



## DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

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Gentlemen,

We are writing to thank you for the valuable work that your organizations' transmission planners have done once again for the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP).

Transmission planners from your respective organizations participated in the most recent Transmission Technical Group (TTG) starting in August 2013 to support the development of the DRECP. In October 2013, they completed a modification of their December 2012 work which has resulted in a valuable high-level study of the transmission components and interconnections and estimates of potentially affected acreages that could be required based on the planning assumptions being used by the DRECP.

Through this effort the transmission engineers and planners from your companies have, starting with their initial work in early 2012, already contributed greatly to the DRECP. The Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT) agencies are deeply grateful for their help in thinking through the transmission implications of renewable energy development scenarios under consideration as part of the DRECP planning process.

The work of the TTG is a vital component in the environmental analysis that is now underway in preparing the draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

On behalf of the Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT), we extend to you our appreciation for the work that the TTG has just completed in support of the DRECP.

Sincerely,

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