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March 2, 2011

The Honorable Michael Peevey and Members  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Peevey and Commissioners,

The San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation supports the approval of the ECO Substation Project being proposed by San Diego Gas & Electric. This vital energy project will benefit businesses and residents in East San Diego and the entire region.

As the director of the Cali Baja Mega Region, comprised of San Diego County, Imperial County and Northern Baja California, I am intricately involved with the economic development of the region. San Diego East County has the potential to be one of the best sources of clean wind and solar energy in California.

It is essential that we have a reliable and modern electric system to facilitate the development of clean renewable energy. The ECO Substation Project will enable hundreds of megawatts of wind power to be developed, creating green jobs and generating millions of dollars of economic opportunities.

San Diego Regional EDC and the Cali Baja Mega Region have determined that renewable energy development is one of the primary sources of jobs and economic growth. However, we must have the necessary infrastructure to enable the development and ensure reliable electric service. The environmental assessment has determined the ECO Substation Project is the only alternative to achieve both objectives.

We urge you to approve the ECO Substation Project to allow clean energy, green jobs and economic vitality.

Sincerely,

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