

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. David Hogan
Protect Our Communities Foundation
P.O. Box 141
Mount Laguna, CA 91948

Re: FOIA-2009-000329

Dear Mr. Hogan:

This is in response to the request for information that you sent the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You requested "communications between the Department of Energy, San Diego Gas and Electric, Sempra Energy, and other government agencies since December 2008 regarding construction of the Sunrise Powerlink across the Cleveland National Forest in San Diego County."

Your request was sent to the DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) and the Office of the General Counsel as these were the offices determined most likely to have the documents responsive to your request.

A search for responsive documents is being conducted in OE and that office will respond to your request in a separate communication.

The Office of the General Counsel has located five documents responsive to your request. We have reviewed the responsive documents and the information you requested is being provided to you in its entirety.

In addition, one of the documents we located originated at the Department of Agriculture (DOA). We are forwarding this document to DOA for review and they will respond to your request in a separate communication.

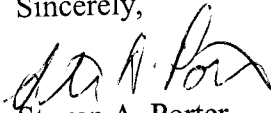
Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.7 (b) (2), Susan Beard, the Assistant General Counsel for General Law is responsible for making this determination.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.8, you may challenge the adequacy of the search by submitting a written appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. You should submit the appeal within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this determination. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a Freedom of Information Act appeal is being made. The appeal also must contain all the elements required by 10 CFR 1004.8 and judicial review will thereafter be available to you.



I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact Hirsh Kravitz at (202) 586-8499.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.A. Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Steven A. Porter
Assistant General Counsel
for Electricity and Fossil Energy