This docket contains the following documents:

1. Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) letter (2-13-13) to the California Energy Commission (CEC) with attached list of tribes to be consulted concerning the Palen Solar Electric Generating System.

2. Site Vicinity Map and a PSEGS Facility Boundary Map. Each California Energy Commission Letter to each tribal entity also included two attached project maps; a Project Vicinity Map and a Project Site Map. However, this docket avoids redundancy by only providing one copy of each of the maps.

3. California Energy Commission letters (2-25-13) to each of the tribal entities listed in the NAHC letter. Because the Colorado River Indian Tribe provided two names under one address, the energy commission sent two letters to the Colorado River Indian Tribe. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has changed staff. Daniel McCarthy has replaced Ann Brierty and therefore, the California Energy Commission letter to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians was addressed to Daniel McCarthy. This docket contains 15 California Energy Commission letters to tribal entities.
February 13, 2013

Dr. Thomas Gates, Environmental/Cultural Resources Specialist
California Energy Commission
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Sent by FAX to: 916-651-8868
Number of Pages: 3

Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File Search and Native American Contacts List for the Nalep Solar Project LLC, a subsidiary of BrightSource Energy, Inc. (Project was formerly known as Palen Solar I, LLC) located on approximately 5,200 acres midway between the cities of Indio and Blythe in the Chuckwalla Mountains; eastern Riverside County, California

Dear Dr. Gates:

A record search of the sacred land file failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project. Also, the absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,

Dave Singleton
Program Analyst
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February 12, 2013

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Legend

Palen Solar Electric Generating System

FIGURE NO. 2.1-1
SITE VICINITY MAP
This map is 1 of planning proposals only. The information herein was compiled from rough plans and is intended to be preliminary. Known no representation in scale concerning the accuracy of the data.
February 25, 2013

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
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RE: Palen Solar Electric Generating System (09-AFC-7C) - Invitation to Participate in California Energy Commission Tribal Consultation

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Ginger Scott, Museum
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San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
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26569 Community Center Drive
Highland, CA 92346

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Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
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RE: Palen Solar Electric Generating System (09-AFC-7C) - Invitation to Participate in California Energy Commission Tribal Consultation

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Preston J. Arrow-weed
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