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NOTICE OF RECEIPT
TERMINATION OF LICENSE/CLOSURE PLAN FOR RICE SOLAR ENERGY
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On May 31, 2019, the Solar Reserve, LLC, the owner of Rice Solar Energy Project (Rice) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting permanent closure of the facility (TN 228433).

Rice is a 150-megawatt concentrating solar thermal power plant to be located in an unincorporated area in the eastern portion of Riverside County, California. The project was certified by the Energy Commission on December 15, 2010, and a limited notice to proceed was issued to complete biological resource surveys, installation of biological Desert Tortoise mitigation fencing, implementation of biological resource protection measures, performing cultural resource surveys, geotechnical work and completion of construction surveying and flagging was completed. A full notice proceed was never issued and construction never commenced.

For additional information, the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ricesolar/index.html>, has a link to the Rice Solar Energy Facility Closure Plan (TN 228427) (Closure Plan) accessible through the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

Energy Commission staff is currently reviewing the Closure Plan. The purpose of the Energy Commission's review is to assess the impacts of the proposed Closure Plan on environmental quality and on public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed Closure Plan with the Energy Commission's Decision and a determination on whether the closure of the facility would remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 20, § 1769). After staff has completed its independent review and analysis of the Closure Plan, it will publish its assessment for public review and comment. Upon completion of its review and analysis, staff will provide its written recommendation for consideration by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

This Notice of Receipt has been mailed to the Commission's facility mail list of interested parties and property owners adjacent to the facility site. It has also been emailed to the facility listserv. The listserv is an automated Energy Commission e-mail system by which information about this facility is e-mailed to parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, scroll down the right side of the project's webpage to the box labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may comment on the Closure Plan. To use the Energy Commission's electronic commenting feature, go to the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link, and follow the instructions in the on-line form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments. Once submitted, the Energy Commission Dockets Unit reviews your comments and posts them when approved. You will receive an e-mail with a link to them.

Written comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 09-AFC-010C
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All comments and materials filed with, and approved by, the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for the facility.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Keith Winstead, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-5191, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at Keith.Winstead@energy.ca.gov.

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the Closure Plan petition, contact the Public Adviser at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

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