

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEVADA STATE AFL/CIO
IN SUPPORT OF THE ELY ENERGY CENTER**

WHEREAS Nevada's continued growth is creating a ever increasing demand for power, and

WHEREAS we understand the need to reduce greenhouse gasses in a effort to reduce global warming, and

WHEREAS we understand if the Ely Energy Center comes on line Sierra Pacific will have the ability to shut down three of their existing power plants thereby reducing the output of greenhouse gases by as much as 50% from current levels, and

WHEREAS we support renewable energy but realize it will take time and investment to build an infrastructure of renewable energy power plants which will have the ability of fulfilling Nevada's ever increasing energy needs, and

WHEREAS we understand while geothermal is the most dependable and most prominent of the current renewable energy sources, the cost of development for a geothermal power plant is nearly \$7 million per megawatt while the planned Ely Energy Center costs are projected at approximately \$1 million per megawatt, and

WHEREAS ultimately the rate payers in Nevada will pay for the development of whatever source we find to feed the growing demand for electricity, and

WHEREAS the higher the cost to develop the energy source, the greater the financial burden on our members, and

WHEREAS Sierra Pacific has a record of building power plants using Union Labor, and

WHEREAS the Ely Energy Center will create 2500 construction jobs at its peak, and

WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of renewable energy projects are built with labor who do not make a living wage and do not have benefits, and

WHEREAS Sierra Pacific mans their power plants with Union Labor once those plants go into production, and

WHEREAS the Ely Energy Center will create a total of 250 permanent jobs in White Pine County once phase II has been completed, and

WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of renewable energy power plants are manned with a labor force who do not make a living wage and do not have benefits and are therefore a burden on their community for their health and welfare, and

WHEREAS Sierra Pacific is a Nevada corporation which reinvests in Nevada, and

WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of renewable energy developers are not Nevada corporations, in fact most of them are not even being American corporations, and they do not have a interest in reinvesting in Nevada, and

WHEREAS we support affordable energy, and

WHEREAS we support workers being paid a living wage and being provided with benefits, and

WHEREAS we support companies who reinvest in the state of Nevada over companies which reap profits at the expense of their workers and Nevada's rate payers only to take those profits out of the state, and

WHEREAS we support efforts to reduce greenhouse gases through improved technology and higher efficiency built into new power plants which will allow the decommissioning of less efficient power plants which are releasing pollutants at higher levels; be it therefore

RESOLVED the Nevada State AFL/CIO supports the efforts of Sierra Pacific to construct the Ely Energy Center in White Pine County, Ely, Nevada, and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to those elected representatives who may have concern about this project, to show our support for the Ely Energy Center.

This resolution was approved August 22, 2007 by the delegation in attendance at the 51st Annual Constitutional Convention of the Nevada State AFL-CIO as submitted by the Building and Construction Trades Councils of Northern and Southern Nevada and the Central Labor Councils of Northern and Northeastern Nevada.