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June 14, 2007

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re: Sunrise Powerlink Project: APN Parcel Numbers
6090100101/103/104/106/107/108/109/110 and
6090200101/103/104/106/107/108/109/110

VIA FACSIMILE (866-711-3106) and US MAIL

I am a 50% owner of Westminster Advisors VI LLC, and Illinois limited liability company that is the general partner entity controlling Westminster Fund VI LP (“Westminster”), an Illinois limited partnership that is the owner of the abovementioned parcels. On or about the week of June 4, 2007 I received from your offices two packages sent by regular mail. One of the packages had a May 21, 2007 postmark; the other was not postmarked.

After wading through the material you sent, it appears some time in March, April or May of this year the CPUC and BLM determined that something called the “Modified Route D Alternative” would be proposed for EIR/EIS analysis. The document describing the “Modified Route D Alternative” is itself dated “May 2007”. Apparently this new route had not been part of the previously held first and second round of scoping meetings.

In the packages I received you informed me that Westminster has until today, June 14, to make comments related to the “Modified Route D Alternative”. In addition, you requested permission to enter Westminster’s land for the purposes of performing geotechnical work, including seismic refraction surveys, field resistivity surveys, and subsurface borings, all of which are highly intrusive.

First, given the short notice I’ve received related to this matter, on behalf of Westminster I respectfully request a sixty (60) day extension for comments that will be utilized in preparation of the draft EIR/EIS. Your explanation of the “Modified Route D Alternative” is seriously lacking in detail; it does not even identify the size of the transmission lines that could be traversing our property. I’ve inferred they would be above ground 500 kV lines from reading material related to other proposed routes; however, you specifically failed to mention the capacity of the transmission lines or the size of the towers (if any) in the May 2007 document describing the “Modified Route D Alternative”. In other documents you identify underground lines, 230 kV lines, and other

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combinations of lines, so I believe clarification is warranted before comments can be developed.

Second, please note that Westminster's property in question is currently undisturbed, pristine ranch land with significant historical and cultural artifacts including an adobe house built in the 1800's that Westminster had hoped to restore. There are also significant other attributes, including above and below-ground water resources, flora, and fauna that would almost certainly be disturbed by what you may be proposing. I have not had a chance to review this in depth with my attorney, and we would need at least 60 additional days to prepare proper comments.

Finally, please consider this letter to be formal notice of Westminster's refusal to grant permission to enter Westminster's property for the purposes you requested. Such request appears to be a temporary taking, and Westminster would object to it for a number of reasons.


Please note that this letter has not been ghost written by my attorney and has not been reviewed by her. There simply has not been sufficient time to do so given the extraordinarily short deadline imposed by the CPUC and BLM. I have no training in law, nor am I an expert in power transmission lines, land use, eminent domain, and other legal matters. Therefore as representative and partial owner of Westminster, I reserve the right to modify any of the comments made herein after my legal counsel has had sufficient time to review the matter.

Respectfully,

WESTMINSTER FUND VI LP,
an Illinois limited partnership

By: WESTMINSTER ADVISORS VI LLC,
an Illinois limited liability company

Its: General Partner

By: 
George W. Carroll

Its: Manager