

September 5, 2006

Commissioner Richard M. Campbell
Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: Desert Power's Request for Contract Extension

Dear Governor Huntsman:

Desert Power, L.P. is a power plant located in Tooele County in a developing industrial corridor. The continued development of that corridor is a priority for Tooele County. Desert Power is an important element of that development.

Desert Power is a project that first located in Tooele County in 2001. It is now in the middle of a \$50 million expansion to increase its capacity to approximately 100 MW as well as to provide steam to another major industrial facility, US Magnesium, located in Tooele County. Upon completion, it will provide power sufficient to supply some 75,000 homes in the Wasatch Front, helping to avoid in the future some of the black-outs and brown-outs in recent years.

We understand that due to delays Desert Power has experienced in the availability of interconnection facilities from PacifiCorp for the delivery of its power and resulting delays in its construction schedule, Desert Power is seeking approval from the Public Service Commission to extend its contract, on both the completion side and the contract term. The hearing on the matter is set for Friday, September 8, 2006.

Completion of the plant will be an asset in the future growth of Tooele County as well as an important addition to its tax base. We seek your support in urging the Commission to approve the extension as sought by Desert Power without delay.

Sincerely,

DENNIS ROCKWELL
County Commission Chairman

MATTHEW LAWRENCE
Commissioner

COLLEEN JOHNSON
Commissioner

cc: Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
TOOELE COUNTY COMMISSION