

Parsons, Terri L.

From: Sheeran, Melyssa L.
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 2:40 PM
To: Noir, Yvette
Cc: Bird, Hilary
Subject: FW: Solar Farms

Yvette, can you save this under NOP comments also?

From: Angelina Havens [<mailto:AngelinaHavens@co.imperial.ca.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 2:36 PM
To: damorita@earthlink.net; Gnibus, Tim; Sheeran, Melyssa L.
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Comment letter attached.

Angelina Havens
Planner III

From: Byron or Kathy [<mailto:frontierag401@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 2:26 PM
To: Angelina Havens
Subject: Solar Farms

To: Planning Commission

In order for Frontier Agricultural Service, Inc. to continue to operate in a safe manner in regards to our pilots and the surrounding community, there are some unique concerns that the Solar Farms project presents.

- The angle of panels, at any given time, day or night, presents a very serious glare concern regarding their reflective and/or refractive properties and intensities (both from the sun and high intensity aircraft landing lights) to safely land without being temporarily blinded by said glare. Forty percent (40%) of our landings are made at night.
- Any guy-wires, lights on poles and/or any use of cranes during the construction of or the maintenance of panels in the future.
- Any disturbance or turbulence of air currents from different angulation of panels at ground (airstrip) level.
- The maximum height at any given time of day or night in regards to both ends of the airstrip. Our Air Tractors, fully loaded, are just that, tractors, not Porsches.
- Minimum distance from both ends of runway.

Concerns for Solar Farms are not that of safety but rather service or maintenance issues.

We operate on natural surface airstrips. A fair amount of dust is created during staging for take-off as well as take-off.

At any given time maintenance or repairs to our Air Tractors requires static plane engine

revings which can also create an amount of dust for sustained periods of time.
A paved airstrip could eliminate those concerns.

We feel that solar in general is a good business venture for all but only in areas where agricultural production is not taken out.
A continued open discourse of all parties is of the highest priority in order to continue operating safely for another thirty years as we have.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Byron D. Nelson,
Frontier Ag. Service, Inc.