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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)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT**

Oral Argument

The Commission will hear oral argument in this application, as follows:

**Friday, November 7, 2008
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Commission's Courtroom
State Office Building Auditorium
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102**

The oral argument has been noticed in the Commission's Daily Calendar since early September, 2008.

Background

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) seeks authority to construct the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project (Sunrise), which would run approximately 150 miles from the El Centro area of Imperial County to northwestern San Diego County. As proposed, Sunrise includes construction of three new 500 kilovolt (kV) and 230 kV transmission lines, replacement of transmission cable for several other lines, construction of a new substation, and

the modification of several other substations. The Commission has reviewed this Application under Pub. Util. Code § 1001 *et seq.*, the California Environmental Quality Act, and other relevant laws.

An agenda for the oral argument is attached to this ruling. In accordance with the order of procedure for applications set out in Rule 13.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, blocks of time have been apportioned between parties that support Sunrise and the large number of parties that oppose it. Any party may participate but aligned parties shall allocate time among themselves. To that end, I direct aligned parties to meet and confer to apportion the time further to permit the orderly airing of all points of view. To apprise the Commission about the specific order of presentation in advance of oral argument, I direct SDG&E, on behalf of all parties that support the project, and the Commission's Division of Ratepayer Advocates, on behalf of all parties opposed to the project, to contact me by email (xjv@cpcu.ca.gov) on or before noon on November 6, 2008 to provide (1) a list of speakers, and (2) the time allotted to each speaker.

At oral argument aligned parties may cede time to one another. SDG&E and other project supporters may use time from their rebuttal allowance in their opening arguments if they wish but may not increase the total time allocated for rebuttal – in other words, the combined opening argument may not be less than 30 minutes. Parties are advised that Commissioners may interpose questions at any time and that a party's answer will be counted within its time allocation.

Parties may address any issues raised in their briefs. The large number of parties, together with time and space limitations, prevents the convenient use of paper handouts, briefing boards, overhead projectors, or computer presentations (such as Power Point), and parties will not be permitted to distribute or use

ATTACHMENT

10:30 p.m. Call to Order

Opening Argument

Project Supporters 30 minutes

Project Opponents 45 minutes

Rebuttal

Project Supporters 15 minutes

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Commissioners may interpose questions at any time during the oral argument.

(END OF ATTACHMENT)

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Dated October 17, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

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