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Washington DC - Today, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter commended the California Public Utilities Commission for rejecting San Diego Gas and Electric's plan to automatically shut off power when certain weather conditions are present. The plan proposed cutting power to nearly 60,000 homes and businesses throughout San Diego County to limit wildfire damage.

"This was the right decision," said Congressman Hunter. "It is important that we continue to pursue legitimate fire prevention and control measures but the public safety concerns surrounding this plan, such as access to communication and emergency services, particularly for disabled and senior citizens, are far too serious to overlook. Cutting off power to County residents under the threat of wildfire would impose unnecessary risk at a time when important resources and services, all of which rely on our local power supply, are needed most."