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Peder Norby, Chairman
County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: SDG&E Supports Permitting of Soitec's Rugged and Tierra del Sol CPV Projects in Boulevard

Dear Chairman Norby:

Soitec submitted two projects in early 2012 for review and approval of San Diego County to issue Major Use Permits for the projects near Boulevard utilizing Soitec's concentrating photovoltaic technology. The Tierra Del Sol and Rugged Solar projects are expected to go to public hearing soon, nearly two and a half years after their application was submitted.

These projects have been undergoing environmental review and preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) by the County of San Diego pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SDG&E submits this letter of support for the expeditious approval of these projects. The Soitec projects, along with other San Diego County renewable energy projects, will provide numerous local benefits including:

- Help California utilities, including SDG&E, achieve the State's renewable energy goals of providing 33% renewable energy to our customers by 2020.
- Improve air quality through the offset of greenhouse gas emissions in California.
- Provide local jobs for the engineering, procurement, and construction of the projects.
- Provide local benefits to the Boulevard area.

Additionally, SDG&E has issued its 2014 All Source Request for Offers ("RFO") to solicit bids in accordance with Decision (D.) 14-03-004 – Decision Authorizing Long-Term Procurement for Local Capacity Requirements due to Permanent Retirement of the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (the "Track 4 Decision"). Expeditious approval of these projects may allow them to be considered in SDG&E's RFO, in which all bids are due January 5, 2015.

SDG&E has seen incredible progress with our renewable energy contract portfolio. SDG&E is dedicated to meeting the state's clean energy goals and delivered more than 23 percent renewable energy last year and expects to be the first investor-owned utility to reach 33 percent early next year, six years ahead of schedule.

SDG&E has made significant progress in siting renewable energy projects in the Imperial Valley and transporting clean energy to our customers in San Diego and Southern Orange Counties utilizing the Sunrise Powerlink. Development of renewable projects in San Diego County should be just as prevalent.

Sincerely,

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