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Re: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Final EIS

Dear Mr. Juen:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ) for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, and the Region 9 office in San Francisco, California, have completed their reviews of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Resource Management Plan Amendments for the SunZia Transmission Project. EPA Region 6 is the lead reviewer with EPA Region 9 participating as an associate reviewer.

EPA on July 24, 2012, rated the Draft EIS as "**EC-2**", i.e., "**Environmental Concerns and Requested Additional Information in the FEIS**". Based on our review of the information now provided in the FEIS, EPA's concerns have been adequately addressed. EPA therefore has no objection to the proposed action as described in the FEIS and no additional comments to offer.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the FEIS. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Smith or Mike Jansky of my staff at (214) 665-8006 or 214-665-7451, or by e-mail at smith.rhonda@epa.gov or jansky.michael@epa.gov respectively, for assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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