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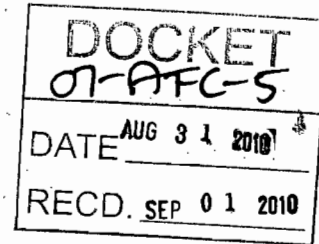
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**Re: IVANPAH SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM**

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

To whom it may concern,

As a science student at Saint Leo University in Florida, I believe that the prospective Ivanpah project may prove to be detrimental. Although the implication of solar energy is a major technological advancement, the cons of this procedure should be fully evaluated before any further action.

Primarily, I view the uptake of this solar energy project, more of a financial situation rather than a solution to our current energy crisis. The motivating factor is the huge stimulus package offered to the contractors rather than the possibility of an alternate energy source.

Furthermore, since the use of solar energy is a relatively new concept, we are unaware of the effects that the use of solar panels and equipment will have not only on our residents, but also the environment. We must first research and critically evaluate the use of solar energy on a larger scale, rather than rush into an uncertain future.

Finally, the tortoises that inhabit the prospective location for the project, once relocated, will be unable to adapt to their new environments as seen in previous projects. Thus, these tortoises may die at a drastic rate and as a result may become extinct.

So once more I implore you to think before you act. To think about yourselves, your fellow countrymen, and the environment, before you approve this project.

Sincerely yours,

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