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Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Docket #PP-334

Dear Secretary Chu:


On behalf of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation (EDC), I am writing to demonstrate our support of Sempra Generation's application for a Presidential Permit (Docket Number PP-334) to construct the cross-border Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission Line Project (ESJ-US) between Baja California, Mexico and San Diego County, California.

EDC is the catalyst behind the successful Cali-Baja Mega Region Initiative, originally funded by the EDA, to improve the economic vitality of the Counties of San Diego and Imperial Valley and Baja California. All three economies are complementary and interdependent and set the stage for our Mega-Region to become a hub for clean-technology innovation and development. The ESJ-US project is consistent with our mission and strategies of the Mega-Region to attract investment and innovation.

Furthermore, the ESJ-US project will help San Diego Gas & Electric and California to meet the State's 2020 Renewable Portfolio Standard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33 percent. As a nation, we need to diversify our energy sources and be aggressive in our clean energy targets. The Mega-Region has some of the richest solar, wind and geothermal resources found anywhere in the country, making it a prime area for clean energy production and the ESJ-US project.

Lastly, the ESJ-US project is exactly the type of economic development we need in our border region. This project will not only bring innovative renewable energy sources, but improve cross-border relationships and bring new investment to both sides of the boarder.

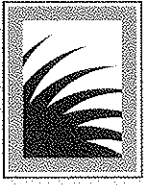
EDC encourages you and the U.S. Department of Energy to approve the ESJ-US project and support clean-technology innovation and practices in our Mega-Region.

Best Regards,

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