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Mr. Jeffrey Durocher
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(Sent via e-mail: Jeffrey.Durocher@iberdrolaren.com)

Subject: Tule Wind Project – Data Request No. 17A

Dear Mr. Durocher:

The California Public Utilities Commission, in association with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), requests additional information in support of the East County Substation, Tule Wind, and Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects environmental review process. Based on concerns expressed by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (State Park) during the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement comment period, as well as BLM and State Park consultation meetings, additional information is requested from key observation points from the State Park to the Proposed Tule Wind Project. Please refer to Attachment A for detailed information regarding this data request. Please provide the requested information no later than July 11, 2011.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at (415) 355-5580 or by e-mail at iain.fisher@cpuc.ca.gov, or Greg Thomsen at (951) 697-5237 or Gregory_Thomsen@ca.blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments A

Visual Simulations

1. In addition, to the viewshed analysis requested in Data Request No. 17 depicting the visibility of the Tule Wind Project across the entirety of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, please also provide a viewshed analysis of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) Tule Wind Reduced Turbine Alternative. On the viewshed map, please include the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park boundary
2. Please provide a breakdown of the percentage of parkland area included in the Project viewshed as well as the Tule Wind Reduced Turbine Alternative.