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Citizens and Scientists for Environmental Solutions

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Hon. Kenneth L. Salazar  
Secretary of Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

**DOCKET**  
**07-AFC-5**

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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,

The Union of Concerned Scientists (“UCS”) is writing to express support for the development of clean energy infrastructure, including large-scale solar electricity generation resources, as long as rigorous review and study show that environmental impacts can be sufficiently mitigated or avoided. UCS believes that the development of large-scale solar electricity generation resources, like BrightSource Energy’s Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (“ISEGs”), should be approved if resource agencies are able to work with stakeholders to successfully develop robust and aggressive mitigation measures.

UCS believes that with proper siting, careful design, comprehensive study, monitoring, and mitigation, solar thermal electricity generation can and must play a significant role in California’s electricity system. UCS understands that the review of this project’s impacts and appropriate mitigation measures are still ongoing. UCS therefore encourages the stakeholders to work together to develop acceptable, effective, and transparent mitigation measures, in order to allow for the approval of this project.

Sincerely,

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