



# CITY OF BLYTHE

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Mr. Robert B. Weisenmiller, Ph.D  
California Energy Commission  
And members of the Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: Blythe Energy Power Project Phase II (BEP II)

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller and Members of the Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Blythe to express our full support of the licensed Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II). The City of Blythe and the surrounding area will play an important role in California's future energy needs. To that end, the licensed and recently updated BEP II has not only incorporated fast start technology to support local renewable development, but the project is located on property completely enclosed, graded and fully mitigated.

In addition, the construction and operation of BEP II will significantly contribute to the economic development of not only Blythe but the surrounding area. The BEP II will provide benefits to the local community including locally purchased materials, local fees, taxes, and a peak construction workforce of 387, averaging between 200 to 300 workers during the entire projected 20 month construction period, culminating in 20 permanent positions. Furthermore, the loss of an additional, direct benefit to the City, should BEP II not get built, will be catastrophic.

The BEP II is a win-win for the environment, the City of Blythe the surrounding region and the State of California. Please grant the extension of the License for 5 years to enable the BEP II to bring the economic benefits to the City of Blythe.

Sincerely,

Oscar Galvan  
Mayor

cc: Commissioners