



October 24, 2011

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

Re: Docket Number PP-334 - Energía Sierra Juarez

Dear Secretary Chu:

On behalf of the 1,000+ members of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), San Diego Chapter, Inc., I would like to express our support for a Presidential Permit to construct the Energía Sierra Juarez wind project (ESJ) being developed by Sempra Generation in Baja California. We believe ESJ will be an outstanding project for our region, both economically and environmentally.

AGC is committed to rebuilding the region's infrastructure, and this project will help maintain the reliability of the electric grid during emergencies and will help San Diego Gas & Electric and California meet the state's 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard and greenhouse gas reduction goals. It also will drive economic stimulus along the U.S.-Mexico border, creating more than 300 construction jobs and generating local revenues on both sides of the border.

AGC respectfully requests your approval of Sempra Generation's application for a Presidential Permit to construct the cross-border transmission line. If you need additional information, please contact me at 858-731-8158 or at bbarnum@agcsd.org.

Sincerely,

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