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From: Heiser, John@Energy
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Subject: RE: HECA 08AFC8A

Dear Mr. Unruh, I did respond to your email on 8/13/2013, with the following. Not sure if you received the email dated 8/13/2013. However, thank you for the reminder and providing the School Districts concerns. The following is from the email I sent to you on 8/13/13 and then current information on the latest traffic study and anticipated data requests from the applicant.

"Greetings Ernie. Thank you for sending in the request to be added to the HECA project – notifications. You can request on behalf of the School District to be added as an intervenor and or agency or submit comments as a public member."

"You can also sign up on the Energy Commission Listserve in which you will also be notified on correspondence regarding HECA and documents Docketed at the Energy Commission."

"The Energy Commission has also started an e-filing system in which you or the School District can submit written comments to the Energy Commission Docket Unit."

"Current HECA documents and previous documents can be found on the Energy Commission website at:"

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hydrogen_energy/index.html

"Note, the Energy Commission staff is tentatively scheduling a 2 day public workshop in Buttonwillow starting on September 17-18, 2013. These issues you raised and others will be discussed."

The Energy Commission Technical Staff working on the Traffic Section of the HECA PSA/DEIS have requested additional information from the applicant in regards to traffic impacts related to the Rio Bravo School District as you have indicated. Energy Commission Staff is still waiting for the requested information from the applicant. Energy Commission staff is anticipating a majority of the requested information from the applicant the week of September Sept. 2nd, 2013.

The applicant has filled and docketed with the Energy Commission the following TN#200107 dated 08/1/2013 "Traffic Study Technical Memorandum (Revision 2), 850 pages in which both CalTrans and Kern County have reviewed and commented upon.

This document is located on the Energy Commission Website at:
http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/08-AFC-08A/TN200107_20130801T140155_Traffic_Study_Technical_Memorandum_Revision_2.pdf

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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From: Ernie Unruh [<mailto:erunruh@zeus.kern.org>]
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Subject: HECA 08AFC8A

Dear Mr. Heiser;

On 8/13/2013 I sent an email to your attention in which I made known a request and some concerns about the HECA project referenced below. I also asked that you acknowledge receipt of my correspondence. To this date I have not received a reply. For this reason I email again. Please note that there are additional concerns which have come to my attention since our last correspondence.

I am requesting that the Rio Bravo Greeley School District be added to any and all correspondence as it relates to HECA 08 AFC 8A. I also ask that you Docket this letter.

This project has a direct impact on our School District. As you may or may not be aware we have two schools that sit on State Highway 43. We also have bus stops on this major transportation artery as well as on Highway 58 and Stockdale Highway.

In the mornings we have school busses and many parents that utilize State Highway 43 for ingress and egress into our schools. The number of trucks utilizing this route for the aforementioned project will have a major impact and could quite possibly put our students, parents and teachers in a less than safe situation.

Traffic lights at the intersection of Kratzmeyer and State Highway 43 as well as turning lanes may not be enough to minimize a potentially dangerous situation for our constituents.

I highly recommend that an alternate route which would minimize the exposure of our students be considered. Our elected Board of Trustees are very concerned and may well choose to go on record opposing this project. We will be present to express our concerns at the next public meeting in regards to this project.

I am also concerned about the air quality and the monitoring of air in our area. It would alleviate some concern if we had a way of knowing if excessive ammonia, CO2, or any other hazardous condition were to exist.

If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further please contact my office at the numbers below. Our concern is the safety of our 1000 + students and their families.

Sincerely,

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