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Dear _____:

The Bureau of Land Management, Needles Field Office (BLM) would respectfully like to initiate consultation with the _____ Tribe regarding a proposed project to develop a solar energy generating facility, called the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System, on public lands located west of Ivanpah Dry Lake, California, and south of Primm, Nevada, near the Nevada-California State Line. The project area is located west of Ivanpah Dry Lake, California, and south of Primm, Nevada (Please see Figure 1). Consultation is required in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended), the 2004 State Protocol Agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and the California State Historic Preservation Officer, as well as other directives and guidelines.

Approximately 3,400 acres of public lands will be within the project boundaries of the proposed solar energy generating facility. Ground disturbing activities associated with the project include construction of access and/or utility roads, drilling of two water wells, and construction of three \pm 850 acre solar electrical generating plants (Ivanpah 1, 2, and 3). Additionally, ancillary or support facilities to be constructed include administration, operations, and maintenance buildings that will be located between Ivanpah generating plants 1 and 2. A natural gas fired water boiler and natural gas lines, one or two water wells, a groundwater treatment system, and temporary sewage treatment plant to treat domestic waste stream such as toilets and showers (Please see Figure 2). Southern California Edison will construct a new 220/115-kV electrical substation within the project boundaries. Electrical energy generated at the three solar electrical generating plants will connected to the new electrical substation.

In the early spring of 2007 CH2M HILL, a private environmental consulting firm, requested a records search of the California Historical Resources Information System to

determine if any cultural resources had been previously identified and/or recorded up to one mile away from the project boundaries. The results of the records search were positive: eight cultural resources have been previously documented within one mile of the project boundaries. Only one linear historic archaeological site, the 1931 electrical transmission line that runs from San Bernardino to Hoover Dam, was previously recorded and has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Register. The site will not suffer an adverse effect as a consequence of the proposed project. The remaining seven archaeological sites: three small temporary campsites, two sparse historic trash scatters, Arrowhead Trail (road) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Boulder Transmission Lines are all located outside of the project boundaries will not be affected as a consequence of the proposed project.

Between April and May 2007 CH2M HILL contract archaeologists conducted a pedestrian survey of the project area, including plant sites, substation, administration maintenance, and storage buildings, and linear alignments such as access roads, gas pipeline, and electrical transmission lines. The archaeological finds identified during the survey included two historic sites (a transmission or telegraph line, and a historic dirt road that transects the area) and six Isolated Finds (a horse or mule shoe, a single obsidian flake, two mining prospects, a single chert flake, and a small obsidian nodule that may or may not be a cultural artifact).

We are requesting your comments concerning cultural or religious values present within the project area that may be affected. If you provide sensitive information, a 1991 amendment to the national Historic Preservation Act allows the Bureau of Land Management to prevent the release of this information to the public if it may pose a risk to historic properties or traditional cultural properties. If you have any concerns, comments, or questions regarding potential impacts to historic properties, or areas of traditional importance within the project area, we request that you contact us at the Needles Field Office. I would be pleased to meet with you or members of the Tribe that have specific knowledge of resources important to the Tribe which may be impacted by the proposed project, and I will make my staff available to conduct visits with you to the project area, if requested. Please direct your questions and comments to Rodney Mouton, Natural Resources Branch Chief, Desert Resources Staff Supervisor, at (760) 326-7020.

Sincerely,

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