

October 5, 2007

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RE: Sunrise Powerlink and the Modified Route D Alternative

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll,

As a resident of the San Diego County backcountry, I am writing to voice my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the Sunrise Powerlink in general, and specifically the Modified Route D proposal. We have suffered the cries of “electricity crisis” before from the power companies, only to find that such rhetoric was used to defraud the people of California. With the Powerlink proposal, once again, a utility monopoly is attempting to gain profit through fear. We must think carefully before completely destroying one of the last remnants of natural beauty in Southern California for the purpose of satisfying such bottomless greed. We need to decide our power needs and means with deliberation, not from profit-motivated panic. We are on the brink of new and low-impact solutions for energy – to give in now to such old technology solutions from monoliths like Sempra and SDG&E would be the worst decision at this point in time. The Powerlink needs to be rejected.

The so-called “Modified Route D Alternative” simply defies logic. Even if we needed more electricity brought in, to run a line a few miles from another existing line that runs along the U.S.- Mexican border is, from the point of view of planned redundancy, frankly bizarre. Our area is prone to chronic devastating wildfires. It wouldn't take a large fire to wipe out both lines.

I urge you to reject the Powerlink project and, specifically, the senseless “Modified Route D Alternative” completely and unequivocally. Such a gigantic (literally) mistake would destroy, not enhance, the quality of life in our area for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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