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Thank you for your comment, Thomas Acuna.

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Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability Room 8H-033 U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20585 Fax: (202) 586-1472

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)/ Letter 1 with SDG&E Corridors

Dear Ms. Souder,

Sempra Utilities submits this response to the U.S. Departments of Energy, Interior, Agriculture and Defense (collectively, the Agencies) request for comments on the PEIS. Our comments are based on our review of the draft Western Corridor Utility map circulated for public comment on June 12, 2006. In our review of the draft map, we identified several critical existing and future corridors that were not shown on the draft map.

As the parent company of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), Sempra Utilities has enclosed two maps representing the specific corridors of interest for each utility. Sempra Utilities requests that at a minimum the corridors shown in green (future) and red (existing) on the enclosed maps be added to the draft map.

To help illustrate the intrastate importance that these corridors provide, we offer a brief overview of each:

SDG&E Corridor Map

• Camp Pendleton Marine Base - Existing electric transmission corridors pass through this Base. These corridors bring intrastate energy to the San Diego region from the Pacific Northwest and Arizona.

• Sunrise Power Link - SDG&E has just completed its evaluation of various routes for a new high-voltage transmission line project from Imperial Valley west to the San Diego. We will provide you with the preferred alignment available in early August 2006 after we submit it to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Because this is such a critical project, it is our desire that you include this corridor study within the PEIS. We believe the preferred route should be included because it results from substantial environmental study and routing considerations done to minimize impacts.

SoCalGas Corridor Map

• Angeles National Forest - Significant existing gas transmission lines pass though the Forest. These lines bring natural gas from Texas to Central California. They also move natural gas from California producers to interstate pipelines and the Los Angeles area.

• Victorville Area - A number of existing gas transmission lines pass through BLM lands. These lines currently move natural gas from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Texas, and New Mexico to serve the Los Angeles basin.

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• Los Padres National Forest- Important gas transmission lines pass through the forest at the east and northerly sections. The lines move natural gas from California producers to interstate pipelines and lines that serve the Los Angeles basin.

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• Colorado Desert - Existing and proposed gas transmission lines pass through the Chocolate Mountain Bombing Range and BLM lands. These lines transport or will carry future intrastate gas to Imperial Valley and Los Angeles from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Texas, and New Mexico.

• Otay Mountain Area - A future gas transmission line will be needed to pass through BLM lands to ensure delivery of international gas. This line would be able to serve the future needs for the San Diego area.

• Camp Pendleton - An existing gas transmission pipeline passes through the coastal edge of Camp Pendleton. This line currently moves natural gas to San Diego from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Texas and New Mexico.

It is important to note that over time, the above corridors may allow for the transport of LNG (liquid natural gas) from California to other States. Projects are now being evaluated to establish LNG delivery points on the West coast of California and Mexico. Transportation to other states could begin as early as 2008 or 2009.

Each of the above mentioned corridors has the potential to meet the need criteria listed on the Department of Energy's (DOE) website (http://corridoreis.anl.gov/eis/pdmap/index.cfm) and used by the DOE to do the "first cut" preliminary screening of corridors to be included in the PEIS. That is:

• The corridors have the potential to enhance west-wide delivery of natural gas and electric energy.

• The proposed electric corridors have the potential to improve the electric

transmission grid by contributing to improved system reliability and capacity, and incrementally reducing electric transmission system congestion.

• The corridors have the potential to transport energy from supply areas to demand areas and, in the case of the Sunrise Powerlink, have the added benefit of being capable of tapping into potential sources of renewable solar, wind and geothermal energy resources in the southeastern portions of Southern California.

As the Agencies know, it is imperative to recognize existing corridors and designate future transmission corridors. It is becoming more and more difficult to site gas and electric transmission projects, particularly in Southern California where there are a myriad of natural resources, parks, forests, wilderness, tribal lands, development and other land use considerations.

