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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

17 November 2009

Mr. David Reese
USM/OCAO/Occupational Safety and Environmental Programs
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Mr. Reese:

Subject: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

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Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
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Dear Ms. Orlando:

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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Cuddy:

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426

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40015 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550

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Washington, DC 20585

17 November 2009

Ms. Susan Bromm
Director, Office of Federal Activities
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 2251-A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Bromm:

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17 November 2009

Mr. Ed Pert
California Department of Fish and Game
4949 Viewridge Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. Pert:

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17 November 2009

Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Historic Preservation
California Department of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

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California State Parks
200 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004-5055

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California State Parks
Ocotillo Wells District
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17 November 2009

Mr. Douglas Larson
Executive Director
Western Interstate Energy Board
1600 Broadway Street
Suite 1700
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Larson:

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From: Pell, Jerry [mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 12:21 PM
To: Thomas.Cuddy@faa.gov
Cc: Tim Murphy; Heredia, Joan
Subject: RE: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

Tom,

Much thanks for your message. I am copying this to our contractor to ensure that your concerns are properly addressed.

Best regards,

Dr. Jerry Pell, CCM
Principal NEPA* Document Manager
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*National Environmental Policy Act

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas.Cuddy@faa.gov [mailto:Thomas.Cuddy@faa.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 3:04 PM
To: Pell, Jerry
Subject: RE: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

Dear Dr. Pell,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project.

The FAA would like to point out two things that your EIS project team should consider during environmental review and planning to see if they are applicable to the project.

Advisory Circular 70/7460-1K, Obstruction Marking and Lighting, describes the standards for marking and lighting structures such as buildings, chimneys, antenna towers, cooling towers, storage tanks, supporting structures of overhead wires, etc.

If your organization is planning to sponsor any construction or alterations which may affect navigable airspace (200 feet or more in height), you must file a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) with the FAA.

Descriptions of these programs and the forms can be found on the website for the office of Obstruction Evaluation:

http://www.faa.gov/airports/engineering/airspace_analysis/

Best of luck with the project.

Tom C.

Thomas W. Cuddy

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From: Pell, Jerry [mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 7:48 AM
To: Sevrens, Gail
Cc: Tim Murphy
Subject: RE: proposed energia sierra juarez u.s. electric transmission line project

Gail,

Thank you very much for your message.

We do not have a specific mailing list for the project. Once the draft environmental impact statement is ready for release, we will use the Web site subscriber list to advise of its availability, and then develop a mailing list from the responses received, as well as from other sources. The Web subscriber list remains our mainstay means of communication with interested parties.

Hope this helps.

Best regards,

Jerry Pell

-----Original Message-----

From: Sevrens, Gail [mailto:gsevr@parks.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 11:47 AM
To: Pell, Jerry
Subject: proposed energia sierra juarez u.s. electric transmission line project

Dr. Pell -

I am the environmental coordinator for the Colorado Desert District of California State Parks and received your letter of 11/17/09.

Because of the proximity of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to the project, we are interested in the project.

I have subscribed to the project website email list, but would also like to be placed on the mailing list for the project at the address below.

Thank you,

Gail Sevrens

District Services Manager

Colorado Desert District, California State Parks

200 Palm Canyon Drive

Borrego Springs, CA 92004

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
UNITED STATES SECTION

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

December 15, 2009

Dr. Jerry Pell
Principal NEPA Document Manager
Permitting, Siting, and Analysis (OE-20)
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, DC 2058

Re: Participation in review of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process for Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC to construct transmission line and towers.

Dear Mr. Pell:

The United States International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) would like to be included in all steps within the process of reviewing environmental impacts, application for a presidential permit, and review of the EIS.

We look forward to working with you on issues related to the international boundary, specifically international treaties and agreements, border environmental concerns, USIBWC jurisdiction, and USIBWC real property. Please forward all review material to the USIBWC Environmental Management Division.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (915) 832-4749 or Mr. Carlos Peña at (915) 832-4740.

