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Re: CPV Sentinel
AFC-07-AFC-3

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is intended to serve as an expression of my support for the CPV Sentinel Standby Power Project. The proposed facility will provide a vital protection to desert residents from power interruptions, especially during the high temperature season. As you undoubtedly know, desert blackouts can be life-threatening in the summer months.

CVC Sentinel will operate at extremely low nox levels, many times less, in fact, than almost all currently operating power facilities in the state.

The project site is on land zoned for an electric power generating facility and is strategically sited adjacent to the existing Devers substation. The value of this site to the Coachella Valley region is that when demand for electricity is highest and power outages may otherwise occur, the CPV Sentinel Standby Power Plant will generate electricity to ensure that the local power supply is not interrupted. Any excess power would be routed elsewhere after this local priority is met.

Under its power sales contracts, permits and water supply contracts, CPV Sentinel will be licensed to operate a maximum of 30 percent of any given year. The expected lifetime operating level will be 15 percent of any year. At such operating levels only 550 acre feet of water will be used annually to cool the CPV Sentinel facility – about half the amount used on an 18-hole golf course.

It is my belief that the CPV Sentinel project is a valuable addition to the power infrastructure of the Coachella Valley and beyond. I strongly encourage your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Roy Wilson
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