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Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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From: (Public Agency) Inyo County Planning Department
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Project Title: Conditional Use Permit #2010-07/Brightsource Energy &
Variance #2010-03/Brightsource Energy

Project Applicant: Brightsource Energy, 10161 Park Run Drive, #150, Las Vegas, NV
89145 (702-515-7422)

Project Location - Specific: 20 acres in Charleston View, 2 miles north of Old Spanish
Trail (APN 048-650-13; T22N, R10E, Section 21)

Project Location - City: Charleston View, CA

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project involves the
installation of a temporary weather monitoring station (which will be 8 feet high, but
with a 35-foot "wind pole," for a total of 43 feet high) for a period of 6 months, in order
to collect data on the viability of the area for solar energy production.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inyo County Planning Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inyo County Planning Department

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
 Categorical (Class 6; Section 15306);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA review
under Class 6: "Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource

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evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource" (CEQA Guidelines Section 15306).

Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

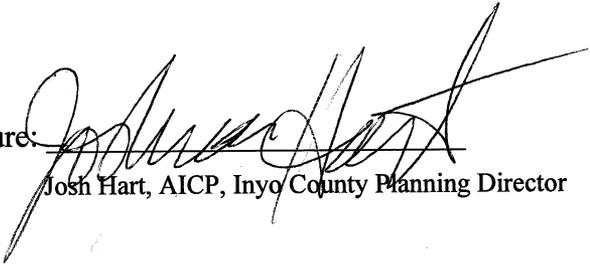
Contact Person: Tanda Gretz, Senior Planner

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____



Josh Hart, AICP, Inyo County Planning Director

Date: 12-1-10

Date received for filing at OPR:

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