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Notice of Staff Workshop for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (11-AFC-04) Project

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop for the proposed Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGF). All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

THURSDAY, August 2, 2012
Beginning at 9:00 AM

California Energy Commission
2nd Floor Fishbowl
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(wheelchair accessible, map attached)

WebEx and Conference Call-in toll-free number: **1-866-469-3239**

Access code: **927 372 214**

Meeting Password (case sensitive): **Meeting@9**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public the opportunity to discuss cultural resources as they relate specifically to Georacheological Research Design, Archaeological Resources Evaluation, Data Requests Nos. 174-178, and paleontological resources associated with the Rio Mesa SEGF.

BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2011, Rio Mesa Solar Holdings, LLC (subsidiary to BrightSource Energy, Inc.), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Rio Mesa SEGF. On December 14, 2011, the Energy Commission approved the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC was deemed complete for purposes of commencing the Commission's siting review process. The staff will use the information obtained from the workshop discussions to prepare its Preliminary Staff Assessment for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As currently proposed, the Rio Mesa SEGF would comprise two solar fields and associated facilities encompassing a total of approximately 3,805 acres and would be

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located on the Palo Verde Mesa in Riverside County, California, approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Blythe. If approved, the two power plants, solar fields, and associated facilities would be located on private land leased from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The project gen-tie line, emergency and construction electrical power supply line, and primary access road would be located on federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 500 MW and would use heliostats – elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on pylons – to focus the sun’s rays on a receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tall solar power tower near the center of each solar field. Each solar plant would utilize approximately 85,000 heliostats. The components located within federal lands noted above, along with the entirety of the project, as a connected action, will be reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for which the BLM is the lead agency.

PARTICIPATION

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Pierre Martinez, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-3765, or by e-mail at pierre.martinez@energy.ca.gov. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or via email at lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov at least five days in advance.

News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov. The staff's Data Requests, applicant's Data Responses, status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the project web site: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html>. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or at the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this Notice.

You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements from the respective project website through the List Server. By being on this e-mail list, you will receive notification of and links to all project-related notices and documents pertaining to each project's evaluation and review.

Date: _____

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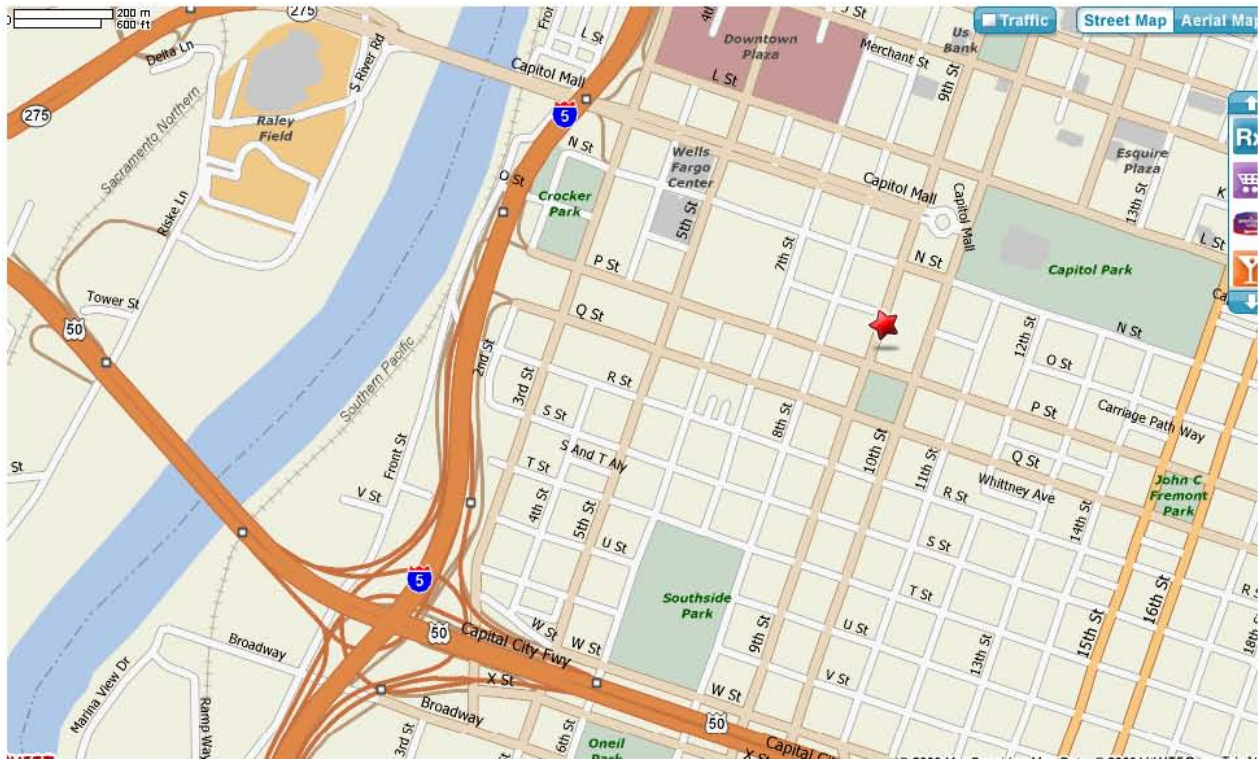
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *RIO MESA SOLAR*
*ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY***

**DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-04
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Cenne Jackson, declare that on July 20, 2012, I served and filed copies of the attached, dated July 20, 2012. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html>].

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California 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.

Originally Signed by Cenne Jackson