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Mr. Stephen Berberich, President and CEO
California Independent System Operator
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Dear Mr. Berberich:

On behalf of the city of Lancaster, I am writing to urge the CAISO **include the AV Clearview Transmission Project in the CAISO 2012-2103 Transmission Plan.**

In 2009, the City of Lancaster dedicated itself to becoming the first Net Zero Energy City in the United States and a leader in the renewable marketplace in California. Our mission is to foster the design, development and deployment of alternative energy products and systems as a key economic development strategy for the Antelope Valley and the state. The City of Lancaster, through its municipal utility, the Lancaster Power Authority, is a partner in the High Desert Power Authority and the public co-developer of the AV Clearview Transmission project.

During the course of the City's development of renewable energy we have found that limited availability of transmission issues was a significant obstacle to our success. That is one of the reasons that the City has taken the extraordinary step of becoming a co-developer of this important transmission project. We believe the bold leadership of the Cities of Lancaster and Pittsburg were needed to address the regional integration of renewable generation. The AV Clearview Project was designed from the outset with "permitability" in mind by undergrounding sensitive portions of the line and by engaging the local stakeholders in the routing process from the very beginning. Unlike every other transmission project in California that faces fierce local opposition, the Antelope Valley welcomes the AV Clearview Transmission Project.

The Project has been coordinated by and vetted with Edwards AFB and representatives of both Los Angeles County and Kern County – the agencies responsible for the permitting process. The AV Clearview Transmission project was conceived specifically to meet key federal and state public policy requirements, including:

- Providing California with a key transmission asset to meet its 33% RPS requirement by 2020 and greater requirements when they are mandated;

- Enabling ITC solar energy projects to be funded in time for those projects and surrounding communities to benefit from the intended economic value associated with the ITC.
- Providing Edwards Air Force with reliable infrastructure needed to meet its critical military missions and renewable energy goals without interruption;
- Providing additional transmission capacity for renewable generation in Kern County, a proven leader in the permitting of thousands of megawatts of solar and wind generation;
- Providing strong renewable integration and outstanding operational flexibility to the CAISO due to its DC component;
- Supporting the development of renewable generation in the western Mojave Desert, as advocated by key environmental and renewable energy stakeholders at the DRECP

The AV Clearview Project meets all the electrical requirements of the signatories to the Large Generator Interconnect Agreement that necessitated the Coolwater-Lugo line, and provides deliverability to Abengoa Solar an estimated two years earlier than Coolwater-Lugo can.

Given the extent of the economic recession in California, especially in the Antelope Valley, it is vitally important to the region to bring jobs, small business and renewable energy projects and the revenue associated with this development as soon as possible.

The AV Clearview Project is a cornerstone of much-needed economic development in the Antelope Valley, a key further development of renewable generation in an area that embraces it and a vital component to sustain the mission readiness of Edwards Air Force Base.

The City of Lancaster looks forward to working with you on this exciting project over the next few years. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Sincerely,



R. Rex Parris, Mayor

cc: Members, CAISO Board of Governors,
Commissioners, California Public Utilities Commission
Commissioners, California Energy Commission
The Honorable Jerry Brown Governor; Attn: Michael Picker