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RE: NO to Sempra's plan to outsource jobs

Dear Dr. Chu:

I strongly urge you to say NO to Sempra's plan to outsource American jobs.

Sempra Energy has asked the Department of Energy for a Presidential Permit to construct a cross-border transmission line, known as Energia Sierra Juarez, between Mexico and California to enable the company to import electricity into California from energy projects in Mexico.

Sempra Energy's plan to offshore green energy production to Mexico would result in as many as 15,000 lost U.S. jobs and nearly \$300 million in lost local, state and federal tax revenue. 90% of the direct job losses would occur in Imperial County, California, which had the highest unemployment rate in the nation as of April 2011 at 27.9%.

Sempra's plan is a job killer. This flawed proposal to import energy instead of building projects here undermines President Obama's vision to create jobs. It is the wrong direction at a time when we should be building green energy projects in the state to put Californians back to work.

With construction unemployment at its highest in a generation, we can't afford to outsource even one construction job as Sempra is proposing to do.

Please say NO to Sempra's plan.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of my view.

