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Washington, DC 20585

May 28, 2009

Mr. Preston J. Arrow-weed
Ah-Mut-Pipa Foundation
P.O. Box 160
Bard, CA 92222

**SUBJECT: Invitation to Consult on the Project Proposed by
Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC**

Dear Mr. Arrow-weed:

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DOE would like to obtain information from you about historic properties, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance to the Ah-Mut-Pipa Foundation in or near the project area, and also to provide you an opportunity to identify your concerns about such properties, including the identification of potential mitigation measures. Your assistance in the identification and evaluation of historic properties, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance, will provide us the opportunity to resolve any adverse effects this undertaking may have on these properties. If available, we would welcome any information on the location and importance of archaeological sites, historic structures, and any other localities of interest to you that are known to occur in the proposed project area.

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Sincerely,

Anthony J. Como
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Allen Anspach, Regional Director, BIA



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Mr. Edwin Romero, Chairperson
Barona Group of the Capitan Grande
1095 Saron Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

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Dear Chairperson Romero:

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Monique LaChappa, Chairperson
Campo Kumeyaay Nation
36190 Church Road, Suite 1
Campo, CA 91906

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Dear Chairperson LaChappa:

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Mr. Will Micklin, Executive Director
Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office
PO Box 2250
Alpine, CA 91903-2250

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Dear Executive Director Micklin:

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Mr. Ron Christman
Kumeyaay Cultural Historic Committee
56 Viejas Grade Road
Alpine, CA 92001

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Mr. Steve Banegas, Spokesperson
Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee
1095 Barona Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

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Dear Spokesperson Banegas:

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Ms. Carmen Lucas
Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians
P.O. Box 775
Pine Valley, CA 91962

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Dear Ms. Lucas:

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Ms. Gwendolyn Parada, Chairperson
La Posta Band of Mission Indians
PO Box 1120
Boulevard, CA 91905

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Dear Chairperson Parada:

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Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
PO Box 1302
Boulevard, CA 91905

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Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

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Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC**

Dear Chairperson Romero:

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DOE would like to obtain information from you about historic properties, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance to the Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians in or near the project area, and also to provide you an opportunity to identify your concerns about such properties, including the identification of potential mitigation measures. Your assistance in the identification and evaluation of historic properties, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance, will provide us the opportunity to resolve any adverse effects this undertaking may have on these properties. If available, we would welcome any information on the location and importance of archaeological sites, historic structures, and any other localities of interest to you that are known to occur in the proposed project area.

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Sincerely,

Anthony J. Como
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Permitting, Siting and Analysis Division
Office of Electricity Delivery and
Energy Reliability

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cc: Tim J. Murphy, Entrix
Allen Anspach, Regional Director, BIA



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

May 28, 2009

Mr. Allen E. Lawson, Chairperson
San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
PO Box 365
Valley Center, CA 92082

**SUBJECT: Invitation to Consult on the Project Proposed by
Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC**

Dear Chairperson Lawson:

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May 28, 2009

Mr. Johnny Hernandez, Spokesperson
Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians
PO Box 130
Santa Ysabel ,CA 92070

**SUBJECT: Invitation to Consult on the Project Proposed by
Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC**

Dear Spokesperson Hernandez:

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May 28, 2009

Mr. Danny Tucker, Chairperson
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
5459 Sycuan Road
EI Cajon, CA 92021

**SUBJECT: Invitation to Consult on the Project Proposed by
Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC**

Dear Chairperson Tucker:

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May 28, 2009

Mr. Bobby L. Barrett, Chairperson
Viejas Band of Mission Indians
PO Box 908
Alpine, CA 91903

**SUBJECT: Invitation to Consult on the Project Proposed by
Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC**

Dear Chairperson Barrett:

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Mr. Paul Cuero
Kumeyaay Cultural Heritage Preservation
36190 Church Road, Suite 5
Campo, CA 91906

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