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Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms Kastoll:

Re: Powerlink Modified Route D Alternative

At their meeting on September 24, 2007, the Campo/Lake Morena Planning Group voted unanimously to oppose the Sunrise Powerlink's Modified Route D Alternative. We believe this route is wrong not only for our community, but the entire San Diego area. Following is a list of just some of our concerns:

- **Reliability** – The current southwest power line runs through the same area as the above referenced route. This is an area subject to wildfires and this particular power line, per SDG&E's own records, has been interrupted some twenty times due to wildfires since it's inception. How can you justify putting the only other supply line to San Diego in the same area? What would happen if San Diego were to go "dark" because both supply lines were interrupted due to a large wildfire or other natural disaster?
- **Modification of the Forest Management Plan** – how can you justify impacting residents of the back-country simply to avoid having to modify the Forest Management Plan. The Forest Department is wrong to suggest such an alternative. Their land is "public" land, and if you deem this line to be necessary to serve the public, then it should be built on public land. Don't destroy the lives of so many homeowners just to avoid a little paperwork.
- **Environmental issues** – Not only will sensitive lands and species be at risk, this route will impact an important wildlife corridor as well.
- **Logistics** – how can a route from Imperial County to northern San Diego County take such a detour? This is not a case of "not in my back yard, because we already have such a line now. Certainly no one wants high power wires going through their property, but rerouting them to an area of least political resistance should not be a consideration.
- **Lack of communication** – the lateness of this alternative and the lack of community meetings and notification strikes of "putting one over on our community". This is NOT the way we believe our government should work for us.

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We want to thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. We hope you will examine all of the points above and realize the Modified Route D Alternative is not the best way to serve the community of San Diego.

Sincerely,

CAMPO/LAKE MORENA PLANNING GROUP



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