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Iain Fisher, California Public Utilities Commission Greg Thomsen, Bureau of Land Management c/o Dudek 605 Third Street Encinitas, California 92024

Re: Proposed Tule Wind Power Project

Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thomsen:

This letter is written to urge you to certify the EIR/EIS for the Tule Wind project at its currently proposed size. The wind resource in McCain Valley is rare and valuable, and the mitigation measures proposed in the EIR will address the issues of concern.

Mountain Health & Community Services, Inc. has been serving the rural, southeast region of San Diego County for over 35 years, and provides the only local source of primary care and mental health services to this severely medically underserved area. We are very concerned with the health issues of our rural population, and believe that working toward enhancing and developing clean and renewable energy sources is vital to the long term health and wellbeing of us all.

The time to commit to renewable energy is long overdue. The Tule Wind Power Project can help reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 250,000 tons per year, making our air cleaner, reducing our impact on climate change and lowering our dependence on foreign oil. The Tule Wind Power Project will provide renewable energy to power more than 60,000 San Diego area homes and go a long way toward helping the region meet California's renewable energy goals.

As a life long resident of rural East San Diego County, these issues are important to me. I urge you to certify the EIR/EIS and allow the Tule Wind Power Project to proceed as proposed. The negative effects of no action in regard to safe, fossil free energy for our future will be far greater if this project does not move forward.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely.

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President & Chief Executive Officer