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Iain Fisher, California Public Utilities Commission

Greg Thomsen, Bureau of Land Management

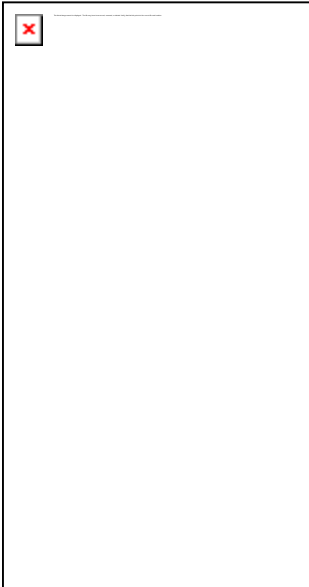
c/o Dudek

605 Third Street

Encinitas, CA 92024

**Re: Proposed Tule Wind Power Project**

Dear Bureau of Land Management and California Public Utilities Commission



February 24, 2011;

To Mr. Dudek, CPUC and Mr. Thomsen, BLM;

We are writing to you in support of the wind farm project known as Tule Wind Farms and the company running the project, Iberdrola Renewables. Our business is the third largest business in the mountain area, after the US Border Patrol and the local casinos. As business owners and personally, we see many benefits which are listed below:

- We believe it is our collective responsibility to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and the political machinations associated
- We believe that using a renewable source of energy is a smart move for now and for the future
- We believe that in understanding and using nature, we will create a better future for our children and grandchildren
- We believe the local economy will benefit, in the short run, with the influx of paid workers who may purchase local goods and services
- We believe that once up and running, some permanent jobs will be offered to local residents

Like every big project there are also downsides. We have heard about views being spoiled, electricity not benefitting the local area, birds flying into the propellers, and fire danger. We think these issues have been properly and thoroughly addressed by Iberdrola.

In the final analysis, we support this project because we believe that more good than bad will come from it.

Sincerely,

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