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Asha and Pat,

Under the heading "Major Project Issues" in Scoping Letters for all Soitec Solar projects, it was stated that staff would require the transmission lines to be placed underground, in relation to General Plan conformance and making Major Use Permit Findings. General Plan Policy COS-11.7 requires new development to place utilities underground, and the Tule Wind Project was required to underground its transmission lines south of I-8. Please explain why approximately 5 miles of the proposed transmission line is shown as "overhead."

Thanks,

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Rob and Ashley,

We were able to reduce the panoramic viewshed images so you don't need to use the FTP site; please see attached. I also wanted to provide you with the rationale for these two key view point selections; see below. Can you please confirm your receipt of my two emails at your earliest convenience?

Key View 6 provides an open, broad view of the characteristic landscape of the Tierra Del Sol area. From Key View 6, the juxtaposition of the valley landscape, characterized by agricultural uses, low-density rural residential development, and oak tree clusters, and the chaparral and boulder covered ridgeline landscape forms an otherwise coherent and harmonious rural visual pattern. In addition, Key View 6 includes views of local electrical and communication infrastructure and fencing which further contextualizes the character of the project area. From this location, several proposed gen-tie structures would be clearly visible and the vertical form, regular line, and dull grey color of structures would be apparent to motorists.

Key View 7 is located atop the high point of Jewel Valley Road and provides an open, relatively unobstructed view of surrounding ridgelines and more distant mountainous terrain in Mexico. The chaparral and boulder covered ridgeline landscape is prominent from this location; however, beyond

the visual limits of the roadway the terrain drops and the low grasses and oak trees clusters of the local area valley landscape encapsulates the foreground viewing experience. From this location, the proposed gen-tie line would traverse the middleground ridgeline north of Rattlesnake Mountain (the pyramidal and tall terrain to the south), would proceed northwards towards the expanse of exposed tan soils located southwest of the viewing location, and would then turn to the east and eventually cross Jewel Valley Road. The nearest gen-tie pole would be located in the foreground, beyond the visual limits of the roadway, and would be skylined. From this location, the visual effects of the gen-tie line would be evident to passing motorists and local area residents.

Thanks,

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Subject: Soitec - Key Viewshed Map TDS Gen-Tie

Hi Rob and Ashley,

Could you please review our proposed key viewshed map for the Tierra del Sol gen-tie portion of the Soitec project? See attached PDF; there are two key view points (6 and 7).

Also for your review are the viewshed images. The file sizes are too large to email, so FTP site instructions are attached. We included panoramic viewshed images for Key View 6 (Tierra Del Sol Road looking north) and Key View 7 (Jewel Valley Road looking south) because the views available from the Tierra Del Sol Road and Jewel Valley Road are broad and open. We feel that these images most accurately depict the visual experience of the project from these viewing locations. Additionally, because the spacing of the gen-tie poles will lead the eye and cause viewers to "scan" the landscape, a panoramic view would most likely represent how one would view this particular visual environment.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

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