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Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll,

Although I take no position on other alternatives, the Modified Route D Alternative is too close to residential areas and is a threat to the peaceful country setting our citizens have come to enjoy. Furthermore, it cuts through sensitive cultural, biological and geological areas. Fire is a major issue for us and I would remind you that the Kitchen Creek Fire in 1970 started from a power line near where this proposal is designated to go through the Cleveland National Forest. That fire nearly burned all the way to San Diego and the devastation in the backcountry was terrible. Fire in Hauser canyon has claimed eleven lives in the past and it remains a dangerous tinderbox of heavy growth vegetation. Let's not cause a repeat of history. We already have the Southwest Powerlink going through our community and have carried more than our fair share of the burden. Besides, this alternative is so close to the Southwest Powerlink that it violates the reliability objective set by SDG&E and the CPUC. This is just a bad idea in every respect.

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