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Mr. Michael Peevey, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Peevey:

As Supervisor of the Second District for the County of San Diego, I would like to express my opposition to SDG&E's lack of public hearings and request for an ex-parte approval of a Permit to Construct for their proposed Wind Interconnection Project. I appreciate the opportunity to briefly address this matter.

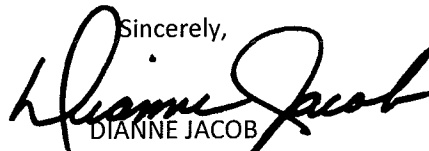
In order to ensure public health and safety, it is necessary that SDG&E apply for a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience (CPNC), as well as undergo a full Environmental Impact Report and cost benefit analysis. Since the community of Boulevard is subjected to a high-degree of industrial conversion, public hearings are paramount in order to fully consider the impacts to public health, fire safety, property values and fire insurance rates in the community. Public hearings held at the Boulevard Fire Station would allow for essential community input and discussion.

Under CEQA, Boulevard qualifies as a disproportionately impacted low-income Environmental Justice community. The existing 50 MW Kumeyaay Wind project already generates complaints about noise, infrasound, and electrical pollution within a 3-mile radius. An additional 883 MW of wind and solar projects are being proposed and the community deserves a full, open and honest review.

In an area already designated as a very high fire hazard zone, the increased number of turbines, solar panels and flammable fluids significantly increases the threat of catastrophic wildfire ignition. This increased risk, paired with limited fire fighting capabilities, poses a severe threat to the community.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact me at (619) 531-5522, or via my web site at www.diannejacob.com.

Sincerely,


DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

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