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

Re: Docket Number PP-334 - Energía Sierra Juarez

Dear Secretary Chu:

CleanTECH San Diego supports this initiative that will bring long-term economic benefits and sustainability to the region. We urge your review and approval of the Presidential Permit application submitted by Sempra Generation for the Energía Sierra Juarez (ESJ) wind project in Baja California.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit associated focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes the private sector companies, as well as local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutes such as UC San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography and San Diego State University.

To meet Governor Brown's 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard mandate by 2020, San Diego Gas & Electric and the state of California are counting on sustainability initiatives like the ESJ wind project. A diverse mix of renewable resources is required to achieve the state's aggressive clean energy targets. The Imperial Valley-San Diego-Baja California mega-region has some of the richest solar, wind and geothermal resources found anywhere in the country; thus, making is a prime area to continue clean energy production. The transmission line and associated wind project will deliver clean, emission-free energy to California homes and businesses for decades. We need to act on this opportunity to engage one of the best untapped wind resource areas in the West.

We are pleased to offer CleanTECH San Diego's full support of the Energía Sierra Juarez wind project. ESJ will stimulate the economy along the U.S.-Mexico border, while helping to further position the region as a hub for cleantech innovation and development. Your approval of the Presidential Permit application will expedite this project to assist in the success of the region's sustainability goals and economic prosperity.

Sincerely,

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