

Docket Optical System - Fwd: RE: Blythe Solar Project

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FYI...you should docket this too.

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Jim,

It was nice to hear from you about the proposed Blythe Solar Project. I look forward to watching how this exciting project progresses. Contacting the Airport land Use Commission of Riverside County was the appropriate first step for comments with the Blythe Solar Project being located so close to the Blythe Airport. Please keep me posted as you continue to move this project forward.

Thank you,



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Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 9:39 AM

To: Jim Rodkey

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John,

I am doing the land use analysis for the Blythe Solar Power project and my colleague Marie is doing the traffic and transportation analysis. I talked to John Guerin (Riverside ALUC) yesterday about the project and he faxed me a letter expressing some concern about reflecting sunlight towards aircraft approaching or departing from Blythe Airport. Uses that cause flashes of glare could distract aircraft operators. He also requested an alternative technology analysis should be conducted as well as a cumulative impacts discussion regarding other existing or proposed power projects. He recommended that the applicant submit a complete ALUC application packet to the Riverside ALUC for review and comment. Finally, Mr. Guerin recommended that a standard condition and special conditions should be implemented/required if the ALUC packet is not submitted. We will pass his letter on to the applicant for their review and comment.

You've advised me that the Riverside ALUC, which owns the Blythe Airport, comments on your behalf so additional input from you is not needed. However, you would like to get a copy of our Preliminary Staff Assessment so I will have you put on our distribution list. Please respond to this e-mail to confirm my understanding of your involvement.

Regards,

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