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EIS-NEPA Scoping Comments, Campo Shu'luuk Wind Project, San Diego, California.

Dear Superintendent Eben,

I have lived in San Diego County for 32 years and I urge and pray to God that you and the Campo tribe cancel or deny the entire proposed 250 MW Campo Shu'luuk Wind Project proposed for over 1/3 of the Campo Reservation land. If you approve it, you will be condemning many tribal residents and their neighbors to chronic sleep deprivation and the side effects that go with it, including many ill health effects. I can personally confirm that it is a form of torture.

Boulevard has been my home for 9 years and I love this beautiful, tranquil back country and town. However, it was far more enjoyable before the 25 Kumeyaay Wind turbines started operation around 2005, just 3 miles from my home. I am greatly impacted by those turbines and the noise and vibrations they generate. They keep me awake through the night causing sleep deprivation. Chronic lack of sleep is very hard on a person's body and mind. I make my living as a truck driver and need my sleep to be alert. I sleep good when away from home and these noisy turbines. Who do we complain to? Who enforces the noise pollution? What are the rules? Who is in charge? Who is liable? Someone must be held liable. Please tell me who that is and how we contact them!

Four out of seven days a week it sounds like helicopters are hovering over my house at 500ft. The sound resembles a Thermo King refer unit on a tractor trailer a few hundred feet from my house. This is a constant "hum" that doesn't go away, day and night. I've talked with several neighbors and they are also bothered by the noise but are afraid it may be too late to stop it. What can you do for us? What will you do to help relieve our suffering?

The Wind Turbine people for all these locally proposed projects appear to have the BIA, the County, the BLM and the CPUC in their pocket. I hope and pray this is not true. Our community and surrounding area will be devastated if Invenergy is allowed to build their 125 new turbines on Campo tribal land, and Iberdrola Renewables is allowed to build their Tule Wind project in McCain Valley with 134 turbines, and Enel Green Power is allowed to build their 80 or so turbines in Jewel Valley and McCain Valley. I hear there that Pattern Energy has plans for a Kitchen Creek Wind project just west of Campo in the Cleveland National Forest, too. Not to mention Pattern Energy's Ocotillo Express to the east and Sempra's cross-border Energia Sierra Juarez wind project. Several large-scale solar projects are also planned here. Where will all these new transmission lines and substations be built? Will eminent domain be involved. One line was planned along my property. That raises EMF concerns. And none of this is necessary.

Earlier this year, I attended a Iberdrola Renewables meeting at Golden Acorn Casino and voiced my concerns with Harley McDonald and to my horror she told me the Turbines would be 2 miles from my home. Later I learned they would be even closer. She said the Turbines would only be as loud as a household refrigerator! She's obviously never spent a night close to one of these farms. I asked this beautiful, intelligent young lady, "where do you reside?" She replied "Encinitas," that's more than 80 miles from any wind farm. None of the employees of Iberdrola Renewables or any other wind company employee who makes more than \$25,000.00 a year lives near one of these wind farms that I am aware of (or landfills, high voltage lines, or electromagnetic fields). Are any Campo tribal members employed at Kumeyaay Wind? Will these turbines be installed near the homes of the Campo tribal leaders? If not, they should spend a month living in an impacted home before they vote to support this new Shu'luuk Wind project.

I was so disturbed by the lack of information from Iberdrola I went a step further and visited the Campo Wind Farm myself. At the time, I did not realize my visit was considered trespassing. I did not see any signs posted. I talked with an employee on site. He basically told me the Windmills are a joke. He said there is always something going wrong with them, such as bearings, gears and propellers. He said, "they are more trouble than they are worth." "The noise gets worse as the bearings wear. I liked it when the turbines were down for about four months after they all got destroyed in some unexplained event at the end of 2009. Those were the first quiet nights we had since the turbines started spinning and groaning.

As I thanked the young man for his time and was about to leave I noticed a golf cart approaching. The golf cart stopped about 50 yards away from me. I watched the driver pick up and throw something in the back of the cart. As I came side by side with the cart I stopped and to my disbelief and shock I noticed over a dozen large "dead" birds. One of the birds was the largest Homed Owl I have ever seen. Who keeps track of the type and number of birds killed or maimed by these giant turbines. What an unnecessary tragedy!

I was so depressed by this I had an even harder time sleeping for days. I was haunted by those dead birds and wondering how many other people and animals were suffering because of these turbines. Now every time I drive by those Kumeyaay Wind Turbines I think of death and disruption. I again urge the Campo tribe, you, the BIA, and Department of Interior to cancel this project. These turbines cause too much suffering for both people and wildlife. Any financial gain is not worth the increased pain and suffering they will cause.

I believe that your agency and others, along with project owners, can and should be held liable for current and future suffering and property value losses linked to any approvals for these massive and disruptive industrial turbine projects. Please. Just say no!!

Sincerely,

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