrise Powerlink Project
West of Forest Alternative

February 23, 2007

To Billie Blanchard & Lynda Kastoll,

This letter is in regards to the Sunrise Powerlink and our opposition to its installation, specifically the West of Forest Alternative. This project will dramatically affect our lives and those of our children. I have outlined our concerns below and feel that the West of Forest alternative is an alternative that is not viable in this location and would impact the residents, public safety officials and the environment as well.

- The project would pass through established Open Space Preserve along Michelle Rene Way
- Would affect known Threatened and Endangered species in that open space preserve (Flat-Tailed Horned Lizard, Rosy Boa, Quino Checkered Spotted Butterfly). I am sure more would be found during a Biological survey.
- Would jeopardize the safety of residents of Michelle Rene Way in the event of a Wildland Fire. This area is an Urban Interface area that would require the use of aerial firefighting resources that could not drop fire retardant around or near the structures due to the power lines.
- Would jeopardize the safety of firefighters fighting a fire as they would have no aerial support and could possible be electrocuted from a line to ground arch caused by the smoke making contact with the lines. Both of these scenarios would alter their Tactics and Strategy in suppression of a fire in this area.
- The homes on Michelle Rene Way are part of a new nine home development that has all the utilities underground. This under grounding of utilities offers the unobstructed view-shed to the Pacific Ocean that was one of the main reasons that the residents paid top dollar for these "View Lots". This would of course diminish our property values immensely.

- Cause noise pollution which would coincide with impacting Biological resources as 500 KV lines do emit static discharge sound on days of high humidity and unknown damage from EMF (Electro Magnetic Frequencies).

All the above mentioned is probably the tip of the proverbial iceberg in regards to this project. I am sure more alternative methods can be discussed before the significant impact changes peoples lives in a negative way. I have heard no mention of “green” energy as an alternative to this project. We pride ourselves in the fact that our new home here on Michelle Rene Way is producing energy through solar voltaic means and supplying power back into the grid. This cost effective way is a more sound approach than ruining Biological and Visual Resources that would occur with the West of Forest Alternative.

I would enjoy hearing your response to this letter and any feedback would be appreciated. As you can surmise we have an educated background on this issue and do not take lightly the impact this project would cause. I am sure you have received numerous complaints about this Sunrise Powerlink proposal from other residents of our neighborhood. We just want an answer that is based on logic and not driven by monetary greed and ill conceived ideas.

Respectfully,

Mr. and Mrs. John Francois

From: Gustavo Guzman [mailto:guz11815@yahoo.com]
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To: sunrise@aspeneg.com
Subject: West of Forest Alternative

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To Billie Blanchard & Lynda Kastoll,

The residents of Michelle Rene Way in Alpine have all met and we all have the same concerns regarding the proposed West of Forest Alternative. We have all joined in our opposition to this project being uprighted in our immediate back yards and within steps from our structures. We feel that the powerline should be placed in areas which will not affect the private properties of homeowners in Alpine. The powerlines should be placed in the Anza Borrego State Park area where it will impact the personal and private lives of families.

Below is a list of reasons mentioned by our members/residents of Michelle Rene Way in opposition to the West of Forest Alternative.

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Health risks associated to being so close to such powerful electrical lines. We have four children and we plan on living here forever, and this is a major concern for our future.

This new home development has beautiful views to the south and Pacific Ocean west that will be obstructed by poles and powerlines if built.

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