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Re: **Docket No. 07-AFC-5**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the proposed Solar Electric Generating System in the Ivanpah Valley. I am a private resident of the Mojave National Preserve and live off the grid. I have a passion about alternative energy/renewable energy sources. However, I know that while we need to look into and develop alternative energy sources, I am not convinced the proposed area of the Ivanpah valley is appropriate.

I have some questions regarding the placement of the ISEGS.

1. Instead of using a pristine area where there are fragile and endangered species, why isn't the System being placed in areas that are already disturbed and studied?

2. If the Ivanpah Valley ends up being the designated spot, what will the impact of all the human activity do to the tortoises? Will there be specific policies in place to reduce the risk of raven habitation (they seem to increase in numbers around human activity. Litter/food waste=increase of ravens. Ravens are predators of tortoises.)?

3. How will wildfires be fought by the limited San Bernardino County fire and emergency services? Many other large projects are proposed for Ivanpah valley, is the cumulative impact of these other projects on emergency services being taken into account?

4. How will the loss of 4,000 acres of recreational land next to the Mojave National Preserve be made up for? People use this valley for camping, hiking, birdwatching, rockhounding, and wildlife viewing.

Lastly, as I stated earlier, I am an enthusiast of alternative energies. However, I do not want a "Solar and Ecological Interpretive Center" to replace the experience of hiking and being out in a quiet wild desert. The vistas and the quiet so I can hear and see the wildlife is why I live in the desert.

Thank you so much for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

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