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**Notice of Staff Workshop on
The Revised Staff Assessment for the
Palen Solar Power Project
(09-AFC-7)**

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop for the proposed Palen Solar Power Project to discuss the Revised Staff Assessment (Parts I and II) and to work towards resolving issues. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

**Monday, September 27, 2010
Starting at 9:30 am**

**California Energy Commission
3rd Floor Conference Room "Fishbowl"
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

Call-in Number (toll free): **877-973-6327** (pass code: **8045328**)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public to discuss staff's Revised Staff Assessment, Parts I and II published on September 1, 2010 and September 16, 2010 respectively.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On August 24, 2009, the California Energy Commission received an Application For Certification (AFC) from Solar Millennium, LLC and Chevron Energy Solutions to construct and operate the Palen Solar Power Project in Riverside County.

The Palen Solar Power Project (project) is a concentrated solar trough thermal electric generating facility with two adjacent, independent, and identical units of 250 megawatt (MW) nominal capacity each for a total nominal capacity of 500 MW. The project is proposed to be located in the Southern California inland desert, approximately 10 miles east of the small community of Desert Center, in eastern Riverside County, California;

approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe; and about three miles east of the southeast end of Joshua Tree National Park. The applicants are seeking a right-of-way grant for approximately 5,200 acres of lands owned by the federal government and administrated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Construction and operation of the project would disturb a total of about 2,970 acres.

PROJECT REVIEW

The RSA is not an Energy Commission decision document. The RSA is the Energy Commission staff's independent assessment of the project and will serve as staff's testimony at Evidentiary Hearings that will be scheduled and conducted by the Committee of this Commission that is overseeing the proceeding.

Copies of the RSA Part I and Part II, as well as other related documents, are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen/index.html. You can also subscribe to receive email notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you desire information about participating in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser by phone at (916) 654-4701 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Alan Solomon, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236, or by email at asolomon@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to (916) 654-4989, or by email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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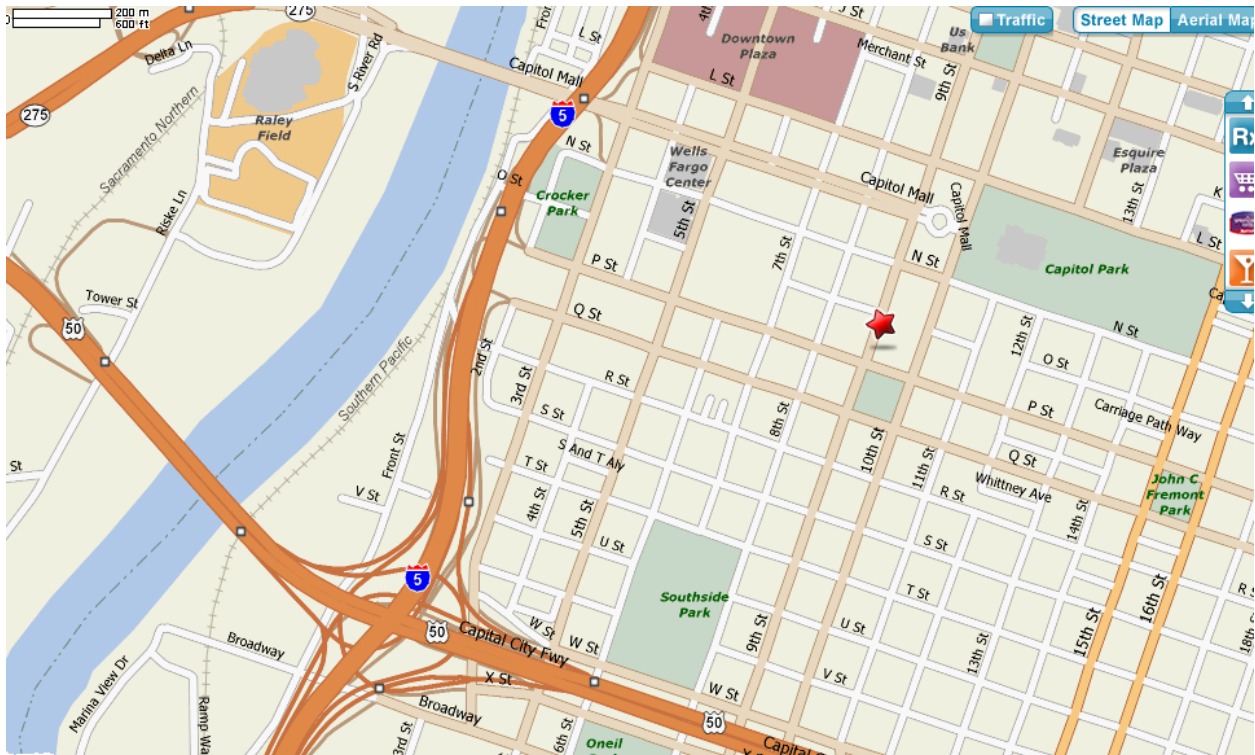
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE PALEN SOLAR POWER
PLANT PROJECT**

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

**PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 8/27/10)**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maria Santourdjian, declare that on September 15, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Staff Workshop on the RSA, dated September 15, 2010. 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: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen)

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Originally Signed in Dockets
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