

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

July 5, 2011

Mr. Jeffrey Lane
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Mr. Lane:

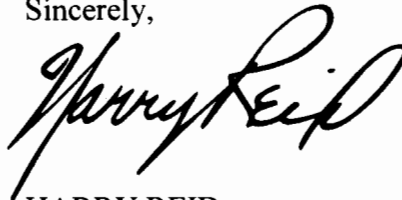
Enclosed is a letter I have received from Mr. David Jones.

I would appreciate your reviewing this situation and providing answers to my constituent's concern. Please send your reply directly to Mr. Jones, and send a copy of your response to me.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
United States Senator
Nevada

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The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Majority Leader
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333 Las Vegas Blvd. South
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Dear Senator Reid:

On behalf of more than 3,700 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 357 in Las Vegas, I write in opposition to Sempra Energy's application on behalf of Baja Wind U.S. Transmission, LLC (now known as Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC) for a Presidential Permit (Docket Number PP-334) to construct a cross-border transmission line between Mexico and California (see attached map). The transmission project proposed in this application would undermine several goals of President Obama's Administration:

1. **It would facilitate the export of American jobs:** Sempra's cross-border transmission line would enable the company to build energy projects in Mexico instead of building them here in the United States. This moves our economy in the wrong direction at a time when we should be putting Americans back to work.
2. **It would increase the United States' dependence on imported energy:** The Administration has emphasized the need for America to become energy independent. Approving cross-border transmission lines to import energy from Mexico into the United States 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:** Construction of a cross-border transmission line will undermine the President's vision by enabling Sempra to deliver energy to the United States from foreign facilities not built to our labor or environmental standards.

On behalf of my entire membership, I want to personally thank you for your assistance last year assuring that the 200 plus jobs at Copper Mountain's 48 megawatt project, another Sempra site, went to IBEW Nevada residents. Without your assistance, Sempra most likely would have imported labor from who knows where to build that project. Sempra is currently adding an additional one half megawatt to that site without IBEW Nevada residents even though Copper Mountain was named the "Solar Project of the Year" (see attached). Once again, Sempra doesn't care about using local labor, providing U.S. jobs or building within our borders.



With unemployment in the construction industry at its worst in a generation, we cannot afford to export even one construction job out of the United States as Sempra is proposing to do. For these reasons, we respectfully request that you protect jobs for Nevadans by opposing Sempra's Energia Sierra Juarez cross-border transmission line proposal.

Sincerely,



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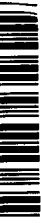
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