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Re: Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System
(07-AFC-5; CEC-700-2008-013-FSA/DEIS DES-09-46)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger and Secretary Salazar,

We are writing to underscore the importance that the California Energy Commission ("CEC") and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") approve BrightSource Energy's Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System ("ISEGs) with appropriate mitigation measures. This project is a vital step in building the clean energy infrastructure for the nation that is needed to combat global warming, reduce criteria air emissions and lessen our dependence on fossil fuels that have caused such great harm to the environment. Climate change poses the single greatest threat of our age; to respond to this threat; we must displace conventional energy with renewable energy at scale, and at a reasonable cost.

In addition to the boost in solar thermal capacity that this project would bring, it will help the local economy by creating jobs that are part of the clean economic future in one of the most economically-blighted areas of the country.

BrightSource's Ivanpah project represents a key milestone for the nation's renewable energy future. The BLM and CEC's approval of the ISEGS project will illustrate the importance of this and similar projects to meeting the climate change challenge. It will also signal that we can and will achieve our renewable energy goals in an environmentally-responsible manner, while reinvigorating local economies and providing green, sustainable jobs. We urge you to promptly approve this project.

Sincerely,

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