

Comment Set G0007
The Committee For Responsible Growth

August 20, 2008

CPUC/BLM
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
235 Montgomery St., 935
San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: Sunrise Powerlink Recirculated DEIR/SDEIS

We agree with the conclusion on page 5-1 that the best solution to San Diego's energy needs would be the New In-Area All Source Generation Alternative.

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All the other alternatives are going to cause major environmental problems for the residents of San Diego County. The huge cost of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink (SPL) makes it a very bad idea for ratepayers. The fact that the SPL is going to be obsolete before it is paid for, that there are better, more eco-friendly alternatives makes us say NO to the SPL.

The SPL will destroy our beautiful scenic vistas, the new roads will tear up our fragile soil, our wildlife will be disturbed and displaced, it will be ridiculously expensive and not as reliable as in-basin generation. The new transmission lines will be vulnerable to high winds, wildfires, earthquakes, sabotage, and will hinder firefighting efforts. Building another transmission line so close to the existing Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) seems foolish...you risk losing both lines in an emergency.

The DEIR was very sketchy on details of the windmills, their size, the actual location and amount of land needed and the environmental damage they will cause. With as many as 605 giant windmills it doesn't seem reasonable that only 7,500 acres will be needed. Just because it will be built in Mexico we still have an obligation to the residents in the La Rumorosa area to see that their environment is protected.

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If the proposed wind farm at La Rumorosa is actually built, we feel strongly that the energy should be transported on the existing SWPL. If more energy is produced than the SWPL can handle, additional carrying capacity could be added.

The SWPL now carries very dirty energy produced from coal fired plants in Arizona and from burning highly polluting LNG at the Sempra plant in Mexicali. This increases the effects of green house gases, global warming and lung diseases - this is not good for anyone. We would much prefer to see the SWPL carry green energy from windmills in La Rumorosa and solar from the Imperial Valley. This would help SDG&E meet green energy requirements.

Additional energy should be produced by in-basin natural gas plants and rooftop


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solar on all new construction as well as other sources of green energy like rooftop wind generators.

Please say **NO** to the expensive, polluting, environmentally damaging Sunrise Powerlink. There are better solutions to San Diego's energy needs.

Sincerely,


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G0007-1 The commenter's support for the New In-Area All-Source Generation Alternative is acknowledged. The impacts of the Sunrise Powerlink Project, including impacts to visual resources, fire and fuel management, public health and safety, biological resources, and geologic resources, are addressed in Sections D and E in the Draft EIR/EIS. Please refer to General Response GR-3 regarding the reliability comparison of northern and southern routes, and General Response GR-12 for a discussion of project cost.

G0007-2 The commenter requests further details regarding the wind turbines that would be used for the RWEF. Requests for data regarding wind energy projects in the La Rumorosa region were made to both SDG&E and SCE. The responses given regarding the wind projects offered minimal detail as to the location, size, and components of wind projects planned in the La Rumorosa region (SDG&E Response to Data Request No. 19 (dated August 20, 2007) and SCE Response to Data Request No. 2-5 (dated August 20, 2007)). As stated in Section 2.1 of the RDEIR/SDEIS, the analysis of the RWEF made assumptions regarding the specific details of the project, including the turbine size. The Sempra Addendum for Baja Wind U.S. Transmission, LLC Application for Presidential Permit stated that 65 to 75 would be used to generate 130 MW to 190 MW of energy, depending on manufacturer and model of the turbines. Using this information, each turbine would generate between 2 to 3 MW. A general description of 2 to 3 MW turbines can be found in Section 2.1 of the RDEIR/SDEIS, Wind Facility Design. The environmental impacts of the RWEF including 2 to 3 MW wind turbines were analyzed in Sections 2.2 through 2.15 of the RDEIR/SDEIS. Please see Response to Comment G0003-1 regarding assumptions made regarding the acreage required for the RWEF. Since the time of publication of the RDEIR/SDEIS, further details regarding the RWEF (now called the Energía Sierra Juárez by Sempra Generation) have been disclosed and can be found at the Sempra Generation website and at the DOE presidential permit website.

As the commenter states, the RWEF would produce more energy than the SWPL could accommodate without either the Sunrise Project or other transmission upgrades. The commenter's support for increasing the carrying capacity of the SWPL as a means of importing wind energy from the La Rumorosa region is acknowledged. Section 4.9.7 of Appendix 1 (Alternatives Screening Report) in Volume 6 of the Draft EIR/EIS addresses the reasons modifications to the existing SWPL were not carried forward for full analysis. The commenter suggests displacing energy from coal-fired power plants or from LNG power plants along the SWPL with wind energy from the La Rumorosa region and with solar energy from Imperial Valley.

The commenter's support for in-basin renewable and conventional generation and opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink Project is acknowledged.

