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Subject: Tule Wind Project - Data Request No. 10

Dear Mr. Durocher:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requests additional information in support of the Tule Wind visual resources analysis for the East County Substation, Tule Wind, and Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects EIR/EIS. Please provide requested information in Attachment A regarding the Tule Wind Project visual simulations, tribal access roads, and request for a copy of the final Tule Wind Project Applicant's Environmental Document. We would appreciate your response to this data request no later than August 4, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.355.5580 or aei@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Tule Wind Project Applicant's Environmental Document Figures 3.2-3 and 3.2-9

Visual Simulations

1. The project EIR/EIS has separate discussions for the proposed project and alternatives. The Tule Wind Project Applicant's Environmental Document Figures 3.2-3 and 3.2-9 provide views that include the Alternative Route 3 transmission line. For clarity in the document we would like to request additional visual simulations. Please prepare the following figures:

    a. A new figure for the *proposed* 138 kV transmission line along Old Highway 80 showing the proposed interconnect with the rebuilt Boulevard Substation. Through a review of aerial photography and street views it appears that the existing distribution line shown in Figure 3.2-3 leads to the existing Boulevard Substation. Therefore, this figure should show the proposed transmission line crossing Old Highway 80 in order to interconnect with the rebuilt Boulevard Substation. This figure currently appears to show the 138 kV transmission line for Alternative Route 3 along the highway (if Alternative Route 3 has been simulated in this figure, the transmission line should also cross Old Highway 80 to interconnect with the Boulevard Substation).

    b. A revised Figure 3.2-3 to show Alternative Route 3 crossing Old Highway 80 at this location to interconnect with the rebuilt Boulevard Substation.

    c. A revised Figure 3.2-9 to show only the wind turbines (proposed project) and not the Alternative Route 3 transmission line in the simulation.

2. Please explain why the simulations of the transmission poles in Figures 3.2-3, 3.2-4, 3.2-5 and 3.2-9 are different than the typical 138 kV steel tangent poles graphic provided (Figure 2.0-6).

Access Roads on Tribal Lands

3. Please provide the status regarding acquiring access to the proposed project via roads crossing tribal lands. Please describe in detail any improvements that will be required for these roadways as well as the status of biological resources and cultural resources surveys along these corridors.

Document Publication

4. Upon public distribution of the Draft EIR/EIS all supporting documents will be published on the CPUC project website. Please provide a .pdf file of the final Tule Wind Project Applicant's Environmental Document that can be used for this purpose.