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Project: Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project – Colorado River Subsection Expansion

Dear Billie Blanchard:

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) has received the Notice of Preparation for a Focused Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 (DPV2) Transmission Line Project – Colorado River Substation Expansion. The expanded Colorado River Substation (CRS) would serve to interconnect solar generation proposed for development in the Blythe area to the DPV2 transmission line. The expansion of the CRS would require the following new components: Expanding the proposed and already permitted CRS from 44 to 90 acres; Looping the two 500 kV circuits and terminating the new Devers-Colorado River (DCR) transmission line into the CRS; Modifying existing 220 kV structures to allow the DCR to cross the Buck-Julian Hinds 220 kV transmission line; Constructing a distribution line to serve the CRS (substation lighting and system power).

The District has reviewed the Notice of Preparation for the project and has no objection to the proposed air quality analysis. The District supports projects improving the State's power transmission infrastructure, particularly when in support of renewable energy projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this planning document. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (760) 245-1661, extension 6726, or Tracy Walters at extension 6122.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan J. De Salvo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alan J. De Salvo
Supervising Air Quality Engineer

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