



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *SAN JOAQUIN SOLAR 1 & 2*
HYBRID POWER PLANT PROJECT

DOCKET No. 08-AFC-12

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

San Joaquin Solar 1 LLC and San Joaquin Solar 2 LLC, collectively referred to as San Joaquin Solar 1&2 LLC, filed an Application for Certification with the California Energy Commission on November 26, 2008, for the proposed **San Joaquin Solar 1&2 Hybrid Power Plant Project**.

The project site is in Fresno County in the southern San Joaquin Valley, 6 miles east of the City of Coalinga, located approximately 3 miles west of the intersection of Interstate 5 and West Jayne Avenue. Roadway access to the site will be from West Jayne Avenue, which runs adjacent and parallel to the northern border of the entire site.

The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project and is considering the proposal under a twelve-month review process established by Public Resources Code section 25540.6. The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to those of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. The licensing review provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the public to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Committee assigned to this proceeding has scheduled a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project as described below:

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009
Public Site Visit begins at 4:00 p.m.
Public Informational Hearing begins at 5:00 p.m.

City of Coalinga Council Chambers
155 West Durian
Coalinga, California 93210
(Wheelchair Accessible)
(Map Attached)

Members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site before the Informational Hearing. For site visit reservations, please contact the Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**. Please make your reservation on or before **April 1, 2009**, so that we can assure you a space.

Background

On March 11, 2009, the Energy Commission began review of the proposed San Joaquin Solar 1 & 2 Project. The review process will take approximately twelve months. During the review period, the Energy Commission will determine whether the proposed project complies with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. The informational hearing scheduled by this Notice is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process.

Project Description

The project consists of two hybrid design solar thermal electric generating plants, comprising a solar field and biomass facility for each plant and will produce up to a nominal 106.8 megawatts (MW) net of renewable energy. The two plants will be owned and operated by San Joaquin Solar 1 LLC and San Joaquin Solar 2 LLC, a subsidiary of Portugal-based Martifer Renewables Electricity LLC. The electricity generated by the project will meet the requirements of renewable energy power purchase agreements with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

Each plant will be sized for a nominal 53.4 MW net of solar generation, complemented by 40 MW net of biomass-generated production. The biomass energy production will be subordinate to production from the solar field, supplementing solar production during non-solar periods and shoulder solar hours. Thus, the maximum net generating capacity of the Plants will be 53.4 MW each. If approved by the Commission, the project is expected to be on line by the first quarter of 2011.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed project are contained in the Application for Certification (AFC). Copies of the AFC are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries:

San Joaquin Branch Library
8781 Main Street,
San Joaquin, CA 93660

Riverdale Branch Library
20975 Malsbary Avenue
Riverdale, CA 93656

Coalinga Huron Library District
305 North 4th Street
Coalinga, CA 93210

Copies of the AFC are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries: Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

Purpose of the Site Visit and Informational Hearing

The site visit and informational hearing scheduled in this Notice provide an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information, to offer comments, and to view the project site. The Applicant will explain plans for developing the project and the related facilities and the Energy Commission staff will explain the licensing process and Staff's role in reviewing the AFC.

Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report

Commission staff will file a proposed schedule for project review. Staff will also file an Issues Identification Report summarizing the major issues. This report will also indicate what additional information is necessary to resolve issues of concern. The proposed schedule and Staff's report shall be filed by **noon on March 25, 2009**. The Applicant shall file its response, if any, by **noon on April 1, 2009**.

Copies of these documents will be posted on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sjsolar/index.html>

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For information on how to participate, contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Pursuant to the Power Plant Site Certification Regulations, California Code of Regulations, title 20, Chapter 5, Section 1711, **any person wishing to provide public comment in written or electronically recorded form in this proceeding, shall submit such materials to the Public Adviser no later than noon on April 1, 2009**.

The Committee will then review the materials and specify such conditions on presentation of the materials as are reasonably necessary for the orderly and expeditious conduct of the proceeding.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz well in advance of the hearing at 916-654-5146 or e-mail: **[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020, or e-mail: **[rrenaud@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Joseph Douglas, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 653-4677, or e-mail: **[jdouglas@energy.state.ca.us]**

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: **[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page: **[<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sjsolar/index.html>]**.

Dated March 13, 2009, at Sacramento, California.

