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Dear Sirs:

After reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement report for the East county Substation, Tule Wind, and Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects, I have come to the conclusion that the "No Build" option is the correct decision. This decision is based largely on issues that were not covered in the report, and they cause me grave concerns.

First: Here in the Boulevard area, as well as the rest of San Diego, we are in a deep recession and have already seen large declines in our property values. These proposed projects (and others that are sure to follow) would expose home owners to another 30% or larger decline in their property values. Add to this the likely-hood that few, if anyone, would be willing to drive 40 plus miles to live among wind farms. The result of this would mean total destruction of our homes and communities.

Second: As the report makes clear, there is a substantial unmitigated fire hazard associated with these projects. Combining this with the fact that this is already an extreme fire hazard area, this proposal will have the potential to create the "Perfect Storm", one that could rival the Cedar Fire. This is the greatest fear for all East County residents. Knowing a windmill fire cannot be put out until it has fallen, and aerial support cannot be used within the project zones, our best tools for fighting a wild fire are all but useless during the initial stages of attacking the blaze.

Third: After the Cedar Fire here in San Diego, my home owner

insurance carrier dropped my policy. The only way I could insure my home was either a state written minimalist policy, or Lloyds of London. My rate jumped from \$650.00 per year to \$2,000.00 a year.

Almost a year ago I was finally able to get a major U.S. underwriter to insure my home again. My current rate is about \$2,000.00 a year. Once again, however, I have learned that if these projects are approved, that my policy could be cancelled again due to the added fire risks. Although I could probably return to Lloyds for insurance, I'm sure my rates would again jump. I should state, my home is a 1978 split level track-style home approx. 2,000 sq. ft. I have never filed a home owner's claim, and my property is always cleared of brush.

In conclusion, it is a fact that most people support alternative energy sources, and see a need for responsible projects. Responsible meaning having these projects located in appropriate areas so as to minimize risks and protect communities from financial ruin.

Due to the property value losses, fire, habitat, and health risks, these projects should not be located in or around existing communities ESPECIALLY in high fire hazard areas.

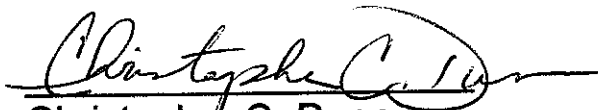
I believe these projects would NEVER be considered for this part of the county if officials would remember that their responsibility is to serve, protect and help enhance ALL the communities in San Diego and not allow the destruction of any town or community for the sake of tax revenues or special interest groups regardless of State or Corporate pressures.

These projects are the wave of the future. But they can be located to enhance ALL California citizens and not at the expense of US who live and pay taxes here in Boulevard and Jacumba.

We love our community and our rural life-style as much as I'm sure you love yours.

Please: Don't build those ugly and dangerous projects in this area of our beautiful county of San Diego.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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