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March 3, 2011

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Deceased

Mr. Iain Fisher, CPUC Mr. Greg Thomsen, BLM c/o Dudek 605 Third Street Encinitas, CA 92024

Re:

Draft EIR-EIS Comments / Opposition: Tule Wind, ECO

Substation, Energia Sierra Juarez

Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thomsen:

We are writing you to express our opposition and insure that it is documented in the record for the large wind turbine, substation, and power line projects that your agencies are reviewing as the Proposed Project, alternative projects and cumulative projects. As such, we may have to join in filing of future lawsuits for damages related to nuisance, loss of property value, quality of life, loss of the use and enjoyment of our property, and other potential adverse effects to ourselves and our properties.

We reside to the West of Ribbonwood Road North of I-8 in Boulevard, CA in the neighborhood directly adjacent to one of the proposed projects. We purchased approximately 10 acres at 2754 Ribbonwood Road back in 1997 because it was a beautiful and quiet place to live which we could enjoy with our friends and family and have worked hard on keeping it up. We also have a number of large oak trees on the property. We are concerned for the future of our properties, our neighbors and the local animals and wildlife. We have deer, bob cats, mountain lions, nesting pairs of hawks, owls, woodpeckers and numerous other types of wildlife on our property.

Back in April of 2005 we purchased the adjacent property of approximately 92 aces which contains a large pond, a large population of oak trees, and an old church camp which we have cleaned up and used for gatherings of church groups and family outings, sometimes in excess of two (200) hundred individuals. In addition, we have also used the properties for viewing the stars through small and large telescopes that we own. At night we listen to the croaking frogs, the owls and the coyotes. In other words, we have a beautiful secluded location.

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We are impacted by the existing Kumeyaay wind turbines on the Campo Reservation less than one (1) mile to the west of us. The whooping of the giant blades and the lights on the towers creates a nuisance at times.

The local state and federal agencies should limit any further industrial wind turbine projects unless and until there has been a satisfactory review of the effects on the health of the individual property owners, indigenous bird and animals, and on the local property values. We would ask you whether there has been any study of the effects of the proposed projects on the values of the adjacent properties in the area? Will the proposed projects depress the values of the adjacent properties and will the projects depress the potential growth of our local property values as these projects increase in the future. How do the proponents of said projects intend to protect the adjacent property owners if their projects are detrimental to our property values? Will they indemnify the adjacent property owners if they suffer any detrimental effects? We don't begrudge these companies from profiting from their projects, but we do if it is at our expense. Is the Boulevard area going to become a dumping ground for such projects because we can least afford to put up a fight in order to protect our properties?

We also have concerns about the increased risk of fire, increases in our fire insurance rates, noise pollution from industrial wind turbines (and their effect on people and local birds and animals), pollution by the surrounding electrical fields, shadow flicker from adjacent wind turbines, use of local water sources, and the effect of these projects on the quality and quantity of our water supplies.

We support and encourage the efforts of Backcountry Against Dumps to protect and defend our rural community from invasive commercial industrial projects (including energy projects) that tend at our expense to degrade our environment, our community and our property values.

Sincerely

Clifford E. Caldwell and Concepcion G. Caldwell

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Boulevard, CA 91905

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