



THE VOICE OF DOWNTOWN

September 12, 2011

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

RE: Energía Sierra Juarez

Dear Secretary Chu:

The Downtown San Diego Partnership, a privately funded non-profit 501(c) 6 business organization with more than 325 members, has a long and distinguished history of successfully advocating for projects and programs that benefit Downtown San Diego.

I am writing to request your support and approval of the Presidential Permit application submitted by Sempra Generation for the Energía Sierra Juarez cross-border electric transmission line;

After enduring the energy crisis of 2000, our members understand that the cost of doing business in San Diego can be drastically impacted by uncertainty in energy supply or deliverability. Unable to afford the rapidly escalating energy costs, many San Diego companies downsized, closed or moved out of the state and our region lost thousands of jobs. We recognize that having a steady and secure energy supply has become a necessity for any business' long-term planning and economic growth.

By diversifying our region's energy portfolio with clean, renewable wind-generated energy, this project will help our San Diego utility, SDG&E, meet their 33% renewable mandate while at the same time promoting greenhouse gas reduction. ESJ will produce clean energy in our region that will be used to power homes and businesses right here in San Diego.

On behalf of the members of the Downtown San Diego Partnership, I urge you to approve the permit for the Energía Sierra Juarez cross-border electric transmission line and ensure a clean, sustainable supply of energy for downtown San Diego and our entire county.

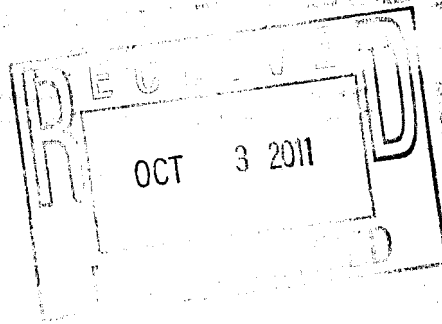
Sincerely,

Kris Michell
President

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