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Document Title:	Letter Regarding Limited Notice to Proceed for Pre-Construction activities for Phase 2, Units 3 and 4
Description:	The Energy Commission staff is currently in the process of completing its review of the pre-construction requirements for the BSPP.
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February 16, 2018

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**SUBJECT: Blythe Solar Power Project (BSPP) 09-AFC-06C
LIMITED NOTICE TO PROCEED (LNTP) for Pre-Construction
activities for Phase 2, Units 3 and 4**

Dear Mr. Handel:

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff is currently in the process of completing its review of the pre-construction requirements for the Blythe Solar Power Project (09-AFC-06C). Staff has determined that limited pre-construction activities, as detailed in your request letter, dated December 7, 2017, may commence as of February 16, 2018. These limited pre-construction activities include the following:

- Installation of the combination perimeter security/tortoise fencing;
- Desert tortoise and other wildlife clearances;
- Cacti removal; and
- Geotechnical activities, including:
 - Soil borings to various depths
 - Soil test pits to depths of approximately six feet
 - Percolation tests
 - Pile tests
 - Soil resistivity and corrosion tests

The commencement of these activities shall be in accordance with the applicable Energy Commission conditions of certification, Bureau of Land Management right-of-way grant and other governing document requirements, and the associated plans (in their most current draft status or as approved). Full time biological, archaeological, paleontological, and Native American monitors shall be present during the above noted activities. Only the biological and archaeological monitors approved by the Compliance Project Manager shall be used.

Review of the pre-construction submittals for full construction will continue and you will only be given a full notice to proceed for all other activities when all pre-construction condition of certification submittals are approved, as required by the conditions of certification. The Energy Commission staff will continue to work closely with NextEra

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Energy/Blythe Solar to ensure conformance with all conditions of certification as written in the Energy Commission's Final Decision. Lack of conformance with any of the conditions of certification may result in suspension of construction activities.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-4295 or email me at eric.veerkamp@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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