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Marisa Mitchell
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**DARDEN CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT (23-OPT-02C) LIMITED NOTICE TO
PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

Dear Marisa Mitchell,

On June 11, 2025, the California Energy Commission (CEC) approved a certification for the Darden Clean Energy Project (23-OPT-02) under the CEC Opt-In Certification Program. On September 15, 2025, CEC staff received a request for a Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) to be issued for a portion of the Darden Clean Energy Project - the site of the breaker and-a-half (BAAH) 500 kilovolt switchyard, to be known as the Harlan BAAH switchyard.

The proposed activities include constructing an access road to, and initial site preparations of, the Harlan BAAH switchyard. CEC staff has reviewed the relevant Conditions of Certification (COC) associated with the Harlan BAAH switchyard location and have determined that site mobilization including initial construction activities may commence as of October 27, 2025. These activities are only being approved for applicable COCs within the boundary for the Harlan BAAH switchyard location in accordance with the Darden Clean Energy Project Final Decision.

Only the following activities are authorized to occur with this LNTP:

1. Construction of a site access road off S. Derrik Ave within the project's gen-tie-route. Activities include grading and paving approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of roadway between the Harlan BAAH switchyard location and S. Derrik Ave.
2. Site preparation and grading at the Harlan BAAH switchyard location. Construction activities include grubbing, clearing, and grading of the

switchyard, as well as installing security fencing and installation of stormwater best management practices. Additionally, initial excavation for critical foundations, limited trenching and conduit installation is also approved.

No other ground disturbing or construction activities are authorized at this time. Darden Clean Energy Project will be given a full notice to proceed for all construction activities after all pre-construction COC submittals are received and approved as required by the CEC's Final Decision. CEC staff will continue to work closely with Intersect Power to ensure conformance with all COCs as written in the Final Decision.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Compliance Project Manager Joseph Douglas, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Safety and Reliability Branch, at (916) 956-9527 or e-mail at joseph.douglas@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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