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BLM Sets Needles Open House to Facilitate Understanding of Proposed Ivanpah Solar Project

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces an open house to facilitate understanding of the proposed Ivanpah Solar Electric Generation Project on public lands in San Bernardino County, Calif. The open house will be held Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the BLM Needles Field Office, 1303 South Highway 95, in Needles, Calif. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and California Energy Commission (CEC) Final Staff Assessment (FSA) for the project will be available for inspection and staff will be available to answer questions. An opportunity will be provided at the open house to submit written comments. The official comment period for the DEIS/FSA ends on February 11, 2010.

Bright Source Energy of Oakland, Calif. applied to the BLM for four right-of-way authorizations to construct solar power plants on approximately 4,000 acres of public land in California about 4.5 miles southwest of Primm, Nev. The project would be the first commercial-scale thermal-solar power project constructed on public land in the United States. It would be constructed in three phases over a three year-period.

The proposed 400-megawatt solar plant would provide enough electricity to power 320,000 homes. The plant would use solar "power tower" technology, involving the construction of seven 459-foot-tall towers. The planned 214,000 heliostats, each consisting of two flat mirrors, would be constructed in concentric circles around each tower to reflect the sun's rays on a central receiver. The towers would heat water and run steam through turbines to generate electricity. The electricity would be transmitted via tie lines to a new substation and into the transmission lines running through the proposed project.

Further details can be found at a BLM web page: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/alternative_energy/SolarEnergy.html and the CEC web page: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ivanpah/index.html>, or by contacting Tom Hurshman, BLM Project Manager, (970) 240-5345, or ca690@Ca.blm.gov.

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