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Tule Wind Project - Data Request No. 3

(sent via email: Jeffrey.Durocher@iberdrolausa.com)

Dear Mr. Durocher:

Subject:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requests additional information in support of the Tule Wind air quality analysis for the East County Substation, Tule Wind, and Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects EIR/EIS. Please provide requested information in Attachment A regarding the Tule Wind Project construction schedule. We would appreciate your response to this data request no later than April 30, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.355.5580 or aei@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Air Quality - Construction Schedule

Section 2.0 of the Applicant's Environmental Document says construction would commence in December 2010 and continue for 18-24 months. Table 2.0-4 shows a proposed construction schedule with completion of construction in June 2012.

The air quality assessment assumes the following phases for the wind farm with each one lasting 192 days. Assuming a 6-day per week construction schedule, as stated in the air quality assessment, and a start of construction in December 2010, we estimated the construction dates shown in parentheses:

- Rough Grading/Tower Base Work (December 2010 to July 2011)
- Underground Utilities Construction/Tower Work (July 2011 to February 2012)
- Tower Construction/Finish Work (February 2012 to October 2012)
- Overall Construction approx. 1.8 years

The Tule Wind air quality assessment does not evaluate the emissions associated with construction of the 138 kV transmission line between the Tule Wind substation and the SDG&E Boulevard substation. Dudek can estimate those emissions but needs to know approximately when the transmission line would be constructed to add those emissions to the emissions from one (or more) of the wind farm construction phases listed above, if they would overlap. If the construction of the transmission line would not overlap with the construction of the wind farm, we would still like the approximate dates to substantiate that the overlap would not likely occur.