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WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
2600 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-3008



IN REPLY REFER TO:
Environmental Quality Services

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November 28, 2011

Re: Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed K Road Moapa Solar Generation Facility.

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as the lead federal agency, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians (Tribe) as Cooperating Agencies, prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed K Road Moapa Solar Generation Facility on the Moapa River Indian Reservation (Reservation) in Clark County, Nevada. This letter announces the DEIS is now available for public review and comment and that public meetings will be held to solicit comments on the draft document.

The proposed Federal action is the BIA approval of a solar energy ground lease and agreements entered into by the Tribe with K Road Moapa Solar LLC (K Road), and approval of rights-of-way (ROW) and easements for K Road to construct, operate, and maintain an up to 350 MW solar electric generating facility on the Reservation. The proposed Federal action also includes the BLM approval of a new transmission line ROW within the existing BLM utility corridor on the Reservation. The transmission line will have a capacity of up to 500 kV and include a service access road. The proposed project will be located on approximately 2,000 acres within the Moapa River Indian Reservation in Clark County, Nevada, approximately one mile west of Interstate 15 and approximately 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The DEIS includes an analysis of the Proposed Project including the 2,000 acre solar facility footprint, a 5.5 miles long 500kV transmission line corridor, a one mile long water line, and a threemiles long 12kV transmission line. In addition, the DEIS includes an analysis of another alternative for a reduced solar facility footprint (1,400 acres with an alternate 500kV transmission line corridor), and also a "No Action" alternative.

The DEIS is available for review and comments on the project website: <http://projects2.pirnie.com/MoapaSolar/>. The DEIS is also available for review at the following location(s) during normal business hours:

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Western Regional Office
Branch of Environmental Quality Services
2600 North Central Avenue
12th Floor, Suite 210
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Southern Paiute Agency
180 North 200 East
Suite 111
St. George, UT 84770

Bureau of Land Management
Southern Nevada District Office
4701 North Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89130

Compact disks containing the DEIS are available from the BIA Western Regional Office Branch of Environmental Quality Services, the BIA Southern Paiute Agency and BLM Southern Nevada District Office addresses listed above. Due to the size of the document, printed copies are limited so we request that you utilize the methods above to review the DEIS before requesting a printed hard copy.

The BIA is requesting written comments on the DEIS. To ensure all comments will be considered, the comments must be received within 45 days following the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register which was published on November 25, 2011. The comment period will end on January 9, 2012. Public meetings will be held at the Moapa River Indian Reservation and BLM office in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 14-15, 2011, respectively. Notices will also be published on the website and in local newspapers announcing the times and locations of the meetings.

You may submit comments related to the K Road Moapa Solar Generation Facility Project by any of the following methods:

1. Project Website: <http://projects2.pirnie.com/MoapaSolar/>
2. E-mail: amy.heuslein@bia.gov
3. Mail: Ms. Amy Heuslein
Regional Environmental Protection Officer
BIA Western Regional Office, Branch of Environmental Quality Services
2600 North Central Avenue, 4th Floor Mail Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-3008
4. Fax: (602) 379-3833, Attention: K Road Moapa Solar Generation Facility Project

Written comments may also be hand-delivered to the BIA Western Regional Office or the BIA Southern Paiute Agency at the addresses shown above between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

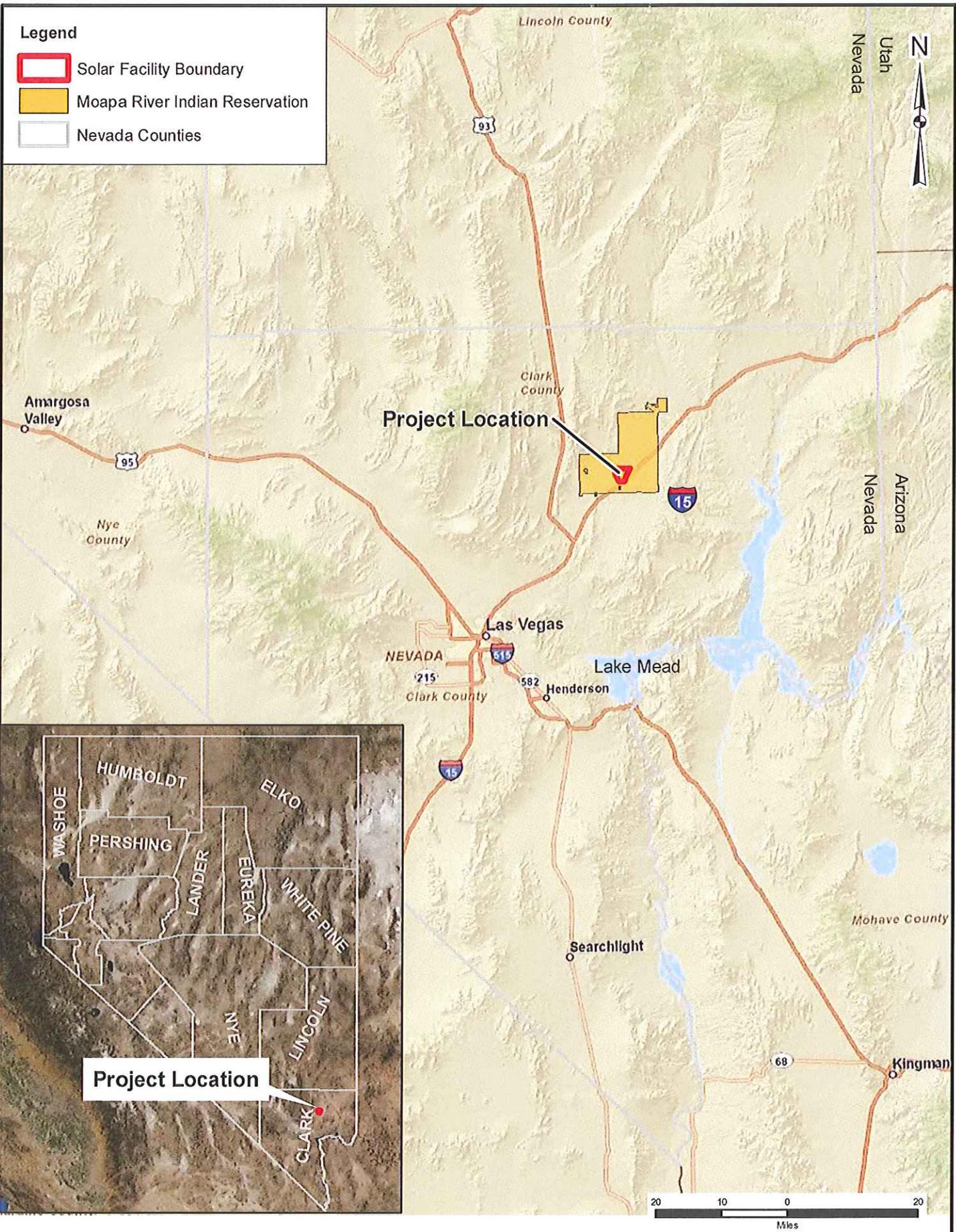
Thank you for your interest and we look forward to receiving your comments on the K Road Moapa Solar Generation Facility DEIS.

Sincerely,



Regional Director

Enclosures: Location Map



Map Document: Austin\6923001\GIS\MXD\BLM Lands Figure 1



K Road Power
San Diego, California
K Road Moapa Solar Facility

Moapa River Indian Reservation
Project Vicinity Map

MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC.
September 2011
FIGURE 1-1