



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: September 27, 2006

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS REGARDING SAN DIEGO
GAS AND ELECTRIC'S SUNRISE POWERLINK PROPOSAL

SUMMARY:

Overview

San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) has filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to build a 150-mile energy transmission line between the El Centro area of Imperial County and northeastern San Diego County. According to the utility, the project, referred to as the Sunrise Powerlink, is needed to bring renewable resources into the County from Imperial County and to improve electric reliability for the region.

A number of individuals and groups have objected to the Sunrise Powerlink and have raised concerns about the proposed route of the line, which would traverse the Anza Borrego Desert State Park and cross numerous public and private properties. Several groups have questioned the need for the line and have asked that the utility meet future energy demand with alternate solutions.

Currently, the County of San Diego is preparing written comments on the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) of the project. Today's action will give proponents and opponents of the Sunrise Powerlink the opportunity to outline their respective positions before the Board of Supervisors.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB AND SUPERVISOR PAM SLATER-PRICE:

1. Receive prepared presentations from proponents and opponents of the Sunrise Powerlink, each presentation not to exceed 20 minutes.

Fiscal Impact

This action can be performed within existing resources.

Business Impact Statement

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N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

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Currently, County of San Diego staff is preparing written comments on the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Sunrise Powerlink. The CPUC has set an October 20 deadline for formal comments. Today's action will give proponents and opponents of the Sunrise Powerlink the opportunity to outline their respective positions before the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor, Second District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s): N/A

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