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California Energy Commission **Docket Unit** 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Subject: Blythe Solar Power Project: Letters to ALUC from Members of the Public DOCKET NO. (09-AFC-6)

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the Blythe Solar Power Project: Letters to ALUC from Members of the Public for the Blythe Solar Power Project (09-AFC-6).

Sincerely,

Arrie Bachrach

June 16, 2010

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

Re: Blythe Solar Power Project: Letters to ALUC from Members of the Public

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Attached are letters to the ALUC from members of the public in the Blythe area in support of the Blythe Solar Power Project.

Sincerely,

Alice Harron

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CITY OF BLYTHE

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June 2, 2010

Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission 2060 University Avenue, Ste. 212 Riverside, CA 92507

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Support for Solar Millenium Project

Given the involvement in the community that Solar Millennium has had since very early on, I can say that the safety of pilots who use the our airport is of utmost importance to this company.

This is evidenced by the abiding by the request to move their transmission lines out of a likely future expansion of one of the airport zones. They have not only supported the community and several organizations in Blythe, but they have worked with community and area stakeholders to make sure that they build the best project possible.

I've spoken with individuals who have utilized the airport, and based upon their experiences, feel that all of the issues pertaining to the airport have been adequately addressed by Solar Millennium's representatives. They seem to have taken great care to make sure that none of their structures are built near any of the current take-off or landing patterns and they even switched to dry cooling to save on water and reduce the impact of any kind of thermal plume.

With my experience with Solar Millenium thus far, I can say that, should issues arise in the future, the company will be quick to rectify them.

Please join me and the community of Blythe in supporting this great project.

Sincerely,

David Lane City Manager Gregory E. Sprawls 10810 La Palma Blythe, California 92225 (760) 989-9616

May 12, 2010

Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, California 92501 FAX (951) 955-0923

Commission,

I have been a private pilot since 1982, flying mainly out of the Blythe Airport. My opinions and beliefs have been developed from flying a small plane all over the western United States. There are many restricted flight areas whether it is military, prison, domestic housing, power plants, or even special events. Most pilots are familiar with this and take appropriate planning to get to their desired destination.

The proposal to build a solar facility adjacent to the Blythe Airport is brilliant. Neighborhoods complain about the noise when next to an airport. Industry is the perfect land use. There already is a trucking company operating next to the airport. The solar facility cooling station is not an obstacle for aircraft because of its location and it does not emit clouds of moisture. You are taught in Flight School that "wind is not weather" so the release of the cool air is not weather that hampers flight.

The positioning of your towers also seems to be well planned. Aircraft is designed to be in the air unless landing or parked. Pilots are uncomfortable close to the ground so immediately after rotating altitude is desired and landing is a very specific route and slope.

I encourage the construction of this type of industry next to the Blythe Airport. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to supply input.



Blythe Chamber

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May 12, 2010

Riverside Airport Land Use Commission Attn: Chairman Simon Housman

Dear Commission:

As the Chief Operating Officer of the Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce, I am a strong supporter of the Solar Millennium project proposed just outside of our city. Aside from the several hundred jobs it will create in the area and the induced commerce that our community needs to weather the economic downturn, Solar Millennium has been a strong partner of the community from the beginning.

On a more specific note, I believe they have been more than accommodating in addressing any issue that may exist between the project and the nearby Blythe Airport.

Further more, the company, despite a loss in efficiency, voluntarily switched to a dry-cooling technology reducing its original estimated water usage by 90 percent. This will also provide for a significantly less impactful thermal plume, if any at all.

On behalf of the businesses in Blythe, I encourage you to support Solar Millennium's project. Thank you for your time.

Kindest regards,

Jim Shipley

Chief Operating Officer

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
for the BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT

Docket No. 09-AFC-6
PROOF OF SERVICE

(Revised 1/26/2010)

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Carl Lindner, declare that on, June 16, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached:

Blythe Solar Power Project; Letters to ALUC from Members of the Public

The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, 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].

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Paul E. Lingher