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Please docket for the Palen record:

Ms. Stora,

I am writing in support of the jobs that will be created by the Palen central receiver solar project and to express a willingness to support the ensuing employment process through area workforce training. My role in the Inland Empire/Desert community college region is to help ensure that career and technical education programs are aligned with industry needs by working with faculty, administrators, and industry stakeholders. Three colleges in our region (one being only a few miles away) have already committed resources and talent to providing skill training for the utility-scale solar industry. They are serving their communities by preparing local residents for the job opportunities and, thereby, ensuring that jobs created by the projects benefit the local economy. These utility-scale solar projects are important for the economy and for mitigating serious environmental impacts from climate warming. The region's community colleges stand ready to assist with the industry's workforce development needs.

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