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Re: IVANPAH SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM

(Docket Number 07-AFC-5)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a concerned member of a science class at Saint Leo University in Florida. We studied the proposal in class, and I personally question your rationale in approving the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) project. The project, even with the mitigation measures described in the Decision Report, will have remaining significant impacts on the environment that outweigh the benefits.

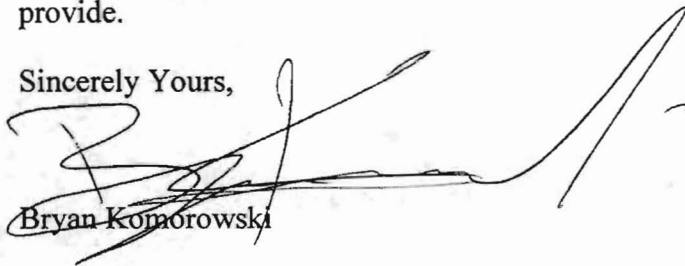
First, I believe it is an immoral act to follow through with the Ivanpah project due to its lack of concern for the environment and inhabitants. Tortoises in the region are in danger of being moved to unfamiliar environments in order to prevent them from being endangered during the creation of the ISEGS. This relocation of the tortoises is especially harmful to them, since putting a tortoise in an unfamiliar environment leaves them having to adjust, an act which is difficult for a tortoise. Plants in the region are also at risk of being destroyed in order to build these giant solar panels, which provide energy to a town fifty miles away.

Instead of destroying the wildlife of the Mojave Wilderness, why not find another area to build a source of energy. For example, if solar panels were built on the roofs of the buildings of the cities being provided with energy, less energy would be wasted having to travel the fifty mile distance. This would create a cheaper, more efficient way of providing energy to the people.

Second, public land is being used in the consideration of this project. I believe it is of immoral nature to use publicly owned land to build something not agreed upon by the public. Instead of a permit issued by a body of government, a consensus by the people should be achieved. An efficient way of receiving the people's approval for this project would be to request signature of the people agreeing to the project. If the public disagrees with the use of public land, the land should not be used.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and your consideration of my opinion. I respectfully disagree with the use of public land and destruction of wildlife to undergo this project and hope you can come to realize the consequences and damages your actions will provide.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Komorowski', written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'B' and a long horizontal stroke.

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