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Mr. Armie Perez  
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**Subject: SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink Application**

Dear Armie:

San Diego Gas & Electric respectfully submits the enclosed Sunrise Powerlink transmission project filing to the CAISO and is requesting ISO Board approval by April 2006.

As the enclosed filing demonstrates, the Sunrise Powerlink is needed in 2010 to (1) satisfy grid reliability requirements; (2) provide economical access to renewable energy from areas with significant renewable resource potential; and (3) reduce energy costs resulting from increased access to lower cost sources of power in the desert Southwest and reduced reliance on older, less-efficient in-area generation. SDG&E submits that each of these benefits, on its own, is sufficient to support the need for the Sunrise Powerlink and together, overwhelmingly demonstrate that the proposed project is necessary and in the best interest of the public.

On December 14, 2005, SDG&E filed its application with the CPUC beginning the CPCN process for the Sunrise Powerlink transmission project. This filing was sent to all parties on service lists I.05-09-005 - Transmission/Renewables OII and R.04-04-003 - Long-Term Resource Planning/Resource Adequacy OIR. The application seeks approval through a two-phase proceeding where the purpose and need for the line will be addressed by the CPUC at the same time we are conducting the routing study and public involvement process. SDG&E plans to file the Proponents Environmental Assessment (PEA) in mid-2006 proposing our preferred route.

I look forward to working with you and your staff to obtain the necessary approvals. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to expedite the approval process.

Sincerely,

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