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STATEMENT OF STAFF APPROVAL

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-06C)

On April 15, 2020, NextEra Blythe Solar Energy Center, LLC filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (CEC) requesting to transfer ownership of Units 3 and 4 of the Blythe Solar Power Project (BSPP), from Blythe Solar Energy Center, LLC, to Blythe Solar III, LLC, and Blythe Solar IV, LLC, respectively. The project owner filed a revised petition on April 27, making only minor changes. The changes were not considered substantial for the purposes of staff's review and had no effect on staff's conclusion.

At the completion of this transaction, NextEra Blythe Solar Energy Center, LLC would only own the shared facilities that are common to all four units of the BSPP. Units 3 and 4 are currently under construction, located approximately eight miles west of the City of Blythe and two miles north of the Interstate-10 freeway on land managed by the United States Bureau of Land Management in Riverside County.

The request would transfer responsibility for compliance with conditions of certification in the Commission's Final Decision and any subsequently approved amendments for Unit 3 to Blythe Solar III, LLC, and responsibility for compliance with conditions of certification for Unit 4 to Blythe Solar IV, LLC. A statement describing the change in ownership, signed under penalty of perjury by Terrel Kirk Crews II, President of NextEra Energy Blythe Solar Energy Center, LLC, was submitted as required by Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769(b)(1)(B). The statement affirms that the new owners agree to be bound by the requirements of the Commission's Final Decision for the project and understand the obligations imposed by the conditions of certification therein.

Staff has reviewed the petition and has determined that the petition meets the requirements of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769(b). Accordingly, staff hereby provides notice that it intends on approving the petition to change ownership. Any person may file an objection to staff's approval within 14 days of the filing of this notice. Any such objection must state the grounds for the objection. If a person files such an objection, the petition will be considered by the Energy Commission at a noticed business meeting or hearing.

An objection to staff's approval may be submitted using the CEC's e-Commenting feature. Go to the CEC's webpage for this facility, cited above, click on the "Submit e-

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Comment" link, and follow the instructions in the on-line form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments

The petition requesting the transfer of ownership is available on the <u>CEC's webpage</u> for this facility at<u>https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/blythe_solar/index.html</u>. This Statement of Staff Approval is being mailed to interested parties on the project mail list who may want to object.

Written objections may also be mailed:

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All objections and materials filed with and approved by the Docket Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the CEC's webpage for the facility. All objections on the petition must be received by May 14, 2020.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Chris Davis, Compliance Office Manager, at (916) 654-4842, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at <u>Chris.Davis@energy.ca.gov.</u>

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