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RE: Comments on RETI - Draft Phase 2A Report

Ms Laufenberg Gallardo:

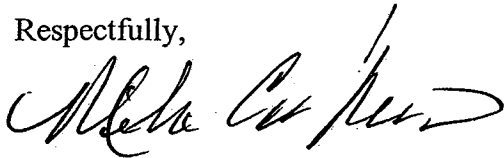
Inyo County appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) Draft Phase 2A Report, and supports the California Energy Commission's efforts to more rapidly and effectively move California toward renewable energy resources.

With the above in mind, Inyo County would like to submit the following comments and requests on the RETI Draft Phase 2A Report:

- Inyo County respectfully requests membership on the appropriate steering or stakeholder committee in order that we may more effectively participate in county government and land use planning issues relating to the RETI.
- Inyo County respectfully requests access to the GIS data files of the zones identified on the RETI maps for use in County GIS mapping. While we are particularly interested in the data layers that went into establishing Category 1 Lands (mapped as black) and Category 2 Lands (mapped as yellow), GIS data for the RETI Master Map is also requested so that we may better understand what comprises such zones as the "Citizen's Wilderness Inventory" and the "Cultural Resource Constraints - Sensitive Areas."
- Inyo County maintains that the Category 1 Lands identified for our county are over-inclusive: the Category 1 Lands identified on the environmental map identified as the "Boxer Bill Map" include lands that are at this time only proposed as wilderness areas. Inyo County would request that Category 1 Lands be limited to only those lands on which development is currently statutorily prohibited.
- We believe some of the Category 1 Lands identified on the "National Monument Map" may be mislabeled: graphically, it appears that Death Valley National Monument is listed twice.

Inyo County values the many environmental resources that combine to make the County such a unique place, while also valuing the abundant natural resources such as solar and geothermal that allow it to play an important part in moving California toward renewables and greater energy self-sufficiency. The County looks forward to being included as an active participant in the RETI process.

Respectfully,



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