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Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility
Docket No. 11-AFC-04

Informational Hearing and Site Visit

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What's a Public Adviser?

At the Commission

The Public Adviser is independently appointed attorney who:

- *Helps the public understand the process*
- *Recommends the best way to be involved*
- *Assists in successful participation in proceedings*

Outreach--Public Adviser

Notice of Informational Hearing and Site Visit :

- City and County officials, including:
Riverside, Imperial, La Paz (AZ) , Blythe and special districts
- Native American officials and members
- Broad categories:
Public members who have contacted our office; city and county civic leaders; local non-profit groups (community, environmental, ethnic organizations); public and private schools; places of worship; law enforcement; emergency personnel, community organizations and libraries; previous participants and intervenors.
- Paid local newspaper advertisement
Palo Verde Valley Times
- Website public service announcements requested
activists websites
- Local media outreach

Two Levels of Public Participation

Informal Participation

First level -- Public Comments are Easiest

- *Verbal Comments at Public Meetings: via Blue Cards*
- *Written Comments or Statements to the Commission Dockets Unit*
dockets@energy.state.ca.us

And

- *Considered by the Commissioners*
- *Part of the record*

But

- *Not considered evidence and cannot be the sole basis of a decision*

Two Levels of Public Participation

Formal Participation (Intervenor)

Second level -- Intervening is more involved

- *Anyone may file a Petition to Intervene in any Commission proceeding*
- *The Petition is considered by the assigned committee*
- *If approved, you become a party to this proceeding*
- **Intervenors have the same rights & responsibilities as other parties**

and

- *You do not have to be or have an attorney to intervene*

and

- *The Public Adviser's Office is here to help you file a Petition to Intervene and navigate the entire process.*

NOTE: It is important to intervene early in a case to be most effective.

How to Participate

Things to Do

- **Sign-Up to receive notice of up-coming events**
- **Submit written comments**
- **Provide oral comments**
- **Attend public project events**

In person or by WebEx or conference call

Non-English Speaking Welcome

Special Accommodations for Persons With Disabilities

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How to Participate

www.energy.ca.gov

California Energy Commission Home Page - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.energy.ca.gov/

Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Visit his Website

Natural Resources Agency John Laird

Welcome to the California Energy Commission Website

Quick Links

- A-Z Listing of Main Pages on Website
- Power Plant Projects Licensing & Compliance
- About Us
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- California Energy Policy
- Careers @ the Commission
- Climate Change
- Docket Listings
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- Glossary of Energy Terms
- Links to Other Government Agencies
- List Servers Sign-Up
- New Items on the Website
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- Web Broadcasts

In the Spotlight

- Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) Program Map
- DRIVE: California's Alternative & Renewable Fuel & Vehicle Technology Program
- Cal-Adapt: Exploring California's Climate Change Research
- Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Emergency
- Nuclear Assessment (AB 1632)
- New Light Bulb Standards for a More Efficient California
- 2011 Integrated Energy Policy
- Investment Plan for the Alternate Fuels Program (AB 118)
- Appliance Efficiency Regulations, 2011 Rulemaking
- Appliance Efficiency Regulations, Battery Chargers
- Alternative and Renewable Fuels and Vehicles Program (AB 118)
- Power Source Disclosure (AB 162)
- Bioenergy Action Plan
- Climate Change & the Energy Commission
- Economic Recovery & Stimulus Funding
- Go Solar California - Incentives for Solar Electricity Systems
- Clean Energy Jobs
- Power Plant Siting Lessons Learned
- Cash 4 Appliances

Information About

Commission Proceedings | Power Plant Licensing Under Review | Forms

- ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF ALL PROJECTS
- STATUS OF ALL PROJECTS
- Abenaaq Moiave Solar Project
- Almond 2 Power Project

What's New On Our Website

Careers at the Energy Commission

Calendar

Oct 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Upcoming Events

October 31, 2011
[Proposal Workshop for PON-11-501, 2011 Emerging Technology Demonstration Grant Program \(ETDG II\)](#)

November 01, 2011
[Evidentiary Hearing - Watson Cogeneration](#)

November 02, 2011
[Energy Commission Business Meeting](#)

November 02, 2011
[Public Adviser Committee's Recommendations to the Energy](#)

How to Participate

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the California Energy Commission's website for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility. The page title is "Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility - Docket # 2011-AFC-04". The URL is "http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html". The page features a navigation menu with categories like Home, Reports & News, Climate Change, Efficiency, Electricity & Nat Gas, Local Govt., Power Plants, Renewable Energy, R & D, Transmission, Transportation, and Funding. A sidebar on the left lists various links under "Project Proceeding" and "Public Participation". The main content area includes the following sections:

- Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility**
 - Docket Number:** 2011-AFC-04 (Application For Certification)
 - Committee Overseeing This Case:**
 - Carla Peterman, Commissioner, Presiding Member
 - Karen Douglas, Commissioner, Associate Member
 - Hearing Officer: Kourtney Vaccaro
 - Key Dates:**
 - 10/14/2011 - Application for Certification (AFC) filed
 - 12/14/2011 - Commission accepts AFC as "data adequate."
 - Project Description:**

The Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGf) is being proposed for development by Rio Mesa Solar I, LLC, Rio Mesa Solar II, LLC, and Rio Mesa III, LLC, subsidiaries of BrightSource Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

The proposed project site consists of three 250-megawatt (MW) (nominal) solar concentration thermal power plants situated on the Palo Verde Mesa in Riverside County, California, 13 miles southwest of Blythe, and is located partially on private land and partially on public land administered by the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Each plant will utilize a solar power boiler, located on top of a concrete tower (approximately 750-foot tall), surrounded by heliostat (mirror) fields (approximately 85,000 per plant) which focus solar energy on the boiler. Auxiliary boilers will be used to operate in parallel with the solar field during partial load conditions and when additional power is needed.

Each 250 MW plant requires about 1,850 acres (or 2.9 square miles) of land to operate. A 119 acre common area will include a combined administration, control, and maintenance facilities. The total area required for all three plants, including the shared facilities, is approximately 5,750 acres.

On the right side of the page, there is a calendar for January 2012, a "List Server" sign-up form, and a "Calendar" section stating "There Are No Upcoming Events Available". The "List Server" form includes input fields for "Enter first name", "Enter last name", and "Enter your e-mail", along with "Send" and "Reset" buttons. A red arrow points to the "List Server" sign-up form.

At the bottom of the page, there are two maps: a satellite view of the project site and a map showing the project site location relative to nearby towns (Cox, Styx, Inca, Mesaville, Blythe, East Blythe, Ehrenberg, Ripley) and Interstate 10. A red arrow points to the "Public Participation" section in the sidebar.



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