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Alan Solomon Project Manager California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Blythe Solar Power Project, Docket No. 09-AFC-6**Support letters for the Blythe Solar Power Project
Technical Areas: Project Description/Socioeconomics

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Attached please find the following community support letters for the Blythe Solar Power Project.

If you have any questions on this submittal, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Alice Harron

Senior Director, Development

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Karen Douglas, Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, Commissioner California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, MS-33 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

I am a longtime resident and current Mayor of the City of Blythe. There are several areas that we are focused on to improve our city, but when residents come to me there is a common theme in their concerns, "We need jobs."

Simply put, the Blythe Solar Power Project will help provide much needed jobs to our community. Not only that, but the project will inject millions of new payroll dollars into local economies, as well as help local businesses through the purchase of supplies and services.

Solar Millennium has done an outstanding job of reaching out to the community and putting together a project that fits well with our city and will benefit our residents in a number of ways.

This company has also made an extraordinary effort to become a good neighbor and partner in our community. They have contributed to local programs and facilities that positively impact all residents and established themselves as a presence the Blythe community.

I am looking forward to construction of this project and have heard from countless residents and community stakeholders who see the importance of such an undertaking.

I fully support this effort and recommend that the California Energy Commission and Bureau of Land Management issue permits to get this important project underway in a timely fashion.

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Joey DeConinck Mayor, City of Blythe

cc: Bureau of Land Management



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Dear Commissioners Douglas and Weisenmiller:

I am writing to express my support for the Solar Project near Blythe that is being proposed by Solar Millennium LLC.

Projects such as this will breathe economic life into an area that has been hit hard by the recession and housing debacles. Blythe, in particular, would benefit greatly.

These projects, during the construction phases alone, will create hundreds of jobs over several years and will be of paramount importance in jumpstarting the local economy. In addition to employing local laborer, workers from other areas will patronize Blythe's hotels, restaurants, and local businesses.

Although this project will not be entitled through the City, and the company therefore does not have to be a community partner, it has worked hard to be just that.

In addition to supporting local programs, such as the Blythe Recreation Center, Police Activities League Summer Swim Program and Community Outlook Conference, Solar Millennium also has held community meetings, sent out informational mailers and talked to residents on a consistent basis.

The company has gone above and beyond to make sure this will be the project possible for Blythe. In my opinion, they are the right path. As such, I respectfully urge you to support this important project.

Sincerely,

David A. Lane

City Manager

Energy Commission California

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I think that the fact that Solar Millennium LLC., Voluntarily chose to switch from wet cooling to dry cooling in their proposed Blythe Solar Power Projects is just one example that proves this company believes in the good of renewable energy and not just squeezing every cent of profit they can.

By choosing this course, the company no only saved close to 90 percent of the water they would have used with wet cooling, but they also sacrificed 10 to 15 percent efficiency at the proposed plant, essentially losing money to protect the region's vital ground water resource.

Hey are also working with local colleges to develop curriculum so that students right here in Blythe can be trained to work at the Blythe project as soon as it is operations.

The Energy Commission needs to know how much Blythe wants and needs this project. Thanks for you time and I hope you will vote in supporting and permitting the Blythe Solar Project.

Best.

Mary Evans 2400 E Donlor 2476A Bly the CA 92225 Dear Commissioners,

The jobless rate in Riverside County is one of the worst in the state and companies like Solar Millennium are proposing a project that would put hundreds to work over several years. The Blythe Solar Power Plant is exactly the kind of project we need to pull us out of this unemployment slump.

May's unemployment in Riverside County topped 14 percent according to the state's Employment Development Department. Projects such as the Blythe Solar Power Project outside of Blythe will not only help us create a new source of renewable energy, but an entirely new workforce.

Even after the hundreds of construction jobs are no longer needed, there will still be more than 220 workers needed for the Blythe Solar Power Project alone. Furthermore, more projects like this are being proposed that would create a whole new industry to put people back to work.

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We support this project and hope that the California Energy Commission joins us in our support so our county can reap the benefits of such an economically beneficial venture.

Regards,

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2. I have lived in Blythe for 49 years is this a great project.

3. solar is the future

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California Energy Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the Blythe Solar Power Project under consideration. The truth is that Blythe needs this project more than this project needs Blythe.

According to the latest numbers, Blythe is at a staggering 16.7 percent unemployment rate and forecasts among analysts don't seem promising for recovery in the near future. It is undertakings like the Blythe Solar Power Project that will provide the necessary boost to Blythe's economy that it needs to get back on the right track.

Please support this important project for the future of the community of Blythe and for the future of America's sustainability.

Thanks,

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California Energy Commission

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To whom it may concern,

Wind and Sun are two of the greatest resources Southern California has to offer and with a new push towards renewable energy, Blythe is the perfect place to lead the charge.

With 350 days of sunlight, it's no wonder why a company like Solar Millennium chose a site just outside of our city limits for a solar power project.

The project will bring jobs and reduce our dependency on foreign oil. I'm all for it and I hope you are as well.

Kindest Regards.

Geraldine White

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Chief Operating Officer

Cc: Bureau of Land Management

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