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Dear Colleagues:


Anza-Borrego Foundation (ABF) wishes to comment on the Transmission Planning Process Stakeholder Meeting held November 19 and 20, 2014. Although the topic of transmission lines was not specifically addressed in the meeting, ABF is firmly opposed to any transmission lines through, or affecting, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Specifically Anza-Borrego Foundation is opposed to Alternatives 5, 1A and 5, 1B as addressed in the Feasibility Study of May 2014 entitled "Transmission Options and Potential Corridor Designations in Southern California in Response to Closure of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS)."

Anza-Borrego Foundation is the nonprofit partner of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. In 2005 SDG&E proposed the Sunrise Powerlink through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Anza-Borrego Foundation and many other community organizations fiercely opposed this project and it was ultimately approved outside the boundary of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We are saddened to see SDG&E continue to pursue transmission route options through the park. Should Alternative 5 be chosen as a route in a public application, ABF and its members, donors and partners stand ready to provide significant public protest. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park includes more than 360,000 acres of designated wilderness and ABF will do everything it its power to defend this designation.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is an important asset to our state. It provides significant recreational and emotional value to Californians, provides a home for wildlife that are important to our ecosystem, and preserves many places that are sacred to Native Americans. Anza-Borrego Foundation urges you to eliminate Alternative 5 as an option for transmission lines in Southern California. Furthermore, we encourage further research on rooftop solar so that no more of our natural areas are disturbed.

Thank you for hearing our concerns. Please also add ABF ([info@theabf.org](mailto:info@theabf.org)) to your notification list of stakeholders for future meetings.

Sincerely,

  
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President

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