BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity For the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project	Application 06-08-010 (Filed August 4, 2006) Application 05-12-014 (Filed December 14, 2005)

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Pursuant to Administrative Law Judge Steven A. Weissman's Ruling Setting Date for Prehearing Conference Statements and Extending Time for Filing Protests dated August 25, 2006, the Anza-Borrego Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Foundation"), submits this timely Protest to San Diego Gas & Electric Company's ("SDG&E") Amended Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project ("SDG&E's Application").

1. **Statement of Foundation's Interest in Proceeding.**

The Foundation has a long history of involvement with the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (the "ABD State Park"). Its history began in 1967 when the California Parks and Recreation Commission ("Cal Parks") requested that concerned citizens living near the ABD State Park help acquire private land holdings ("inholdings") within the park's boundaries. Initially, these volunteers operated as a committee of the Desert Protective Council. In 1988, the Foundation was organized as a stand alone nonprofit public benefit corporation to continue the work of this committee. In 2003, the Foundation expanded its mission by establishing the Anza-Borrego Institute (the "Institute"), which extends its conservation mission beyond land acquisition to include education, interpretation and scientific study of the ABD State Park and the surrounding ecological region.

The Foundation conducts two activities to further its mission. The first activity involves the acquisition of land for the ABD State Park by accepting donations from private landowners and by purchasing land from willing sellers. Land acquired by the Foundation is transferred to the ABD State Park. Over the years, the Foundation has assisted in the contribution of more than 35,000 acres of land to the ABD State Park.

The Foundation's second major activity is the operation of the Institute, in partnership with Cal Parks and the Wildlife Health Center at the University of California at Davis. The Institute is now one of Cal Parks' cooperating associations. The Institute's activities include operating educational field programs for both adults and children. The Institute's youth programs consist primarily of 5th grade environmental education tent camps for students from low income schools in San Diego and Imperial Counties. The camp program is operated in partnership with San Diego County Office of Outdoor Education and Cal Parks. The Institute also raises funds to support a distance-learning (online) program operated by Cal Parks as part of

its Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students ("PORTS"). School systems participating in the PORTS program include those in San Diego, Imperial, and other southern California counties. The Institute also supports mountain lion research conducted by the Wildlife Health Center.

The Foundation currently has approximately 1,100 members. In 2005, approximately 1,300 adults participated in the Institute's classes, workshops, and lectures, while approximately 200 children attended its 5th grade camp program. It is estimated that approximately 4,000 students participated in the PORTS program in 2005.

Because of its commitment to protecting the resources of the ABD State Park and creating public awareness of the importance and value of these resources, the Foundation has a deep interest in seeing that the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project does not damage the unique environmental and cultural resources of the Anza-Borrego Desert.

2. Incorporation of Arguments Made by Others.

The Foundation is not alone in its opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project. Many other groups share its concern about protecting unique public resources for future generations. Two of these like-minded groups include Cal Parks and the California State Parks Foundation ("Cal Parks Foundation"). The Foundation believes the arguments advanced by these two organizations in their filings before the Public Utilities Commission in opposition to SDG&E's Application are cogent and consistent with the Foundation's position. Accordingly, the Foundation hereby incorporates into this Protest by this reference the arguments made by Cal Parks in its Prehearing Conference Statement dated September 5, 2006, and Cal Parks Foundation in its Protest dated September 8, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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