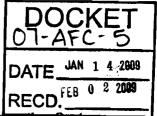
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Che McFarlin, Project Manager, California Energy Commission, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

January 14, 2009



RE: Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) of the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS)

Dear Che McFarlin,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Staff Assessment of the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System. I was unable to attend the public meeting on January 9th in Primm and wish to remain informed about this project. I am very enthusiastic about renewable energy projects and in particular Solar, but have some serious concerns about the location and scale of this project.

There will be significant negative impact of the ISEGS to the natural habitat and wildlife in the area and a significant visual impact (including dark skies) in the Ivanpah Basin. I am concerned about the use of the ground water for the ISEGS. The area is desert, where rain water is typically measured in inches, not feet. Global warming models indicate that rainfall will decrease significantly in the Western United States, making the groundwater ever more precious. How much ground water is available and how long is it expected to last without recharging? What will be the impact on the natural resources with a reduction in the ground table? Will the wells be metered? Bright Source must be held fully accountable for all the negative impacts to this beautiful area.

The Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System will sacrifice significant desert resources for power that will be consumed only in urban centers after being transmitted over a considerable distance and with a certain loss of energy in the process. Bright Source must provide full compensation and mitigation for such destruction.

Sincerely,

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I, <u>Teraja</u> Golston, declare that on <u>January 03, 2009</u>, I deposited copies of the attached <u>PSA Comments Letter from</u> <u>Jennifer Wilder</u> in the United States mail at <u>Sacramento, California</u> with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Original Signature in Dockets Teraja` Golston

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