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Solar Power Plant near Phoenix, Arizona

Arizona Public Service Co. (APS) has announced plans for one of the world's largest solar facilities – a 280-megawatt (MW) concentrating

solar power (CSP) plant – to be built 70 miles southwest of Phoenix, near Gila Bend, AZ.



*A 'power tower' type of CSP plant
near Seville, Spain; photo credit: Abengoa*

The project is enthusiastically supported by Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano. However, its viability is dependent on the long-term extension

of investment tax credits for solar facilities, which have gone down to defeat twice since December in the U.S. Congress. On both occasions, ironically enough, Arizona senator and presidential candidate John McCain was absent for the crucial vote.