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Subject: ECO Substation comment extension request

Mr. Fisher, Mr. Thomsen, Dudek, Public Advisor,

Please find the attached letter from Backcountry Against Dumps requesting a minimum 30-45 day extension to the current February 16th deadline for the joint PUC/BLM DEIR/EIS for ECO Substation, Tule Wind, and Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie line.

Regards,

Donna Tisdale, President
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RE: Formal request for minimum 30-45 day extension to the February 16th comment deadline for the joint PUC/BLM Draft DEIR/DEIS: ECO Substation, Tule Wind, and Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects:

Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thomsen,

This is a formal request for a minimum 30-45 day extension to the current February 16th comment deadline.

The joint review for these three projects, and the cumulative impact projects, is incredibly complex and time consuming. The DEIR/EIS is confusing to the average citizen. It is difficult to find, understand, and to compare the proposed project, the numerous environmentally superior alternatives, the agency preferred project, and the many analyzed, dismissed, and retained alternatives. Impacted residents, including concerned tribal members, are unsure how to respond. Public Advisor contact information was only recently posted.

After the January 19th community meeting on industrial wind turbines, adverse health effects and property value impacts, that our non-profit group organized and co-hosted with the Boulevard Planning Group, The Protect Our Communities Foundation, the East County Community Action Coalition, and the Rural Economic Action League, several tribal members shared their concerns. They believe that their health, and that of their children and neighbors, is already being adversely affected by the 25 Kumeyaay Wind turbines located on the Campo Nation. Non tribal residents are also being affected.

Growing Native American awareness of, and objection to, the significant and cumulative adverse impacts to extensive cultural resources from multiple large-scale projects is resulting in litigation. The BLM's controversial and unlawful land use changes downgrading McCain Valley, that removed previous protections, allowing Tule Wind and the Sunrise Powerlink, a Connected Action to the SDG&E's ECO Substation, are the subject of unresolved litigation filed by our attorney. A hearing is set for March 7th in US District Court in San Diego.

The health and safety of our human and natural communities, and cultural resources, are placed at-risk by these for-profit projects. We are truly in the eye of a life- and future-altering frenzy that will forever transform our quiet and visually appealing rural character into a perpetually moving and buzzing industrial energy zone.

Our request for an additional 30-45 days for review and comment on these massive projects is a well-justified and small request in the overall scheme of things to come, and the burden that is being forced upon us.

Regards,

/s/

Donna Tisdale, President

cc: Interested Parties