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Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
E 220 State Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: Desert Power's Request for Contract Extension

Dear Governor Huntsman:

Tooele County has had the fortune of being the site of Desert Power, L.P., a power plant that located in our community in 2001. It is a high priority for our county to continue development in the industrial corridor where Desert Power resides.

In 2004, Desert Power began a \$50 million expansion project that will increase its capacity to approximately 100 MW. This project will also provide steam to U.S. Magnesium, another major industrial facility in Tooele County. With the completion of this project, Desert Power will have the capacity to provide power to 75,000 homes in the Wasatch Front, which will aid in avoiding future black-outs and brown-outs.

It has come to my attention that there have been delays in availability of interconnection facilities from PacifiCorp for the delivery of its power which have resulted in delays in its construction schedule. Consequently, 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 for this matter has been set for Friday, September 8, 2006.

Approval of this extension will allow Desert Power to finish its expansion, which will be an asset in the future growth of Tooele County. I encourage your support of this extension.

Sincerely,

/s/

Representative Jim Gowans

cc: Commissioner Richard M. Campbell
Public Service Commission