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## **Distributed Power Generation**

I am an independant Desert Biologist. I have worked surveying large scale utility solar and wind project in the Mojave desert and have see the devistating impacts to pristein desert habitat. I have also been victim to large scale solar development taking farmland and at the expense of local disturbance with no benifit to local economy.

Their is a better way. Increase net-metering and consider feed-in-tariffs to allow more people to obtain rooftop solar. Request that Distributed Energy Resources be given much more analysis in high-level planning.

Use advanced transmission technology on existing transmission lines, such as advanced conductors that would be able to increase the electricity carried on existing lines, before building new transmission lines.

The RETI needs to make public the planning process for environmental, cultural, and land use implications for the 50% RPS planning process, and analyze how the DG alternative would have much less impacts to deserts, viewsheds, local communities, and cultural and biological resources.

The Riverside East Solar Energy Zone, Imperial Valley solar Development Focus Areas, Victorville-Barstow area, and West Mojave/Antelope Valley/Tehachapi area should not be used for further utility-scale renewable energy development due to unacceptable impacts to culturally significant landscapes, local communities, and biological resources.

Lassen County CA wildlands is full of sagebrush plains, volcanic mountains, and pronghorn antelope herds and should not be used for utility-scale wind projects or new transmission corridors, especially in view of Lassen Volcanic National Park.

And the most economical tactic is to demand conservation of energy consumption.