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From: gattopaws16@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 4:14 PM
To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: DRECP NEPA-CEQA Comment



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From: Neil Nadler [2nadler@gmail.com]
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To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: Email request to Chris Beale for October 29th, 2014 Meeting

Below is a formal request sent to Chris Beale for expanding the public comment portion of the October, 29th 2014 Meeting in Victorville.

Hi Chris,

It has been a pleasure interacting with you this week at the DRECP meetings. In anticipation of the large numbers of public speakers who wish to address the DRECP we are formally requesting that the middle portion of the DRECP meeting be either eliminated entirely. There will be a number of Community and Environmental Groups present all of which to address the DRECP. I anticipate in excess forty (40) speakers.

As discussed in person, there is a great amount of people and comments to be made. Please let me know what your decision is on this as soon as possible. We are attempting to coordinate all or most of the groups and speakers before the event.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I will also send this to the email address I have for you at the DRECP.

Neil B. Nadler

Alliance for Desert Preservation

This request was sent on October 23, 2014.

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