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RE: Modified Route D Alternative to the  
Sunrise Powerlink

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastell:

I am writing to object to the placement of the Sunrise Powerlink (the "SPL") through the Southern area of San Diego County and specifically through the Japatul Valley where I live.

It came as quite a shock to me in June that I first heard of this immense undertaking. Given that there was an alternative path proposed to come directly through my area I wondered why I never received any notice. As of this day, there are still a lot of people that will be affected by the SPL, if it goes through the Japatul Valley, that are totally unaware. In essence, the entire notification process has been grossly unfair.

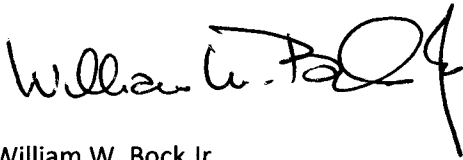
I have been following the development of this project since then and I object to this construction for several reasons. If you take a look at the "SDGE Comments Regarding the Modified Route D Alternative", dated June 14, 2007( a copy is attached for your reference), you can see the technical reasons as to why the Route D Alternative is inferior to the primary plan advanced that runs through Anza-Borrego and North San Diego County.

In addition, I along with a large number of other homeowners in this area, we feel our Japatul Valley rural area is potentially being sacrificed for the benefit of some large landowners in the North County, whose energy needs are first on the list of those being served by the SPL. It is, on its face, ridiculous to send the SPL many miles out of its way, across miles and miles of unspoiled forest land only to ultimately get where it belongs. It is also ridiculous to build the SPL on forest land, much of which has not burned in many, many years. To build this project would involve knowingly putting the SPL in an area prone to burning. You cannot ignore the possibility that the SPL would also potentially be the cause of a forest fire at some point. In contrast the route across the desert and through more arid and less forested portions of north San Diego County, with undergrounding through the Santa Ysabel Valley, is far more intuitive.

I also offer a real-life observation about the environmental objections being raised by the foes of the route crossing the Anza-Borrego State Park. I have been going to the desert for most of my 54 years of life. I have seen the areas that this project will go through and the renditions of the appearance of the power lines. Despite the technical environmental objections, the real impact will be nearly zero. One only has to go north to the Kramer Junction area of the Mojave Desert or out to the Plaster City area of Eastern San Diego County to see the impact of the power line footprint. Once the towers are in place for a year or two, the apparent disturbance to the surrounding ground is nil. The logical conclusion is to run the SPL through Anza-Borrego with the utmost sensitivity our technology can deliver and through existing utility rights of way that have been in place for decades.

It is clear to me that the power needs of San Diego County will far outstrip our ability to generate new power within the service area. Hence the mandate for the SPL to bring power in form likely sources of renewable energy that will be developed in the Eastern areas of Imperial County. But the form of delivery should be direct and to the point; through existing rights of way and to the area where the power is going to be most needed, North San Diego County, not circuitously through unspoiled outlying areas like the Japatul Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Bock Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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