Sincerely,

John Merino

Principal Engineer
Engineering and Planning Department

From: Pell, Jerry [mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 10:22 AM
To: SOULE, HENRY S
Cc: HANCE, MICHAEL D; HASELTON, SCOTT E; MORRISON, JEFFREY G; Tim Murphy;
Heredia, Joan
Subject: RE: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez / U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

Deputy Commander Soule,

Thank you very much for your important message. I am forwarding your e-mail to our contractor, ENTRIX, for the preparation of the environmental

impact statement (EIS), and to the applicant, Sempra Global (ESJ), for their information, addition to the administrative record, and incorporation

into our work. Please continue to keep us informed of your concerns; in particular, when the draft EIS is available, we will look forward to your

review and comments. Please consider availing yourself of a subscription to our e-mail news list that will keep you informed of developments; the

Project EIS Web site is at <http://ESJProjectEIS.org>.

Best regards,

Jerry Pell

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From: SOULE, HENRY S [mailto:henry.soule@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 12:26 PM
To: Pell, Jerry
Cc: HANCE, MICHAEL D; HASELTON, SCOTT E; MORRISON, JEFFREY G
Subject: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez / U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

Dr. Jerry Pell

U.S. Department of Energy

Office of Electricity (OE-20)

Washington, DC 20585

Dr. Pell:

Subject: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electric Transmission Line Project

The Border Patrol maintains a 60' government easement at the international boundary border fence in the project area. The entire easement is, for the most part, a 50' wide dirt road. This project should not impact our operations environmentally as long as the road surface is sufficiently maintained and correctly graded. However, below are a few concerns that we would request are addressed in this project:

a.. Border fence integrity – cross-border working: this fence is 20' steel and concrete bollard design and extremely expensive. It will not be

breached for a commercial enterprise without Office of Border Patrol, Washington, D.C. approval.

b.. Helicopter based construction in the area potentially poses a threat to our 24/7 aircraft patrols.

c.. Ability to positively identify all vehicles and personnel involved with the construction project in the immediate border area. "Cloned"

vehicles have been an issue at several border construction sites.

d.. Construction work schedule (working hours)

e.. Equipment storage area: security of unused equipment. Cross-border thieves target this type of construction equipment. The Border Patrol will

not alter its border security mission to secure commercial property in such an endeavor.

f.. Name of private security for construction equipment and materials

We (Border Patrol) have been involved in many border construction projects over the years and have developed techniques that counter attempts to

defeat security at the border without delaying or negatively impacting construction progress.

Respectfully,

Henry S. Soule

(A) Deputy Commander

U.S. Border Patrol

Boulevard Station



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
El Centro Field Office
1661 South 4th Street
El Centro, California 92243-4561

December 21, 2009

In Reply Refer To:
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CACA 51204
CACA 49698

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dr. Jerry Pell
Principal NEPA Document Manager
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20)
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Pall:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received applications for rights-of-way for two separate, but related, proposed projects in eastern San Diego County. The first of these is for San Diego Gas and Electric Company's proposed East County (ECO) Substation near Jacumba, California. The proposed ECO substation would involve construction of a new 500/230/138 kV substation on about 58 acres of private land, a rebuild of the existing Boulevard substation, and construction of a new 13.3-mile-long 138 kV transmission between the two substations. The new 138 kV transmission line would traverse approximately 1.5 miles of public land managed by the BLM. The existing White Star communications facility located about 14 miles northwest of the proposed ECO substation would also be rebuilt as part of this project.

The second project is Iberdrola's proposed Tule Wind project in McCain Valley, California. The proposed project site is located on approximately 15,492 acres of land under multiple jurisdictions. The proposed project includes turbines, access roads, electrical collector and transmission lines, a substation, MET towers and storage yards/operations and maintenance facilities. The total number of wind turbines involved in the project could vary depending on the size of the turbines ultimately selected for the project. Iberdrola proposes to produce a total of 200 megawatts and to deliver them via a new transmission line that would connect to the proposed ECO substation at the rebuilt Boulevard substation.


