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San Diego Gas & Electric
8330 Century Park Court
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear SDG&E Representatives,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us regarding the proposed Golden Pacific Powerlink Project. After reviewing the currently proposed alignment and hearing directly from residents, local leaders, property owners, and community stakeholders, we must strongly oppose the project as currently designed.

We recognize that SDG&E is serving as the transmission developer for a project identified through the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) planning process. However, regardless of the project's origin, the concerns raised by residents, local governments, tribal communities, businesses, and stakeholders throughout the region remain significant and must be fully addressed before the project moves forward.

While California's energy reliability is important, it cannot be achieved by asking our region to bear disproportionate environmental, economic, and public safety impacts for the benefit of others.

The proposed route places some of Southern California's most treasured landscapes and communities directly in the path of a major transmission corridor. The impacts affect public lands, tribal communities, agricultural areas, rural towns, and residential neighborhoods across Imperial, San Diego, and Riverside Counties.

The project threatens environmentally sensitive landscapes, important wildlife habitats, culturally significant resources, agricultural lands, and communities that have spent decades building and preserving the quality of life that attracts families, visitors, and businesses to this region.

Temecula Valley is not an empty stretch of land available for industrialization. It is home to thriving neighborhoods, award-winning wineries, family-owned farms, small businesses, and a tourism economy that supports thousands of local jobs. Residents have invested their lives, their livelihoods, and their futures here. They should not be forced to absorb the consequences of a project that would permanently alter the character of their communities.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is California's largest state park and contains internationally recognized habitat, cultural resources, and protected wilderness. The proposed corridor would pass through or near areas of extraordinary ecological and cultural significance, including habitat for endangered species, sensitive archaeological resources, and lands that hold deep cultural importance.

Equally alarming is the decision to route this project through areas already facing significant wildfire threats. Beyond the risk of wildfire ignition, large transmission infrastructure can complicate emergency response efforts by creating additional obstacles for low-flying firefighting aircraft and helicopters that are often critical to slowing the spread of fast-moving fires during initial attack operations.

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Californians have witnessed firsthand the devastation caused by catastrophic wildfires. Families have lost homes. Businesses have been destroyed. Entire communities have been displaced. Yet SDG&E is proposing to place major transmission infrastructure through landscapes designated as high and very high fire hazard areas while asking residents to trust that the risks can be managed.

This is far from acceptable.

The burden should not be on local communities to prove why this project is harmful. The burden is on SDG&E to prove why this route is necessary and why less damaging alternatives are not being pursued. To date, that case has not been made.

Residents deserve transparency and confidence that all reasonable alternatives have been thoroughly evaluated before decisions are made that could significantly affect their communities.

The people we represent are tired of Sacramento and large institutions making decisions about their communities without fully considering the consequences. They are tired of being told that their concerns should come second to broader policy objectives. And they are tired of watching local voices get drowned out by powerful interests that will never have to live with the impacts of the decisions they make.

Let us be clear: We will not support a project that treats our communities as an area to be sacrificed for the benefit of another part of the State.

Before this project receives any further consideration, SDG&E must demonstrate that it has fully evaluated alternative routes, minimized impacts to communities and natural resources, addressed wildfire concerns, and meaningfully engaged with the residents who stand to be affected.

We also encourage California's energy planners and policymakers to continue exploring emerging energy technologies, distributed generation, energy storage, and other innovative approaches that may reduce the need for large-scale transmission infrastructure in the future while maintaining reliability and meeting the state's long-term energy needs.

As elected representatives of communities impacted by this proposal, we will continue working alongside local governments, tribal leaders, community organizations, businesses, and residents to ensure their concerns are heard throughout this process.

For these reasons, we remain firmly opposed to the proposed Golden Pacific Powerlink Project and urge SDG&E to pursue alternatives that better protect our communities, our environment, and our future.

Sincerely,



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State Senator, 32nd District



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Assemblymember, 71st District