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Iain Fisher, CPUC  
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c/o Dudek  
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Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thomsen,

I am writing in support of SDG&E's proposed ECO Substation Project. I believe the DEIR/EIS made some excellent points when it noted that without ECO, "There would be no new renewable energy source in the southeastern portion of San Diego County, and consequently, the region may not meet its California RPS program and associated Executive Order requirements to develop renewable energy on federal lands in compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005."

Westfield, which owns and operates several regional shopping malls in San Diego County and throughout the United States, has a strong corporate commitment to sustainability. We believe in working with the communities we serve by leading the way in green building techniques, technologies and materials, designing shopping center environments to reduce consumption, encourage sustainability and advance environmental responsibility.

Among our sustainable business practices are the pursuit of renewable energy and energy consumption reduction and management. We believe that the ECO Substation Project is critical to helping us carry out our green policies by making renewable energy more readily available in the communities we serve. ECO will help foster the development of wind and solar generating facilities to connect to the San Diego power grid, allowing our region to reduce its dependence on fossil-fueled power plants. This will result in improved air quality for everyone.

Furthermore, Westfield, just like all other businesses in the region, depends on a reliable energy supply to remain economically viable and competitive. The ECO Substation Project will improve electric reliability in Eastern San Diego County, which is a key area of focus for us, and throughout SDG&E's electric system.

Finally, the ECO Substation Project will generate new construction jobs and facilitate the creation of hundreds of green jobs through the development of associated renewable energy projects. All of this will have a positive effect on our regional economy.

Westfield believes that the ECO Substation Project is critically important for San Diego's economy, air quality and environmental sustainability. We encourage the CPUC and BLM to move the project forward as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Jerry Engen  
Senior Vice President

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