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IN COOPERATION WITH
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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December 18, 2011

California Energy Commission
Pierre Martinez
1515 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Mr. Martinez,

Thank you for providing the Riverside County Fire Department the opportunity to review the Application for Certification (11-AFC-4) for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility in Ripley, California.

With respect to the referenced project, the Riverside County Fire Department has the following comments:

The proposed project will have a cumulative adverse impact on the Fire Department's ability to provide an acceptable level of service. These impacts include an increased number of emergency and public service calls due to the increased presence of structures, traffic, hazardous materials and service vehicles. The proponents/developers shall participate in the Development Impact Fee Program as adopted by the County of Riverside to mitigate a portion of these impacts. This will provide funding for capital improvements such as land, equipment purchases and fire station construction. The Fire Department reserves the right to negotiate developer agreements associated with the development of land and/or construction of fire facilities to meet service demands through the regional integrated fire protection response system.

In the interest of Public Safety, the project shall provide an Alternate or Secondary Access(s) as stated in the Transportation Department Conditions. Said Alternate or Secondary Access(s) shall have concurrence and approval of both the Transportation and Fire Departments, and shall be maintained throughout any phasing. Secondary onsite and offsite access shall be provided for fire and emergency medical responders to all areas of the complex.

Secondary access leading into the project area appears inadequate on the map. A second point of ingress shall be provided to the facility. A single point of access to the project would create extend response times.

All water mains and fire hydrants providing required fire flows shall be constructed in accordance with the appropriate sections of Riverside County Ordinance No. 460 and/or No. 787, subject to review and approval by the Riverside County Fire Department. In addition, Worker Safety and Fire Protection impacts were not adequately addressed.

The California Fire Code outlines fire protection standards for the safety, health, and welfare of the public. These standards will be enforced by the Fire Chief.

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If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (951) 940-6349 or contact me at jason.neumann@fire.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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