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December 02, 2016

Beth O'Brien
Manager, External Affairs
Pattern Energy Group Inc.
1201 Louisiana Street, Suite 3200
Houston, TX 77002

Re: November 21, 2016 incident

Dear Mrs. O'Brien:

As State Senator for the 40th District, I write to express my concern regarding the incident that occurred at the Ocotillo Wind facility on November 21, 2016. One of the wind turbines at the Ocotillo Wind facility fell within the designated setback zone surrounding the wind turbine's base. Fortunately, this did not result in any injuries. The residents in the area reached out to me recently with concerns, as this is the third incident that has occurred there in the last few years. They have requested my assistance in looking into this matter.

As you know, the health and safety of my constituents are my utmost priorities. I want to be assured that any activities occurring in or about a residential area in particular do not cause any harm to residents. As such, I would like answers to the following: 1) what is the cause of the failure; 2) what are you doing to address this matter; and, 3) what steps are you taking to prevent this from happening in the future?

I am willing to assist in any way that I can and look forward to your timely response. Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Hector Araujo of my staff at (760) 335-3442.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Hueso", written over a horizontal line.

BEN HUESO,
California State Senator, 40th District

cc: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congressman Juan Vargas
U.S. Senator-elect Kamala Harris
Imperial County Board of Supervisors
Bureau of Land Management

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