

**DECLARATION OF
Testimony of Negar Vahidi**

I, **Negar Vahidi**, declare as follows:

1. I am presently employed by Aspen Environmental Group, a contractor to the California Energy Commission, Systems Assessment and Facilities Siting Division, as a **Senior Project Manager/Senior Socioeconomics Technical Specialist**.
2. A copy of my professional qualifications and experience is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
3. I helped prepare the staff testimony on **Socioeconomics** for the **Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating Station Project** based on my independent analysis of the Application for Certification and supplements hereto, data from reliable documents and sources, and my professional experience and knowledge.
4. It is my professional opinion that the prepared testimony is valid and accurate with respect to the issue addressed therein.
5. I am personally familiar with the facts and conclusions related in the testimony and if called as a witness could testify competently thereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: September 24, 2009 Signed: _____

At: Agoura Hills, California

NEGAR VAHIDI
Senior Associate

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Master of Public Administration, University of Southern California, 1993
B.A., Political Science, University of California, Irvine, 1991

Ms. Vahidi is a planner with more than nine years experience in socioeconomic, land use, and public policy analysis for major infrastructure, development, flood control, and institutional projects throughout the State of California. Her expertise lies in demographic data assessment and technical studies, identification and categorization of existing land uses, policy consistency analysis and policy development, evaluation of physical socioeconomic and land use impacts, and development of land use alternatives. A brief list of relevant projects for which she has conducted socioeconomic and land use assessments, or managed the preparation of the environmental document, is provided below:

Land Use Assessment for Industrial Projects:

- Pacific Pipeline EIS/SEIR Project
- Alturas Transmission Line EIR/S Project
- Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline EIR Project
- Six Flags Substation and Power Line Project
- Calnev Substation and Power Line Project
- Yellowstone Pipeline Reroute EIS Project
- CPUC Hydroelectric Plant Divestiture Project - ongoing

Environmental Studies

- MTA Mid-City/Westside Corridor Study
- St. Francis Medical Hospital Focused EIR
- Santa Monica College Parking Structure B EIR
- Berkeley Manor Condominium Technical Reports
- Huntington Beach Waterfront Development Project Section 108 Loan Guarantee Funds EA
- Imperial Beach Shore Protection EIR/EIS
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration Laboratory EIR/EIS
- National Guard Armory Building EA
- EA for Area Lighting, Fencing, and Roadways at the International Border
- Border Patrol Checkpoint Station EA

Specific Plans, Residential and Mixed-Use Development, and Redevelopment Projects

- Wes Thompson Ranch Development Project EIR
- Cabrillo Plaza Specific Plan EIR
- Culver City Redevelopment Plan and Merger EIR
- Dana Point Headlands Specific Plan EIR
- Seaview Court Condominiums IS/MND
- Pico Union Block 6 Residential Development Revised EIR
- Four-Story Hotel IS/MND, City of Santa Monica
- Santa Monica College Parking Structure B Replacement EIR
- Huntington Beach Blocks 104/105 Redevelopment Project EIR
- Berkeley Manor Condominiums EIR
- Santa Monica North Main St. Mixed-Use Development Project EIR

Water and Wastewater Facilities

- San Antonio Dam EIS
- Whitewater/Thousand Palms Flood Control Project
- San Antonio Creek Bridges Project at Vandenberg Air Force Base
- Lower Santa Ana River Operations and Maintenance EA

Resource Management

- Upper Newport Bay Environmental Restoration Project
- Rio Salado Environmental Restoration EIS

Miscellaneous Studies

- Pacific Pipeline Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance and Reporting Program
- Technical Support to NEPA Lawsuit
- Industry-wide Survey for the South Coast Air Quality Management District

Professional Affiliations

- American Planning Association, Los Angeles Chapter Board Member