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Thank you for your efforts to make an efficient process for alternative energy facilities in our California deserts. It is my hope that this process will not result in too speedy of a method that will result in the poor biological review we saw for the Ivanpah/Bright source project where too many desert tortoises are being sacrificed in the name of the public good.

We support alternative energy and are self-sufficient at our own home with a wind turbine, windmills for water pumping and PV panels. Therefore we know that on-site generation is the most efficient and easily-generated power that should be the primary source of energy used by Californians or anyone. Our comments are based on this premise.

Please prioritize and set criteria for new energy facilities in our deserts by:

- siting facilities close to population centers
- promote small distribution facilities that support the "roof top" theme of population centers
- use brown fields or other types of "spent" lands, not functioning desert habitats
- site facilities next to or near existing transmission lines. Do not create new transmission line paths
- conduct complete biological, hydrological and other studies that are specific to desert habitats to avoid the outcome of the Ivanpah tortoise killings and other scientific oversights.

Thank you,
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