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Comment on Western Transmission Expansion

To whom it may concern,

I support a high energy-efficiency future - a future would require much less utility-scale solar projects and large transmission lines and that could meet our energy needs and still protect our fragile and beautiful deserts.

Please consider increase net-metering and consider feed-in-tariffs to allow more people to obtain rooftop solar.

Please let Distributed Energy Resources be given much more analysis in high-level planning.

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

Please 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.

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

Thank you.

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