and/or 500 kV transmission line and associated access roads. The primary need for the Proposed Project is to provide land lease income, sustainable renewable resources, new jobs and other benefits for the Tribe by using solar resources on Reservation lands where there is high potential for solar electric generation. A secondary need for the Proposed Project is to assist utilities in meeting their renewable energy goals by providing electricity generated from solar resources from Tribal lands that may be efficiently connected to existing transmission lines in a manner that minimizes adverse site impacts.

The proposed Federal action is the BIA approval of a solar energy ground lease and agreements entered into by the Tribe with Moapa Solar LLC (Applicant), and approval of ROWs and easements for the Applicant to construct, operate and maintain an up to 200 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility and water pipeline on the Reservation. The proposed Federal action also includes the BLM approval of ROWs for the 230 kV and 500 kV transmission lines and access roads on BLM-administered Federal lands, and the BLM approval of ROWs for the portions of the 500 kV transmission line and water pipeline located within an existing utility corridor located on the Reservation.

The BIA and BLM will use the EIS to make decisions on the land lease and ROW applications under their respective jurisdiction; the EPA and NPS may use the document to make decisions under their authorities; the Tribe may use the EIS to make decisions under their Tribal Environmental Policy Ordinance; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may use the EIS to support its decision under the Endangered Species Act.

Directions for Submitting Comments:
Please include your name, return address and the caption “DEIS Comments, Proposed Moapa Solar Energy Center” on the first page of your written comments.

Locations where the DEIS is Available for Review: The DEIS will be available for review at: BIA Western Regional Office, 2600 North Central Avenue, 12th Floor, Suite 210, Phoenix, Arizona; BIA Southern Paiute Agency, 180 North 200 East, Suite 111, St. George, Utah; and the BLM Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. The DEIS is also available online at: www.MoapaSolarEnergyCenterEIS.com.

Their contact information is listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice. Individual paper copies of the DEIS will be provided only upon request.

Public Comment Availability: Written comments, including names and addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BIA mailing addresses shown in the ADDRESSES section during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Dated: August 30, 2013.
Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.