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Via Electronic Mail
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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report Regarding the Proposed Suncrest Dynamic Reactive Power Support Project

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I am writing in response to the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Suncrest Dynamic Reactive Power Support Project. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on this important project.

As Executive Director of Policy and Economic Research of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, a leading advocate for economic growth in the greater San Diego Region, I know it is critical that San Diego County has a safe, reliable and affordable energy supply. Our region's energy supply was reinforced through the approval of the landmark Sunrise Powerlink project. The need for the Suncrest Dynamic Reactive Power Support is evident to maintain stability of these valuable resources.

Each project, however, does not occur in a vacuum. It is incredibly important that projects respect the region's natural resources, the community surrounding the project, and perhaps most importantly, commitments made - both express and implied. That is why I am concerned that the degree to which the mitigation measures included in the November 2016 DEIR differs from the Sunrise Powerlink and Suncrest Substation projects' strict construction and operation mitigation standards. Any perceived difference could spark feelings of distrust in the community regarding the California Public Utilities Commission's process.

We implore the California Public Utilities Commission to hold NextEra Energy Transmission West to these same standards, including scenery conservation, vegetation/irrigation and screening measures. Doing so will minimize aesthetic impacts, and will demonstrate the respect to prior implied community commitments that is needed to maintain and build a track record of integrity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S/Karafin'.

Sean Karafin
Executive Director of Policy and Economic Research
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