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**Commissioner Karen Douglas**

Presiding Member of Committee Reviewing Blythe Solar Power Project Amendment

California Energy Commission

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Re: CCR opposition to California Energy Commission's approval of NextEra Blythe Solar Project.

Dear Ms. Douglas:

***“Profits made at the expense of destroying sacred cultural, burial and historical indigenous sites?”***

Enough is enough, our organization the **Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR)** hereby goes on record in opposing the NextEra Blythe Solar” Project. We are also in support of the positions taken by, ***La Cuna de Aztlan, Sacred Site Protection Circle, numerous Native American Tribes and organizations.*** All are on record as opposing the destruction of sacred cultural, and burial historical indigenous sites. The California Energy Commission’s approval of the NextEra Blythe Solar Project after Genesis attorney stated, ***“public interest in renewable energy was more important than preserving Native American Cultural Resources,”*** is a political slap and insult to California’s Chicano community (soon to be the majority population), and especially this country’s Native American Communities.

It’s a fact, in the United States and Mexico that one of the most popular geoglyph recognized sites is the Kokopilli/Cicmitl Twin Group of the Creator. With the California Energy Commission’s approval of the NextEra Blythe Solar Project, the site is now being threatened with destruction by solar power companies.

It appears that the California Energy Commission's decision to approve the NextEra Blythe Solar Project is another political and economic ***“sellout”*** to Solar Energy Corporations. Again as we stated above, ***“Profits should not be made at the expense of the destruction of sacred cultural, burial and historical indigenous sites.”***

We strongly demand that the Commission reconsider its decision, begin to enforce environmental laws, respect indigenous sites, and establish a National Monument in the McCoy/Big Maria Mountains to protect sacred historical sites.

Waiting for your response,

Herman Baca, President

Cc. **Alfredo Acosta Figueroa**, Elder/Historian/Chemehuevi Tribe Monitor, **Patricia Robles**, President of La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Site Protection Circle, **Senator Ben Hueso**, 40<sup>th</sup> District, La Prensa San Diego.