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California ISO
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Via email - regionaltransmission@caiso.com

Dear CAISO Directors,

The Desert Protective Council (DPC) is a non-profit 501 c 3 membership organization founded in 1954. *The mission of the DPC is to safeguard for wise and reverent use by this and succeeding generation, those desert areas of unique scenic, scientific, historic, spiritual or recreational value, and to educate children and adults to a better understanding of the deserts.*

We are writing to register our interest and concern related to the topics discussed at the CA ISO stakeholder meetings on November 19 and 20, 2014 as part of the *2014-2015 Transmission Planning Process*.

The Desert Protective Council supports the development of renewable energy. We support renewable energy development in the form of photovoltaic film and solar panels on rooftops, over parking lots and on abandoned industrial sites adjacent to cities and towns where the energy is needed. We assume CAISO is well informed about the stunningly large amount of solar energy that is being generated at the point of use.

We look forward to hearing your discussions of the fact that California is easily going to meet the State of California's 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard at your March 2015 stakeholder meetings. We plan to study CAISO's *economic transmission need assessment and long-term local capacity-need analysis and over-generation assessment*.

In light of the current rooftop solar boom, and the feasibility of creating local distributed renewable energy generation; considering the unreliability, inefficiency and vulnerability of long-distance transmission lines and taking into account their deleterious impacts on the beauty of our remaining uncluttered western view sheds, the negative impacts on sensitive wildlife, including birds and non-volent species, the degradation of the quality of recreational and spiritual experiences in nearby federal and state wilderness and other protected areas, the Desert Protective Council questions why the California Energy Commission and the California ISO are still even considering whether to build more of this 20th century infrastructure. All economic assessments of building more transmission lines must analyze the cost to the public of damage and destruction of the public lands, which belong to the entire nation and not just to California.

Please add the Desert Protective Council to your email list for all notices of future stakeholder and other public meetings and release of planning documents. Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Respectfully,

Janet Anderson
President of the Board of Directors

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