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Dear Mr. Pfanner:

Request for Agency Participation – Beacon Solar Energy Project (08-AFC-2)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates the opportunity to review the Solar energy project located in Kern County northeast of State Route 14 (SR-14). Thank you for extending our comment due date since our office did not receive the document in a timely manner. We also appreciated the previous interaction we have had with project representatives regarding access issues in December 2007.

We have the following comments:

- The description of improvements to SR-14 at the existing at-grade median crossover (section 2.5.6.5 and 5.13) are per previous discussions with project representatives. Design and Traffic Management Plan details will be further defined during the encroachment permit phase.
- If the project security fence is to also function as the right-of-way fence, it shall meet Caltrans standards.
- The transmission line crossing at SR-14 shall be at a 90-degree angle.
- Table 5.13-2 needs to be corrected as follows:

Encroachment permits for work in Caltrans Right of Way –

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Permits for Oversized Vehicles-

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655 West 2nd Street, MS # 618
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We value a cooperative working relationship with the California Energy Commission regarding transportation issues. If you have any questions, I may be contacted at (760) 872-0785.

Sincerely,



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IGR/CEQA Coordinator

c: Steve Wisniewski, Caltrans