



# Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office

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July 14, 2006

Vicki Wood, Field Manager  
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1661 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

re: Consultation Request

Dear Ms. Wood:

On behalf of the **Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians**, pursuant to your letter dated July 5, 2006 (CR CA-610-05-26/EIS CA-670-2006-31/CA-47658 (CA667)P), I accept the invitation to initiate government-to-government consultation pursuant to the Executive Memorandum of April 29, 1994 and other applicable laws and regulations with respect to a Rights-of-way application for San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line Project (SRPL).

Please contact the Tribe's Executive Director & COO, Mr. Willie Micklin, to propose meeting dates and times, in person or telephonically. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harlan Pinto, Sr.  
Tribal Chairman  
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Cc: Tom Zale, Resources Staff Chief  
Lynda Kastoll, Project Manager  
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re: SRPL ROW Concerns

Dear Ms. Wood:

On behalf of the **Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians**, I wish to state the Tribe's initial concern with respect to a Rights-of-way application for San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line Project (SRPL).

The concern is stated as a preference for the route for the SRPL as displayed on the SDG&E map entitled, "Proposed Routes for Sunrise Powerlink" enclosed with your letter dated July 5, 2006 (CR CA-610-05-26/EIS CA-670-2006-31/CA-47658 (CA667)P).

Please contact the Tribe's Executive Director & COO, Mr. Willie Micklin for further discussion on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harlan Pinto, Sr.  
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July 17, 2006

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Re: CR CA-610-05-26/EIS CA-670-2006-31/CA-47658 (CA667)P

Dear Ms. Wood:

This letter is in response to your request for Native American consultation on the above-referenced project. We respond to these requests on behalf of Robert Smith, Chairman of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. At this time, we would like to initiate government-to-government consultation regarding this project.

Because this project takes place within the traditional boundaries of the people of Pala, we have concerns that the project may uncover or disturb resources of cultural and historical significance. In particular, we are concerned about the route of the project as it passes through the area near Warner Springs, California, which encompasses the traditional ancestral territory of the Cupeño people of Pala. We request that we be given copies of any cultural resource surveys conducted in the Warner Springs area. In the event that significant resources are discovered, we request further consultation on potential avoidance or mitigation. Furthermore, as the project continues, we would like to be consulted about specific areas under development to ensure that all efforts are made to avoid negative impacts to areas of cultural, historical, archaeological, or sacred significance to the people of Pala.

We appreciate being made aware of this project and having the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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October 27, 2006

Mr. Kevin O'Beirne  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
8830 Century Park Court – CP32D  
San Diego, CA. 92123

Re: Sunrise Powerlink Route Alternative

Dear Mr. O'Beirne:

On behalf of the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians (previously known as the Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians, and hereinafter the "Ewiiapaayp Tribe"), I express to you our support for the alternate route for the Sunrise Powerlink that is near Interstate 8 in San Diego County, as depicted by the yellow or red alternate routes in the map below:



SOURCE: San Diego Gas & Electric

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The Ewiiapaayp Tribe is in the planning stages in development of a wind energy project on its Ewiiapaayp Indian Reservation that would produce between 37.5 MW and 50 MW of electricity beginning in 2010, which would require interconnection to the Sunrise Powerlink.

We also understand the Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians and the Manzanita Band of Mission Indians, our immediate neighbors to the southeast, are also considering similar wind energy projects that would produce similar amounts of electricity for interconnection to the Sunrise Powerlink.

The preferred route for the Sunrise Powerlink, depicted as the black route in the map above, would require a long and expensive interconnection for the presumptive 112.5 MW to 150 MW that could be produced by the wind energy projects of our Tribe and our neighbor tribes. This clean, renewable, sustainable electricity would help fill the “green” energy targets for SDG&E and the State of California.

The Sunrise Powerlink is also the only option for interconnection because the Southwest Powerlink, a 230 kV transmission line whose route is east/west just south of Interstate 8, is fully subscribed and its upgrade is technically unfeasible and uneconomic (according to SDG&E engineers who evaluated this transmission line for the Kumeyaay Windpower Project that currently operates on the Campo Indian Reservation).

Please consider the benefit of the two alternate routes for the Sunrise Powerlink preferred by the Ewiiapaayp Tribe, and the benefit of the interconnection of the tribal wind energy projects planned in the area of these alternate routes.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Ewiiapaayp Tribe’s Executive Director & COO, Mr. William Micklin, at the tribal office (619) 445-6315, on his mobile phone (619) 368-4382, or by email at [wmicklin@leaningrock.net](mailto:wmicklin@leaningrock.net). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Harlan Pinto, Sr.  
Chairman

Cc: Billie C. Blanchard, AICP, PURA V  
Project Manager for Sunrise Powerlink Project  
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