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Re: Renewable Energy Executive Order and the Draft Interim Mitigation Strategy as presented at the July 14th Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Stakeholder Committee Meeting in Victorville, CA.

Dear Renewable Energy Action Team members,

We commend the REAT team members for your efforts in facilitating and expediting the siting of renewable energy project in California seeking federal ARRA funding. AES Wind Generation, Inc., is a leading developer of wind power projects throughout the world and is seeking federal ARRA funding for our Daggett Ridge and Sand Ridge projects in California. Today, we operate more than 1,300 MW of wind capacity in the U.S., China, and Europe. AES is 100% focused on helping the state of California, Governor Schwarzenegger and President Obama meet California's ambitious renewable energy goals.

Although AES is a wind generation company, we believe the preliminary language and boundaries developed in the Draft Interim Mitigation Strategy (IMS) presented at the DRECP Stakeholder meeting July 14th has not provided appropriate consideration of its impacts on wind energy projects in the DRECP region. In particular, the IMS proposed conservation areas are exactly where our existing wind energy project and proposed interconnect transmission lines are located. It is clear the IMS is for solar projects only, as defined under S.B. X8-34. However, it is unclear how these conservation area designations will impact our existing siting process or link with the DRECP conservation areas to be developed with input from its Independent Science Advisors in September.

AES' Daggett Ridge Wind Energy Project was designated a fast track renewable energy project by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and we have been working with BLM for over five years to develop the project. The IMS conservation areas include over 20% of our wind turbines and could prevent development of the Daggett Ridge project that has been years in the making. The conservation areas also include the entire site of our San Ridge Project and interconnection line.

If existing renewable energy projects were excluded from progressing in the IMS conservation areas, as we are assuming, this will undermine our state's progress in meeting its renewable energy goals. We recommend that the REAT review the boundaries of MTAs

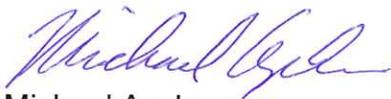
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with the DRECP Independent Science Advisors and discuss the strategy and its implications with all interested stakeholders. By further opening up the Interim Mitigation Strategy to a public review process and by including the concerns of the wind energy development community, the REAT will be able to better determine a strategy that both protects local habitat and meets its renewable energy goals.

Our company is committed to helping California grow its green economy, create green jobs, and reduce its carbon footprint through the development of wind energy. We look forward to further working with the REAT to further the progress already shown, resulting in high quality renewable energy projects in California.

Sincerely,
AES Wind Generation, Inc.



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