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To: Ivanpah-Control Project Team
Subject: Public Comment in Support of Protecting Panatü (Three Creeks)

Dear Decision Makers,

I am writing to express my support for the protection of Panatü, also known as Three Creeks, the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission's first landback site. I strongly support the Tribes' position opposing the currently proposed location of Southern California Edison's Ivanpah-Control (I-C) 115 Kilovolt Project through the Birch Creek Neighborhood.

Panatü is a culturally and environmentally significant place that holds deep importance for Indigenous communities in the Owens Valley. The proposed project alignment threatens tribal cultural resources, culturally sensitive sites, and important water sources that should be protected and respected.

While I understand the need to address operational safety concerns related to aging infrastructure, these improvements should not come at the expense of Indigenous lands, cultural heritage, and ecologically sensitive areas. The construction of a new transmission line and approximately 1,500 new structures across Segments 1 and 2 would create significant and irreversible impacts if routed through Panatü and the surrounding Birch Creek Neighborhood.

I respectfully urge Southern California Edison and all relevant agencies to collaborate with Tribal Nations and community stakeholders to identify alternative routes that avoid impacts to Panatü and other culturally sensitive areas. Prioritizing the protection of Indigenous cultural resources, water sources, and sacred lands must be central to all infrastructure planning processes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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