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Re: Sunrise Powerlink Project-Preferred Route;
Lansing Industries Comments to Draft EIR/EIS

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have prepared a revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment for consideration of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) application to build and operate the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line Project.

Our Client, Lansing Industries, is the owner of approximately 8,000 acres located in the Boulevard, California area, and as such has a vital interest in the placement of the Sunrise Project. For the sake of specificity, we have attached as an exhibit to this letter a list of the Assessor Parcel Numbers ("APN's) that comprise the property (the "Lansing Industries Properties"). We would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed route for the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line.

It is our understanding that SDG&E proposes to construct a new 91-mile, 500 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission from Imperial Valley Substation (in Imperial County, near the City of El Centro) to a new Central East Substation, (in central San Diego County, southwest of the intersection of County Highways S22 and S2) and a new 59-mile 230 kV transmission line that includes both overhead and underground segments from the new Central East Substation to SDG&E's existing Penasquitos Substation (in the City of San Diego).

The Draft EIR/EIS describes, among other things, the Proposed Project and the SDG&E Preferred Route for the Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts

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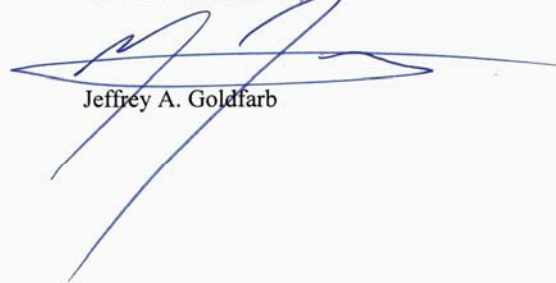
associated with the construction and operation of the Proposed Project over the Preferred Route, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC, BLM, or other responsible agencies, the lead agency believes could avoid or minimize these impacts. The Draft EIR/EIS also evaluates 27 alternatives (including alternative alignments) to the Proposed Project. One or more of these alternative alignments would cause the Project lines to run near the City of Boulevard, California and through portions of the Lansing Industries property (referred to herein as the "Boulevard Routes").

Lansing Industries strongly supports the SDG&E Preferred Route and views this as the best alternative. Among other things, the SDG&E Preferred Route will have the least amount of impact on inhabited areas, and thus will have the least adverse impact on the quality of life and health of the residents of more populated areas. Conversely, Lansing Industries strongly opposes any alternate Boulevard Routes since that route would have a significant adverse impact to several inhabited communities, including those in the vicinity of the Lansing Industries Properties. There can be little doubt that the SDG&E Preferred Route is the route that has the fewest impacts and is thus the best alternative. In addition, the alternate Boulevard Route would have a substantial adverse impact to the existing and future use of the Lansing Industries property. As such, it can be expected that in the event that the alternate Boulevard Routes were selected as the route for the Sunrise Powerlink Project, Lansing Industries, as well as many others in the community, will exert every effort to oppose and prevent the alternate Boulevard Route from being utilized. Thus, we urge in the strongest terms possible the approval of the SDG&E Preferred Route for the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the project. Should you have any questions or desire clarification with respect to the position of my client in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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528-220-03	2280 ac	
529-050-01	2280 ac	
529-050-02	2280 ac	
529-060-01	2280 ac	
529-090-02	2280 ac	
529-090-03	2280 ac	McCain Valley Ranch
529-100-01	2280 ac	
529-100-02	2280 ac	
529-100-03	2280 ac	
529-120-01	2280 ac	
529-120-03	2280 ac	
529-130-01	2280 ac	
611-010-01	2280 ac	
611-010-02	2280 ac	
611-010-03	2280 ac	
611-020-01	2280 ac	
611-050-04	2280 ac	
611-050-05	2280 ac	
612-030-18	Grizzle 248	
612-091-13	Grizzle 248	McCain Valley Rd and Old Hwy 80
613-030-35	Grizzle 248	
528-100-01	529 Gastellum	
529-120-02	529 Gastellum	Adjacent to McCain Valley Ranch
528-160-01	529 Gastellum	
529-050-02	529 Gastellum	
529-090-01	529 Gastellum	

613-030-28	37.82 ac	McCain Valley

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610-120-34	4000 ac Empire
612-041-02	4000 ac Empire
612-060-14	4000 ac Empire
612-082-12	4000 ac Empire
612-100-01	4000 ac Empire
612-100-02	4000 ac Empire
612-110-02	4000 ac Empire
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659-080-05	4000 ac Empire
659-080-06	4000 ac Empire
659-080-07	4000 ac Empire
659-080-10	4000 ac Empire
659-090-06	4000 ac Empire
659-130-03	4000 ac Empire

613-030-28	Tohey 31 acres
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612-011-05	34 acres Ribbonwood
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- G0008-1 The commenter's support for SDG&E's Preferred Route and opposition to alternative routes through Boulevard are acknowledged. Section H in the EIR/EIS discusses the rationale of the comparison of the northern and southern routes.