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Subject: RE: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez / U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

Deputy Commander Soule,

Thank you very much for your important message. I am forwarding your e-mail to our contractor, ENTRIX, for the preparation of the environmental

impact statement (EIS), and to the applicant, Sempra Global (ESJ), for their information, addition to the administrative record, and incorporation

into our work. Please continue to keep us informed of your concerns; in particular, when the draft EIS is available, we will look forward to your

review and comments. Please consider availing yourself of a subscription to our e-mail news list that will keep you informed of developments; the

Project EIS Web site is at <http://ESJProjectEIS.org>.

Best regards,

Jerry Pell

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Dr. Pell:

Subject: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

The Border Patrol maintains a 60' government easement at the international boundary border fence in the project area. The entire easement is, for the most part, a 50' wide dirt road. This project should not impact our operations environmentally as long as the road surface is sufficiently maintained and correctly graded. However, below are a few concerns that we would request are addressed in this project:

a.. Border fence integrity – cross-border working: this fence is 20' steel and concrete bollard design and extremely expensive. It will not be

breached for a commercial enterprise without Office of Border Patrol, Washington, D.C. approval.

b.. Helicopter based construction in the area potentially poses a threat to our 24/7 aircraft patrols.

c.. Ability to positively identify all vehicles and personnel involved with the construction project in the immediate border area. "Cloned"

vehicles have been an issue at several border construction sites.

d.. Construction work schedule (working hours)

e.. Equipment storage area: security of unused equipment. Cross-border thieves target this type of construction equipment. The Border Patrol will

not alter its border security mission to secure commercial property in such an endeavor.

f.. Name of private security for construction equipment and materials

We (Border Patrol) have been involved in many border construction projects over the years and have developed techniques that counter attempts to

defeat security at the border without delaying or negatively impacting construction progress.

Respectfully,

Henry S. Soule

(A) Deputy Commander

U.S. Border Patrol

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