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Dear State Energy Commissioners, While I might be coming into this discussion late, I would like to address the large desert energy project that state and federal agencies continue to engage in. Haven't we learned the "too big to fail" message yet? Creating smaller projects in the southern CA cities who hoped to be served by Southern CA Edison would prevent the need for many state and federal agencies, would prevent the need for transmission lines which would necessitate Native American concerns and environmental concerns, and most of all would allow for the least amount of energy loss since the created energy would be delivered close to home.

Aside from the impact on the desert and its inhabitants, which is a concern, these large systems are becoming the dinosaurs of our thinking. There is another gain by creating local systems-the people served become more aware of where their power comes from. Daily usage computers can be installed on buildings with photo-voltaic systems, users begin to understand and appreciate their energy usage, local grants might be more available, and companies and individuals can take pride in being a part of the answer to our energy needs. We should also begin to think differently about large areas which could be attacked, thus creating large areas of power loss over longer periods of time. Americans have been through much in the last decade and what I've learned from this is that we have an opportunity to be smarter about how we problem solve our issues. Smaller energy facilities, placed close to home, using rooftops or south facing buildings, makes for a more easily protected and more efficient system. And much of the waiting could be avoided since materials and rooftops are available now.

Thank you for your time, Alayne Meeks from Soquel, CA