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From: Babula, Jared@Energy
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 10:17 AM
To: Lin Porter
Cc: Dyas, Mary@Energy
Subject: June 17, 2014 Comments on the Blyth PV project

Dear Mr. Porter,

The Energy Commission has received your electronically filed comment letter dated June 17, 2014. The Commission staff welcomes concerns raised by the public related to Commission licensed power facilities. Your comments have been reviewed and I would like to address some of the issues you brought up. First, it is incorrect to state that your prior comments have not been responded to. Staff has reviewed all of the comments you have submitted to the Commission related to the NextEra Blythe PV project. Ms. Mary Dyas of the staff has had several communications with you. Ms. Dyas and I have worked together on this project and have discussed with other staff your requests. After a lengthy telephone conversation you had with me, I provided a follow up email response. For your convenience you can review the email response at:

http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/09-AFC-06C/TN201151_20131108T144127_Email_from_Jared_Babula_to_Mr_Lin_Porter.pdf

In addition, comments you made on the staff assessment were addressed in a filing which can be viewed at:

http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/09-AFC-06C/TN201190_20131113T145716_Staff_Response_to_Comments_on_the_Staff_Assessments_Parts_A_and.pdf

Staff is aware, based on prior discussion with you, that your property is adjacent to the south end of the Nextera Blythe project site where the transmission line leaves the solar field area and proceeds south. Neither the solar field or the transmission line is on your property but you have concern that the 500- foot buffer zone from the transmission line, which was noted on project maps, may traverse your property. The buffer zone is simply a tool staff can use to determine the project's environmental impacts by considering the zone surrounding the actual construction area. There is no information in the record indicating that Nextera or Southern California Edison will intentionally enter your property in construction of the transmission line. In looking at the map provided in staff's response to comments, see link above, the linear corridor appears to be around 800 feet from your property line and contained entirely within US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. If you do have a dispute as to where your land ends and BLM land begins you will need to contact BLM's Palm Springs Desert Field Office and discuss the matter with their real estate staff. In no case has the Commission's granting NextEra a certification for building a PV power plant, given NextEra any easement or right to enter your property.

I trust I have addressed your concerns.

Sincerely,

Jared Babula
Senior Attorney
California Energy Commission