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

Re: Proposed Tule Wind Power Project

Dear Bureau of Land Management and California Public Utilities Commission:

I have lived in San Diego County for ___ years and urge you to certify the EIR/EIS for the Tule Wind project.

The wind resource in McCain Valley is rare and valuable, and I feel confident that the mitigation measures proposed in the EIR will address the issues of concern. I ask you to keep the Tule Wind Power Project at its currently proposed size.

If we are going to commit to renewable energy, the time to do so is now. We can't afford to delay bringing jobs, revenue and responsible renewable energy sources to our communities.

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- More than five years of environmental studies at the Tule Wind Power Project area have shown low use by sensitive or endangered species. I understand that Iberdrola Renewables has a long history of working hard to site wind farms responsibly, and participates actively in studies to look at ways to reduce wind power's impact on wildlife.
- The Tule Wind Power Project will 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.
- This area in East San Diego County is one of the few remaining quality wind resource areas in the U.S. Let's use the power of this natural wind to our benefit and that of our children in the future.
- In this economy, we need jobs, and this project will create approximately 325 jobs at the peak of construction and 12 permanent jobs for local residents. It will also bring \$5 million per year to the County of San Diego in tax revenue.
- The project is proposed in a remote, rugged and sparsely populated area, and the wind turbines would be unseen by nearly everyone.

- Less than two percent of the land in the wind project area will be used for actual wind power production, leaving the land free for existing recreational uses.
- Through their work on many other projects across the country, Iberdrola Renewables has shown a strong track record of developing wind energy projects that minimize impacts to the surrounding community.
- Decisions to invest in clean energy are overdue. We need our elected officials to make tough choices today for a cleaner tomorrow. Let's continue San Diego County's role as a leader in clean technology with the Tule Wind Project.

As a resident of 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 impacts to our community will be far greater if this does not move forward.

Sincerely,

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