



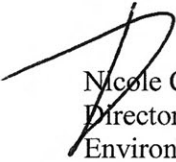
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RE: Docket Number PP – 334, Presidential Permit by Sempra Energy to Construct a Cross-Border Transmission Line

Environmental Health Coalition requests that our attached letter be submitted into the official file for this proceeding.

Sincerely,


Nicole Capretz
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October 11, 2010

Steven Chu
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US Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

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Environmental Health Coalition is a 30-year old environmental and social justice organization working to empower people, organize communities and achieve justice in low-income communities of color. We are writing in opposition to Sempra Energy's application for a Presidential Permit to construct a cross-border transmission line between northern Baja Mexico and San Diego County.


The transmission project proposed in this application would undermine several goals of President Obama's Administration. Specifically:

1. It would facilitate offshoring American jobs: Sempra's cross-border transmission lines would enable the company to build energy projects in Mexico and import the energy into the United States instead of building them here where the power is being used. This moves our economy in the wrong direction at a time when we should be creating jobs in the U.S.
2. It would increase the United States' dependence on imported energy: The Administration has emphasized the need for America to become energy independent. Approving a cross-border transmission line to import energy from Mexico is the exact opposite of the President's stated goal. Our nation's economic future and security depends on developing energy infrastructure within our own borders.
3. It would undermine American environmental and labor laws: A core component of President Obama's campaign was his commitment to a green economy that would usher in a period of environmental advancement and economic prosperity. Construction of a cross-border transmission line will undermines the President's vision by enabling Sempra Energy to deliver electricity to the United States from foreign facilities not built to American labor and environmental standards.

If we are to reclaim America's middle class, our nation must eliminate opportunities for corporations to export our jobs, exploit workers or raid natural resources. For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Department of Energy reject Sempra Energy's application for a cross-border Presidential Permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nicole Capretz
Director

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