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Docket No. L-21088A-19-0309-00185

Commissioners:

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Re: Docket No. L-21088A-19-0309-00185; Natural Resources Defense Council and Audubon Support of Ten West Link

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is a non-profit environmental organization with 1.3 million members and online activists. NRDC uses law, science and the support of its members and activists to protect the planet's wildlife and wild places and to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all living things.

The National Audubon Society protects birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow, throughout the Americas using [science](#), advocacy, education, and [on-the-ground conservation](#). Audubon's 27 state programs, 35 nature centers, 465 chapters, and partners have an unparalleled wingspan that reaches millions of people each year to inform, inspire, and unite diverse communities in conservation action.

NRDC and Audubon have worked to promote the environmentally responsible siting of large scale renewable energy for more than a decade on public and private lands. We recognize the many complexities involved in siting a multi-state long distance transmission line on lands managed by BLM in particular.

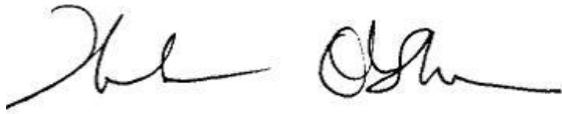
In 4 years of engagement with BLM and the project's developer, NRDC and Audubon have emphasized the importance of avoiding lands of high conservation and wildlife value in planning the route. We have provided spatial and other data and extensive comments to support our engagement.

We are pleased to report that the final route and construction and operations of the line are well-sited and we support this project that will bring renewable energy to markets in California.

We especially highlight the decision to avoid the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge 368 Corridor and the agricultural and riparian lands along the Colorado River, both high priorities for our organizations in conserving lands and wildlife.

This is an excellent example of the kind of responsibly sited renewable energy development that the West needs in order to meet our climate and clean energy goals while protecting our critically important natural heritage and treasured public lands.

Sincerely,

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