The BLM and the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) are planning to jointly prepare an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) that evaluates both the proposed ECO Substation and, as a connected action, the proposed Tule Wind project. Upon completion of the joint EIR/EIS, the BLM will render two decisions, one for each of the proposed projects, and will document these in two distinct Records of Decision.

The EIR/EIS for the proposed proposed ECO Substation and Tule Wind project will also address the proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line as a connected action. As you know, the

Department of Energy is currently evaluating the Presidential permit application for this proposed gen-tie between the La Rumorosa Wind Project in Mexico and the proposed ECO substation. For this reason, and in accordance with the regulations at 40 CFR 1501.6, we are writing to request you to participate in environmental review process for these projects as a Cooperating Agency because your agency either has jurisdiction by law, special expertise, or both.

Thank you for your careful and prompt consideration of our request. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Thomas Zale at (760) 337-4420.

Sincerely,



Daniel Steward
Acting Field Manager

Enclosures – Maps of proposed ECO substation and Tule Wind project

From: Pell, Jerry [mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 12:16 PM
To: Erinn Wilson
Cc: Helen Birss; Paul Schlitt; Stephen Juarez; Tim Murphy; Megan Schwartz; William Staeger; Heredia, Joan; Como, Anthony
Subject: RE: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electrical Transmission Line Project EIS
Importance: High

Mr. or Ms. Wilson,

Thank you very much for your message; I am somewhat dismayed to learn that my letter regarding the project reached you only on 24 December, however. By copy of this message, I am asking ENTRIX, our contractor for preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS), to coordinate and consult with you directly regarding your interest in providing input on State ranked sensitive resources that occur within the project vicinity.

Also, if you have not already done so, may I suggest that you avail yourself of the resources available on the project web site, esjprojecteis.org, including the opportunity to register for electronic updates of new developments, postings of significant new documents, etc.; this is our major means of communicating with interested parties.

If we can work with you at this time on anything more specific, please feel free to contact me or contact directly my principal at ENTRIX, Mr. Tim Murphy, as follows:

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I hope the above is responsive to your needs.

Best regards and Best wishes for the new year,

Jerry Pell

-----Original Message-----

From: Erinn Wilson [mailto:ewilson@dfg.ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 2:55 PM
To: Pell, Jerry
Cc: Helen Birss; Paul Schlitt; Stephen Juarez
Subject: Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electrical Transmission Line Project EIS

Dr. Pell,

The Ca. Department of Fish and Game, San Diego Office, received your letter regarding the preparation of the Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) U.S. Electrical Transmission Line Project EIS on December 24th. We would much appreciate being added to any distribution list, receive any materials pertinent to this project, and participate in any collaboration or meeting. We would like to provide input to the DOE on State ranked sensitive resources that occur within the project vicinity. We are currently working with the CPUC, BLM, and FWS on the East County Substation and Tule Wind project which are all interconnected.

Thank you for the consideration,

My contact information is as follows:

Erinn Wilson
Staff Environmental Scientist
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On the first, second, and third Friday of each month I will be out of the office on furlough leave pursuant to Governor's Executive Order S-16-08.

From: Pell, Jerry [mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 6:07 AM
To: VILLA, RICHARD R
Cc: Tim Murphy; Heredia, Joan; Como, Anthony
Subject: RE: Energía Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission
Importance: High

Mr. Villa,

Much thanks for your message.

By cc, I am asking our contractor for the environmental impact statement (EIS), Mr. Tim Murphy of Entrix, to work with you in this regard as the point of contact. For anything non-routine or policy-related, please do continue to feel free to contact me directly.

I am also cc'ng Ms. Joan Heredia, my contact at Semptra, the project proponent, to make her aware of your concerns and to encourage her to cooperate with you and Entrix to resolve these issues.

