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**From:** Stuart Packard [SPackard@buttonwillowschool.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** Heiser, John@Energy; Energy - Docket Optical System  
**Subject:** HECA 08 AFC 8A

Mr. Heiser,

During the past few months it has become apparent that the HECA project in Kern County has been a lightning rod for both opponents and proponents. As the Superintendent of Buttonwillow Union School District I am in a position that is focused on the safety of our students. There are a myriad of reasons for our district to have questions about the project and its impact on our community and most importantly the children.

Among these concerns and their impact on our school we are chiefly concerned about the number of trucks that may well utilize Highway 58 running east and west, and the use of Buttonwillow Drive that runs north south. Our school is bordered on two of our four sides by this state highway and local road. Highway 58 is already a main thoroughfare for other industries and is heavily traveled. We have already been working with the California Highway Patrol and local politicians to resolve some of the problems created by the design and location of this two lane highway that runs through our town. We are also concerned that Buttonwillow Drive, which is a local road that travels north south and sees over 60% of the student population crossing this road, may well become an outlet for the trucks associated with this project. For these two reasons alone it is a safety concern.

Our busses begin to roll as early as 6:45 and return as late as 3:30. This makes transportation a very large concern as well. Our busses have had to wait up to 6 minutes at times to cross Highway 58, where additional trucks during these times may well make it more unsafe as well as more difficult to cross the highway.

Additionally, beyond the transportation issues, the air quality in our area is among some of the worst in the valley. With these concerns we would like to see efforts made that will eliminate some of the concerns in this area. This could be done by providing monitoring stations in Buttonwillow that would give an accurate measurement of any harmful particulates that may potentially impact our students.

Because of these major concerns I am requesting that we be added to the mailing list for all correspondences related to this project. Additionally, I would like to request that this email be added to the docket that relates to the project.

Your assistance in this area will be helpful to our school board as everyone moves forward in the process of potentially bringing the HECA Project to a point of operation.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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