

**John Pierre Menvielle's Prepared Remarks  
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Good afternoon, I am John Pierre Menvielle, president of the Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors, and I am here to speak in favor of the Stirling Energy Systems solar project in the Imperial Valley.

IID is the third largest public power provider in the state of California and is a staunch supporter of the development of renewable energy resources within its service area. We view projects like this one as being essential to spurring the growth and development of this emerging segment of the regional economy, and the district has committed its own resources to upgrading its transmission system to promote that growth and development in the coming years.

As an energy balancing authority, we applaud Stirling's innovative technology; as an irrigation district, we are greatly encouraged by the efficiency measures it will employ to conserve water.

And, as a leading public sector employer and corporate citizen with an obvious stake in the economic progress of the communities we serve, we look forward to the hundreds of jobs the company will create in the future.

If IID can be of any further assistance in moving this project forward through the scoping process, you may be assured that we stand ready to do so.

Thank you.

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