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**09-AFC-6**

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California Energy Commission  
Attn: Docket No. 09AFC6  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: 09-AFC-6 Blythe Solar Power Plant Project

Dear Docket Clerk:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY ISSUES STATEMENT ONE. Please process the document and provide us with a conformed copy in the envelope provided.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

Elizabeth Klebaner

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Enclosures

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Energy Resources Conservation  
and Development Commission**

In the Matter of:

The Application for Certification for the  
Blythe Solar Power Plant Project

Docket No. 09-AFC-6

**CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY  
ISSUES STATEMENT ONE**

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California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”) submits this issues statement pursuant to the Committee’s April 5, 2010 Notice of Mandatory Status Conference for the Blythe Solar Power Project. The Committee’s notice requires parties to state what obstacles may exist that would hinder completion of this proceeding by September 2010 and to provide a proposed schedule for the remainder of this proceeding.

The Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“SA/DEIS”) was published on March 11, 2010. The 90-day National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) comment period for the SA/DEIS commenced on April 6, 2010.

CURE is currently reviewing the SA/DEIS and identifying resource areas that may require further data and analyses. For example, Staff states that its analysis of biological resources, cultural resources, land use, reliability, soil and water resources, traffic and transportation, and transmission system engineering is undetermined. CURE notes that Staff does not yet have sufficient information to determine the biological impacts of the Applicant’s proposed channel reconfiguration and post-Project flooding conditions. Similarly, surveys of certain special status species will not begin until Spring of 2010. Furthermore, the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission has continued its consistency determination until May 13, 2010.

Because the parties may require further information from the Applicant in order to complete the Project impact and LORS compliance

analysis, CURE is considering data requests concerning the above-referenced and other resource areas.

In light of the gaps in information and the extent of Staff's analysis, a firm schedule may not be feasible. However, based on facts known at this time, CURE proposes the following:

Publish SA Addendum/Revised DEIS	May 2010
Publish SSA/FEIS	July 30, 2010
Applicant Testimony	August 6, 2010
Intervenor Testimony	August 23, 2010
Rebuttal Testimony	September 3, 2010
Prehearing Conference Statements	September 8, 2010
Prehearing Conference	September 16, 2010
Evidentiary hearings	Late September, 2010
Presiding Members Proposed Decision (PMPD)	TBD
Committee Hearing on PMPD	TBD

Dated: April 12, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE  
Blythe Solar Power Plant Project**

**Docket No. 09-AFC-6**

I, Bonnie Heeley, declare that on April 12, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY ISSUES STATEMENT ONE dated April 12, 2010. The original document, filed with the Docket Office, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar\\_millennium\\_blythe/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_blythe/index.html).

The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Office via email and U.S. mail as addressed below:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at South San Francisco, CA on April 12, 2010.

/s/

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Bonnie Heeley

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