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Subject: **NEXTERA BLYTHE SOLAR ENERGY CENTER, LLC STATUS REPORT
BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT
DOCKET NO. (09-AFC-6C)**

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the original of **NEXTERA BLYTHE SOLAR ENERGY CENTER, LLC STATUS REPORT**, for the Blythe Solar Power Project (09-AFC-6C).

Sincerely,

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Energy Resources
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In the Matter of:

Application for Certification for the
BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT

DOCKET NO: 09-AFC-6C

**NEXTERA BLYTHE SOLAR ENERGY
CENTER, LLC
STATUS REPORT**

INTRODUCTION

NextEra Blythe Solar Energy Center, LLC (NextEra Blythe), a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, hereby files this Status Report to update the Committee on recent events related to current Petition For Amendment for the Blythe Solar Power Project (BSPP).

The BSPP was previously owned by Palo Verde Solar I, LLC (PVSI), which was a wholly owned subsidiary of Solar Trust of America (STA). PVSI and STA and related companies filed for federal bankruptcy protection in 2012. The BSPP assets were sold pursuant to bankruptcy court order and approved auction procedures to Nextera Blythe, with the sale closing escrow on July 12, 2012. The Commission approved a Petition For Change of Ownership on July 11, 2012.

Prior to the sale of the BSPP to Nextera Blythe the bankruptcy court authorized the preparation and filing of a Petition For Amendment pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 25500.1 to convert the BSPP from solar thermal technology to photovoltaic (PV) technology. The Petition For Amendment was filed on June 28, 2012.

Since becoming the new owner of the BSPP, Nextera Blythe has been working diligently, including meeting with key environmental groups, to modify the design of the BSPP to further meet its needs and to further minimize environmental impacts.

NextEra Blythe is finalizing those changes and will be filing a Supplement to the Petition For Amendment in October 2012. The Supplement will include the following modifications:

- The private land added by PVS1 will be removed from the project;
- The shared transmission corridor will be relocated to bisect the BSPP instead of being located on the eastern boundary;
- The footprint will be reduced and optimized to require less drainage control and grading and reduce impacts to desert dry wash woodland habitat;
- The eastern boundary will be moved westerly to avoid a culturally significant pebble terrace;
- The western boundary will be moved easterly to reduce habitat impacts

Since NextEra Blythe anticipates filing the supplement with the modifications described above in October 2012, we respectfully request that the Committee request proposed schedules from parties to be filed by November 15, 2012 in order to allow the Staff and other parties an opportunity to review the new information designed to further reduce environmental impacts.

Dated: August 28, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,



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FOR THE **BLYTHE SOLAR**
POWER PLANT PROJECT

Docket No. 09-AFC-6

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