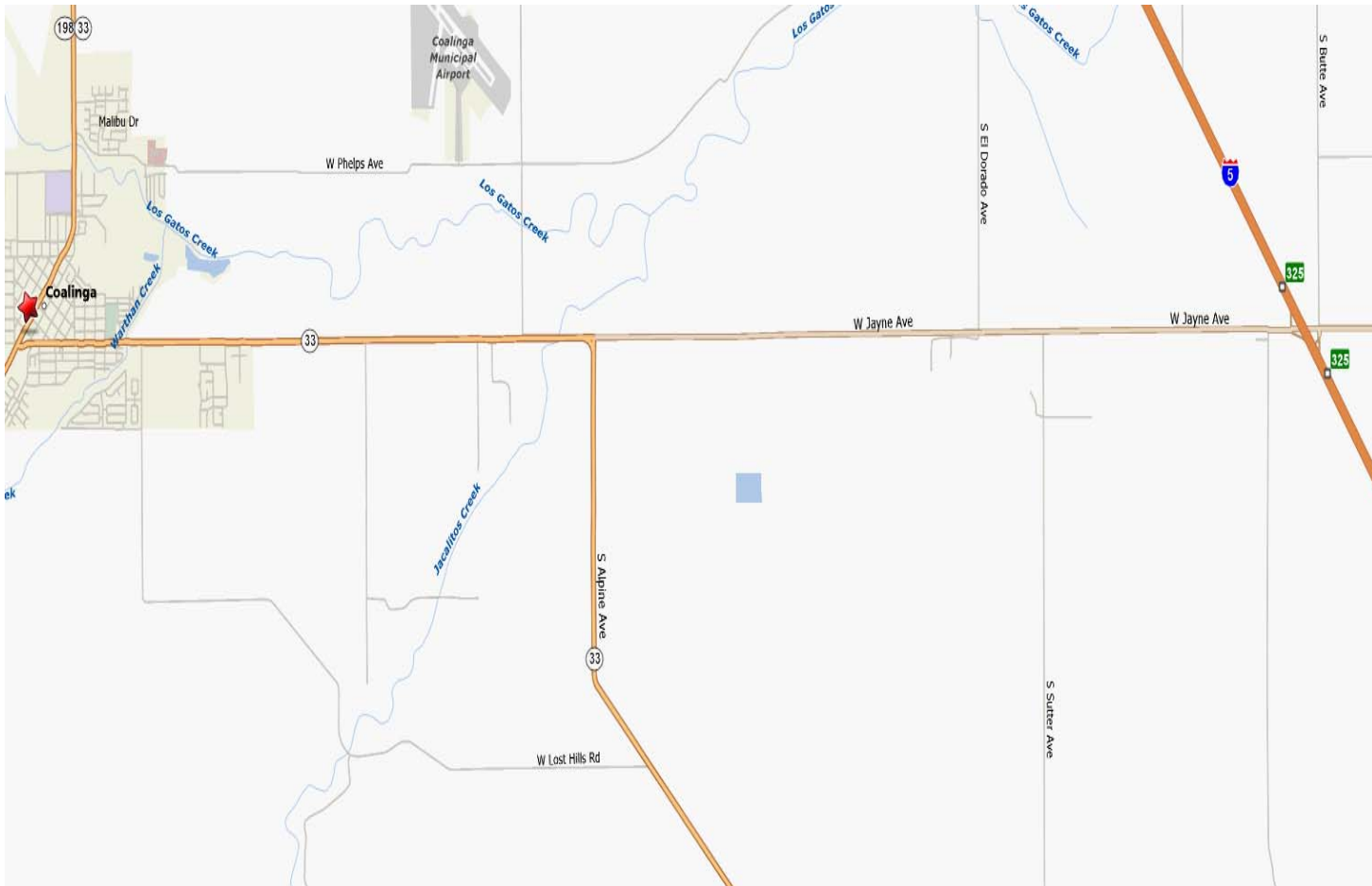
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DIRECTIONS:
City of Coalinga Council Chambers
155 West Durian
Coalinga, CA 93210

FROM THE SOUTH	FROM THE NORTH
Exit Coalinga/Jayne Ave (Exit No. 325) 1. Head West on W. Jayne Ave (11 mi.) 2. Turn Right on S. 5 th Street 3. Left on W. Durian → to 155 W. Durian	Exit CA 33 to Coalinga (Exit no. 337) 1. Turn Right onto CA 33 toward Coalinga (13 mi. to Coalinga) 2. Right on N. 5 th Street 3. Left on W. Durian → to 155 W. Durian
<u>Coming West on CA-198 (Hanford/Lemoore Area)</u>	
1. Take CA-198 West until you stop at CA-198/CA-33/Fresno Coalinga Road & turn left 2. Right on N. 5 th Street 3. Left Left on W. Durian → to 155 W. Durian	





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*LICENSING PROJECT***

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PROOF OF SERVICE
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Declaration of Service

I, Maggie Read, declare that on March 13, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Site Visit and Informational Hearing, dated March 13, 2009. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: **[<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sjsolar/index.html>]**. The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

(Check all that Apply)

For service to all other parties:

☒ sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

☐ by personal delivery or by depositing in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed as provided on the Proof of Service list above to those addresses **NOT** marked "email preferred."

AND

For filing with the Energy Commission:

☒ sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

OR

☐ depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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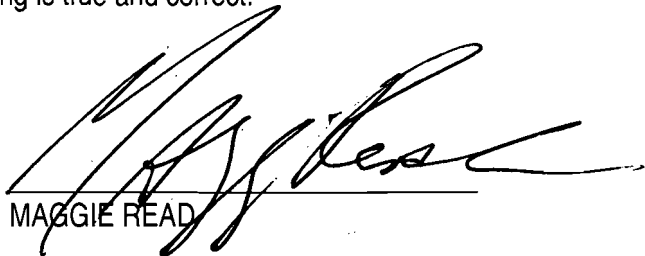
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


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