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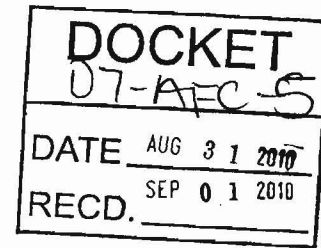
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**Re: IVANPAH SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM**

**(Docket Number 07-AFC-5)**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned member of a science class at Saint Leo University in Florida. We studied the proposal in class, and I personally question your rationale in approving the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) project. The project, even with the mitigation measures described in the Decision Report, will have remaining significant impacts on the environment that outweigh the benefits. I understand the way people are trying to figure out ways to improve solar energy for the years to come, however we want to ruin our environment and harm innocent animals that live there? I think there are many other ways this company can get solar energy without putting huge solar panels in the desert that people will see from miles away. There are plenty of sky scrapers and buildings in cities where solar panels could be placed and get just as much sun as the desert. The tortoises live in this environment and there are so many of them that it will be impossible to move all of them and find them new safe homes. It is very selfish for this company to think it is okay to damage the desert and ruin the chances of survival for these animals that could be close to extinction. If this company is for changing for the good of the environment shouldn't they take this project elsewhere and not damage the plants and animals habitats. People also would not want to see huge solar panels from hundreds of miles away; it is a sight for sore eyes. The amount of money wasted to put these panels in and clean and run them would be paid by tax payers not by this individual company which is ridiculous considering most people do not even know this project is going on and if they knew the disadvantages like massive things in the middle of the desert and possibly killing thousands of tortoises many people would be against it as well.

Sincerely yours,

Heather Gick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Gick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.