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Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: DRECP NEPA-CEQA Comment



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Attachments: DRECP NEPACEQA Comments.doc

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Energy - Docket Optical System

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To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: DRECP NEPA-CEQA Comment

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Pearce Arizona
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Sincerely, Thomas Nelson

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Lansdowne Pennsylvania
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From: JIMDAX@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 9:26 AM
To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: "DRECP NEPA/CEQA"

To whom it may concern,

I am alarmed and frustrated that this huge document has had some little time for public comment. I feel it is being rushed through without a real opportunity for public comment. Please extend the time for public comments and public meetings.

Just like the sunrise power link of a few years back this new push is a threat to our state park. We already feel the effects of large solar farms near our community in Borrego Springs. There is a huge increase in dust storms. SDG&E is looking to benefit by charging for transmission lines thru our park. I am all for renewable energy but lets be smart about it.

Why not promote clean roof top solar instead of discouraging it as SDG&E now does? Why not generate and use roof top solar in all our local communities so we do not need huge transmission lines?

I want more public debate.

Sincerely,

James Dax
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San Diego, Ca, 92103
619-840-0899

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From: tnplapoint@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 12:24 PM
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