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Cascabel Working Group
Attn: Norm Meader, Co-Chair
3443 East Lee Street
Tucson, AZ 85716

Dear Mr. Meader:

This letter is in response to your Information Quality Act (IQA) request dated November 15, 2012 which is a follow-up to your August 20, 2012 comment submitted on the SunZia Southwest Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Your IQA request seeks correction of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) alleged "omission of the Southwestern Power Group's own need for proposing Sunzia" from publicity materials and the DEIS. You state your belief that the Southwest Power Group intends to utilize the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project to provide another market venue for another natural gas power plant in Bowie, Arizona.

We appreciate your continued concern and the attention you have given to the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. The BLM will address the issues you raised in the response to the comments portion of the final EIS and will provide factual clarification on the issues raised in both the IQA request and initial DEIS comment submittal. The BLM welcomes input from the public and stakeholders such as the Cascabel Working Group on all issues related to the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, and encourage you to review the final EIS when released. Should you have any questions, please contact BLM Project Manager Adrian Garcia at (505) 954-2199.

Sincerely,

Jesse Juen
State Director