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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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PETITION TO AMEND THE:

**SONORAN ENERGY PROJECT (FORMERLY
BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT PHASE II)**

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COMMITTEE ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

Upon consideration of the Petition to Intervene filed by Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) (Petitioner), the Committee designated to conduct proceedings on the Petition to Amend the Sonoran Energy Project makes the following findings:

1. On October 4, 2016, a Petition to Intervene in the Sonoran proceeding was filed by:

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2. No deadline for filing a Petition to Intervene is currently in effect. Therefore, the Petition was timely filed. It contains the information required by California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1211.7;
3. No opposition to said Petition has been filed;
4. Intervention is granted at the Committee's discretion to the degree that it finds

intervention reasonable and relevant. The Presiding Member or Committee may impose conditions on all intervenors' participation in the hearings in order to promote the orderly conduct of the proceeding; and

5. Petitioner's interests are relevant to the above-captioned proceeding.

THEREFORE, the Committee ORDERS that the Petition to Intervene in this matter be GRANTED for the Petitioner-requested subject areas of Cultural Resources, Visual Resources, Biological Resources, Soil and Water Resources, and Geological and Paleontological Resources, and that Petitioner be placed upon the Proof of Service List as an intervenor. The Petitioner may make a motion to the Committee to participate in additional subject areas.

Petitioner may exercise the rights and shall fulfill the obligations of a party as set forth in all orders issued in this matter and California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1212. The deadline for conducting discovery shall not be extended by the granting of this Petition. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1211.7(d).) The discovery period in this matter closed on February 3, 2016.¹

The Energy Commission welcomes and values intervenor participation in its energy facility siting process. A link to the California Code of Regulations, title 20, describing intervenor participation is available on the right hand side menu of the Public Adviser's webpage at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/public_adviser/intervening_siting_cases.html.

As an intervenor, Petitioner is required to file and serve documents on other parties and to follow the Energy Commission's procedures and orders regarding presenting witnesses and evidence. Petitioners are further required to review the *General Orders Regarding Electronic Document Formats, Electronic Filing and Service of Documents and Other Matters*,² the rules regarding filings, the rules of evidence that apply at the evidentiary hearings, the rules prohibiting off-the-record contacts with Commissioners or the Hearing Officer about the merits of a project, and the rules about filing data requests. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §§ 1001 through 1216, and 1716.)

PETITIONER'S FAILURE TO FULFILL THESE RESPONSIBILITIES MAY RESULT IN THE COMMITTEE LIMITING OR PRECLUDING PETITIONER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCEEDINGS.

If Petitioner needs any help with participating in the siting process, Petitioner is advised to contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov.

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020, or by e-mail at raoul.renaud@energy.ca.gov.

¹ California Code of Regulations, title 20, §1716(e).

² TN 212641.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-8891, or by e-mail at: mary.dyas@energy.ca.gov.

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's web page at:

www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sonoran.

The Executive Director or his designee shall ensure that the Petitioner is immediately provided with a copy of the Petition to Amend.

Dated: October 25, 2016, at Sacramento, California

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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