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

RE: Resolution E-4467 for SDG&E Advice Letter 2247-E-A

Dear President Peevy:

On behalf of CleanTECH San Diego, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the power purchase agreement (PPA) between SDG&E and Energía Sierra Juarez U.S., LLC., currently on your March 8th, 2012 Consent Agenda. This project will bring long-term economic benefits and sustainability to the region.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit 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 the private sector companies, as well as local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutes such as UC San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography and San Diego State University.

To meet Governor Brown's 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard mandate by 2020, San Diego Gas & Electric and the State of California are counting on sustainability initiatives like the ESJ wind project. A diverse mix of renewable resources is required to achieve the state's aggressive clean energy targets. The Imperial Valley-San Diego-Baja California mega-region has some of the richest solar, wind and geothermal resources found anywhere in the country; thus, making is a prime area to continue clean energy production. The transmission line and associated wind project will deliver clean, emission-free energy to California homes and businesses for decades. We need to act on this opportunity to engage one of the best untapped wind resource areas in the West.

I am pleased to offer CleanTECH San Diego's full support of the Energía Sierra Juarez wind project. ESJ will stimulate the economy along the U.S.-Mexico border, while helping to further position the region as a hub for cleantech innovation and development. Your approval of the PPA will allow this project to assist in the success of the region's sustainability goals and economic prosperity.

Sincerely,

Jim Waring

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