Also, please note the project EIS Web site, <http://esjprojecteis.org>, for information on the project; you may wish to subscribe to the e-mail list-serve, which is our primary means of public communication of news and site changes.

I hope this is responsive to your needs.

Best regards,

Dr. Jerry Pell, CCM
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Permitting, Siting, and Analysis (OE-20)
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From: VILLA, RICHARD R [mailto:richard.villa@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 6:09 PM
To: Pell, Jerry
Subject: Energía Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission

Sir,

Can you please provide me with some information and/or a POC regarding the proposed ESJ lines?

1.. Who do I need to ask to notify us when they start the actual construction on the towers? Specifically due to flight safety (hazards to terrain flight).

2.. Who do I need to coordinate with to request marker balls in certain canyons throughout our sector?

I have been and still am working with SDG&E regarding several of their 500kV lines through our sector and although most towers don't meet the FAA designated lighting/marker requirement they have agreed to our request to install them anyways. I am hoping to negotiate the same with this project.

I don't know if Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom would be able to assist me on this specific request but if you think so can you let me know and provide me with her email?

Thank you very much for your time and assistance and I hope to hear from you soon.

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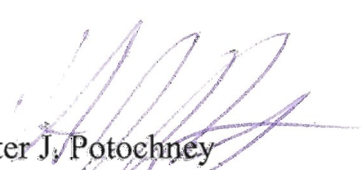
Dr. Jerry Pell
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Pell:

This is in response to your October 21, 2010, request for comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of electrical transmission facilities at the international border between the United States and Mexico, in the vicinity of Jacumba, California, in eastern San Diego County.

We have reviewed the Draft EIS and have no objection to the granting of the subject permit to Energia Sierra Juarez Project, OE Docket PP-334. If the electrical transmission facility or transmission line will be sited, constructed, expanded or operated on land or interest in land owned or controlled by a Military Department, including Army civil works activities, then an appropriate real estate use agreement must be obtained, as a separate action, with the applicable departments.

Sincerely,


Peter J. Potochney
Director, Basing

Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Installations and Environment)





United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 27, 2011

Dr. Jerry Pell
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REF: **Presidential Permit, Energia Sierra Juarez Project**
Docket Number: **PP-334**

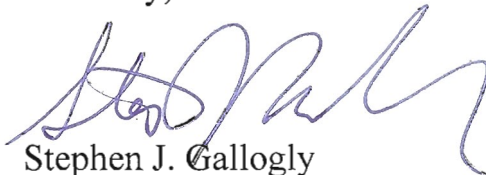
Dear Mr. Pell:

Your letter dated October 21, 2010, requested the Department of State to provide its recommendation on an application for a Presidential permit filed by **Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC (ESJ)**. The permit is for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of either a 230-kilovolt (kV) or a 500-kV electric transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Mexico border in the vicinity of Jacumba, California, in eastern San Diego County.

According to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC is a subsidiary of Sempra Generation (Sempra). The U.S. portion of the double-circuit transmission line would be 0.65 miles in length, and would transmit up to 1,250 megawatts (MW) of wind-generated electricity.

The Department has reviewed the draft environmental impact statement and federal register notices pertaining to the project and does not object to issuance of the permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Gallogly", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen J. Gallogly

Director

Office of International Energy and
Commodities Policy

From: Megan Schwartz
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 12:49 PM
To: Tim Murphy
Cc: Molly Middaugh
Subject: FW: border patrol communication summary

On October 17, 2011, Ms. Megan Schwartz of Cardno ENTRIX spoke on the telephone with Mr. Henry Soule, Chief of the Boulevard Station. Mr. Soule confirmed that he and Gary Lickert, Director of Air Operations for the Border Patrol, San Diego Sector met with Albert Abrieu. During the meeting it was determined that neither the Border Patrol nor the FAA have any concerns regarding tower lighting related to Border Patrol operations. Based on these discussions, it has been determined that there would be no need to light the towers.

Molly Middaugh

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