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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-14
Docket No. 09-AFC-7C
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Docket No. 09-AFC-7C (Blythe Solar Power Project)

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) has reviewed the Staff Assessment-Part A for the Blythe Solar Power Project (BSPP). The project was previously submitted as a 1,000 MW solar thermal power-generating facility utilizing trough technology on approximately 7,043 acres. The project has been modified to replace the parabolic trough solar collection system, associated heat transfer fluid system and steam turbine with photovoltaic (PV) modules. The PV modules will consist of a tracker system, fixed tilt system, or a combination of the two systems. The modified project would be comprised of four phases designed to generate 485 MW of electricity when completed. All four units would share an operation and maintenance facility, one on-site switchyard, access and maintenance roads, perimeter fencing and other ancillary security facilities, and a 230-kV gen-tie line. The transmission corridor is located in the center of the site with the exact alignment within the corridor to be determined during final design. The current proposed project will be located on 4,139 acres.

We have reviewed the project and, based on the information available to us at this time, have determined that the applicant shall be required to submit a dust control plan that describes all applicable fugitive dust best management practices (including but not limited to applicable provisions of District Rule 403.2) that will be implemented in the construction and operational phases of the project, for District review and approval.

The District supports the development of renewable energy sources; such development is expected to produce cumulative and regional environmental benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this planning document. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (760) 245-1661.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan J. De Salvio". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

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