

March 3, 2011

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RE: SCH#2009121079 Joint NEPA/CEQA Joint DEIR/DEIS Public Comments for the East County Substation/Tule Wind. Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects

Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thompson,

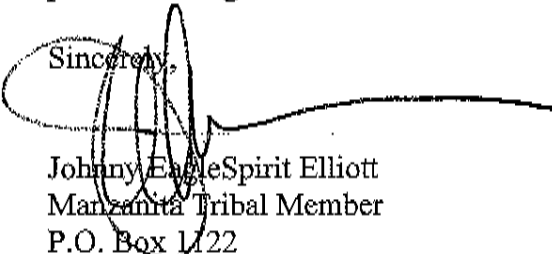
The Kumeyaay People have called San Diego County, Imperial County and Northern Baja California home for thousands of years. The Old People told us that the Creator chose this area for our home and we have been here ever since. Out of duty and respect we have been stewards of the land, the animals and plants for many years. Our Old People and Elders have passed down to us our history, sacred sites, language, culture and traditions, some of which has been recorded, including the information from my great great grandfather Jim McCarty who recorded many eagle nesting areas and sacred sites in the early 1900's.

There are no adequate words to explain the deep connection our people have with the Golden Eagles and our Cultural and Sacred Sites, they are at the heart and soul of our people. They are an important and integral part of our past, present and future.

I understand that the Tule project developer has said that they will do "what they can" to avoid and minimize effects on the archeology of the project area however that is not the whole issue at hand. These towers will act as arrows piercing the heart and soul of the land and therefore the Kumeyaay People forever destroying the spirituality of these areas. This destruction would be unacceptable!

These tribal traditional properties and the Golden Eagles must be protected. The Department of the Interior must live up to their trust responsibilities to my people and protect our eagles and traditional areas.

Sincerely,



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