Desert Hot Springs Hoteliers Association

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California Energy Commission
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Attn. Bill Pfanner

Competitive Power Ventures, Inc.
55 Second Street
Suite 525
San Francisco, CA 94105
Attn. Mark O. Turner

Mission Springs Water District
66575 2nd Street
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
Attn. Arden Wallum

January 23, 2008

It has come to our attention that the California Energy Commission has suggested to Competitive Power Ventures, Inc. (CPV) that they look into using the Desert Hot Springs Sub-basin as a source of water for their "Peaker Plant" project (07-AFC-3) in our area (37 acres of land situated within unincorporated Riverside County).

The Desert Hot Springs Sub-basin is the source of our pure, hot mineral water which is uniquely odor free. Water ranging from 100 to 170 degrees is pumped by our spas and used in the tourism business of Desert Hot Springs. Our town was founded upon this amazing water and our spas represent the major economic force in our town.

We strongly oppose the usage of the Desert Hot Springs Sub-basin for anything other than our spa industry.

Be it known therefore, that we, the Hoteliers of Desert Hot Springs will fight to protect our hot water aquifer from such usage by CPV.

The Desert Hot Springs Sub-basin is what separates and distinguishes our town from Palm Springs, the rest of the Coachella Valley, and even other naturally occurring hot water aquifers in California, the USA, and the world. This water is unique in its properties and is an irreplaceable treasure. If this Sub-basin was an animal, it would be protected as an endangered species. It is *that* special.

Respectfully yours,

Judy Bowman, President, Hoteliers of Desert Hot Springs (760-329-3243)

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cc: Rick Daniels, City Manager—Desert Hot Springs

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