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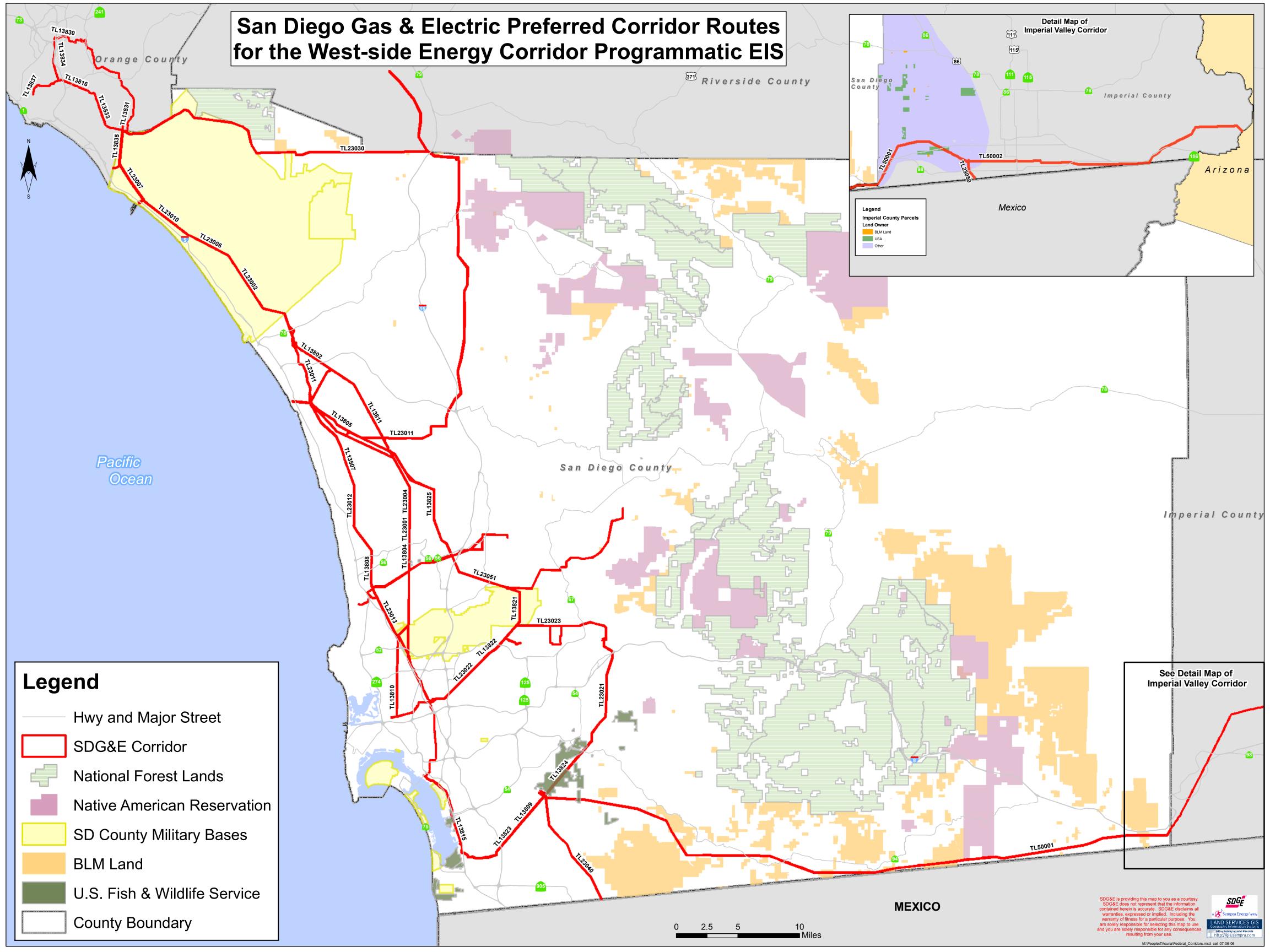
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