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NOTICE

Pattern Energy Group, LP	:	Ocotillo Express Wind
Project	:	
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Notice of Temporary Suspension of Operations

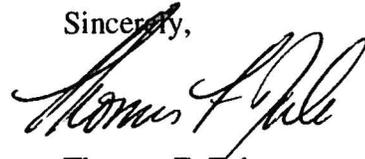
During the evening of May 15, 2013, a rotor blade from wind turbine #156 of the Ocotillo Express Wind Project fell to the ground landing near the turbine base. Early in the morning on May 16, 2013, a Pattern Energy Group, LP (Pattern) employee contacted the El Centro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to inform us of this incident and to apprise us that in an exercise of caution, turbine operations had been stopped at all 112 Siemens Energy SWT-2.3-108 wind turbines pending further inspection and investigation. There were no injuries or damages to sensitive environmental resources as the result of this incident.

The BLM is issuing this Notice of Temporary Suspension of Operations pursuant to 43 CFR 2807.16 as a safeguard to ensure that the suspension of turbine operations remains in effect until such time as Pattern files a written request for permission to resume activities and the BLM issues a written notice to proceed with those operations. Note that this order applies only to turbine operations and does not apply to ongoing reclamation or other authorized activities associated with the project, which we anticipate will continue.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 2807.16(c), you may file a written request for permission to resume activities at any time. The request should give the facts supporting your request and the reasons you believe that the BLM should lift the order. Enclosed is an example of a report that describes in sufficient detail the factors that caused the failure of a wind turbine on a wind project situated on public land in Wyoming. The report also details the corrective actions taken to ensure that a similar failure would not reoccur.

Thank you for your strict adherence with this order and for your continuing cooperation with the BLM. Please contact Greg Miller, BLM Supervisory Projects Manager, at gmler@blm.gov or (951) 697-5216 if you have any questions about this order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Zale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and "Z".

Thomas F. Zale
Field Manager

Enclosure – Foot Creek 1 #11 Tower Collapse

Cc: Greg Miller, RECO