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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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California Energy Commission Members and Staff
Fountain Wind Project
Attn: Mr. Leonidas Payne, Project Manager
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Good Afternoon, California Energy Commission Members and Mr. Payne

I am writing to support the Fountain Wind Project in Shasta County. My wife and I have been Shasta County residents since 1987 and own electrical retail and construction businesses. We have experienced the highs and lows of our economy over the years, which has affected us and our employees. We have fluctuated between a high number of 25 employees and a low number of 15. Whereas we are affected by the overall economic climate of the country and state, the Shasta County area always appears to bear the brunt of the highs and lows. We seem the first to experience economic downturns before the rest of the state and the last to recover. We need projects like the Fountain Wind windmills that will provide an economic boost during our current poor economy expected to last several years. The project will provide construction jobs over a two to three-year period and well-paying long-term jobs during the 30-year operations. Whereas the project will not directly benefit us, the indirect benefits would include sales taxes that could be used for much-needed sheriffs and road improvements but will give us a shot in the arm from the long-term property taxes that would be approximately \$1.7 million per year for 30 years, a total of about \$50 million.

We respect the opinions of those who oppose the project and understand that they have concerns primarily regarding wildland fires. However, I have read that many of these concerns are unfounded and rebutted by experienced firefighters and fire protection experts. Those opposed need to look beyond themselves and their immediate location and understand what is best for the overall residents and businesses in our County.

Please approve the Fountain Wind project, which will provide an overall economic benefit to our county while adding safeguards to protect the area against fires and environmental impacts.

Thank you,



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