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To: Rob Wurgler; Tim Murphy; Megan Schwartz; Jerry Pell
Subject: New Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line EIS comment from Brendan

Brendan Hughes has entered the following comment:

I believe the Energia Sierra Juarez transmission project is flawed by its very nature. It aids in the industrialization of Mexico's wild lands. DOE should not be facilitating this destruction any more than it should be facilitating the widespread destruction of habitat in the US in the form of massive solar and wind projects. DOE should focus on distributed renewables, such as rooftop solar, and if necessary site large renewable projects on previously-disturbed agricultural and mining lands. The mountain habitats of Baja and Alta California are a non-renewable resource that should not be sacrificed for profit when valid alternatives exist.

Additionally, this project has the potential to have impacts on the peninsular bighorn sheep that are not analyzed in the EIS. Even though USFWS does not think bighorns will occur within the project area, they also probably didn't think bighorns would present themselves in the footprint of the Imperial Solar Project on the floor of the Imperial Valley. The project proponent should do more extensive studies for bighorn sheep and potential disruption of habitat connectivity.

Thank you for your consideration.

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