



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
1516 NINTH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
1-800-822-6228 – WWW.ENERGY.CA.GOV

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
For the *RIDGECREST SOLAR*
POWER PROJECT

DOCKET No. 09-AFC-9

COMMITTEE ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

Upon consideration of the Petition to Intervene filed by the Petitioner, the Committee designated to conduct proceedings in this matter makes the following findings:

1. On April 1, 2010, a Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding was filed by:

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On behalf of
Kerncrest Audubon Society

2. The Petition was timely filed and substantially contains the information required by section 1207 of the Commission's regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1207) insofar as Petitioner has articulated its concerns regarding the desert tortoise, burrowing owl, Le Conte's thrasher, desert kit fox, and Mojave ground squirrel and regarding the project's proposed water use.
3. Each party to this proceeding has asserted no opposition to the Petition to Intervene; and
4. Petitioner's interests are relevant to the above-captioned proceeding.

THEREFORE, the Committee **ORDERS** that the Petition to Intervene in this matter be **GRANTED** and that Petitioner be placed upon the Proof of Service List as an Intervenor. Petitioner may exercise the rights and shall fulfill the obligations of a party as set forth in section 1712 of the Commission's regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1712.)

The Energy Commission welcomes and values intervenor participation in its energy facility siting process. A link to the Commission's regulations is posted on the left hand side menu of the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project website page. As an intervenor, Petitioner is required to file and serve documents on other parties and to follow the Commission's procedures and orders regarding presenting witnesses and evidence. Petitioner is further required to review 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 Adviser about the merits of a project, and the rules about filing data requests. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §1001 through 1217, 1712 et seq.)

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

The Application for Certification in this matter was deemed data adequate on November 18, 2009. Under the Commission's regulations, all data requests in this matter are required to be submitted by no later than May 17, 2010, unless the Committee allows untimely requests for good cause shown. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1716.) The Committee will not permit unnecessary, irrelevant or unreasonably burdensome data requests and may, on the motion of a party or on its own motion, exercise its authority pursuant to sections 1203 and 1204 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §§ 1203, 1204) to enforce the provisions of section 1716, setting forth procedures for obtaining information (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1716), in order to eliminate undue delay in the completion of these proceedings.

If Petitioner needs any help with participating in the siting process, contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228, or e-mail: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Direct questions of a legal or procedural nature to Kourtney Vaccaro, the Hearing Adviser, at (916) 654-4328, or e-mail: **[kvaccaro@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Further, the Executive Director or her designee shall ensure that Petitioner is immediately provided with a copy of the Application for Certification.

Dated on April 12, 2010, in Sacramento, California.

Original signed by: _____
JAMES D. BOYD
Vice Chair and Presiding Member
Ridgecrest Solar AFC Committee

Original signed by: _____
ANTHONY EGGERT
Commissioner and Associate Member
Ridgecrest Solar AFC Committee



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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maggie Read , declare that on, April 12, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached, Committee Order Granting Petition to Intervene to Ms. Terri Middlemiss and Dan Burnett on behalf of the Kerncrest Audubon Society. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:
[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest].

The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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For filing with the Energy Commission:

sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

OR

depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Original signed by: _____

Maggie Read

Hearing Adviser's Office