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Mr. Thomas Zale  
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Bureau of Land Management - El Centro Field Office  
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**RE: Tule Wind Project's Request for Deadline Extension**

Dear Mr. Zale:

Please accept this letter as one of support for the Tule Wind Project's request to extend the deadline for it to obtain a Notice to Proceed (NTP) associated with a proposed wind power facility located in San Diego County, California, on land managed, in part, by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This project, which is expected to bring economic development and clean energy to the region, should be allowed sufficient time to obtain all necessary local, state, and federal permits.

Cleantech San Diego is a business association focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector companies, local governments, nongovernmental agencies, and universities and research institutions.

Wind energy development is consistent with President Obama's policies encouraging investments in the development of renewable energy and clean technologies that will lead to new energy sources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions 28% by 2020. In addition, California's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) mandates at least 33% renewable energy procurement requirements by 2020, including for all investor-owned utilities, in order to lower the region's dependence on imported fossil fuel electricity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and slow the growing impacts of climate change.

Tule Wind was approved by the BLM with a Record of Decision, dated December 19, 2011, and amended by the Amended Record of Decision, dated March 7, 2013. An amended Right of Way (ROW) Grant, which was issued in June 2014, requires the project to obtain an NTP by December 31, 2014, and start the initial phase of development within 90 days of the BLM's issuance on an NTP.

Tule Wind is seeking an extension of the NTP deadline to December 31, 2016, to allow the project's owner, Iberdrola Renewables, enough time to obtain the remaining necessary permits, including those with the County of San Diego, and enter into an agreement to sell the power produced at the project.

Cleantech San Diego is on record in support of this project and respectfully requests that the BLM grant Tule Wind this extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson  
President  
Cleantech San Diego