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Notice of Staff Workshop on Data Responses for the Blythe and Palen Solar Power Projects (09-AFC-6) and (09-AFC-7)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a combined workshop for the proposed Blythe and Palen Solar Power Projects to discuss staff's data requests and to work towards resolving issues. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

**Thursday, January 7, 2010
Starting at 9:30 am**

**California Energy Commission
Hearing Room B
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

Call-in Number (toll free): **888-955-8942** (pass code: **59103**)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public to discuss Solar Millennium's Data Responses which are expected to be filed on January 6, 2010, and to work towards resolving project issues. Subjects to be discussed include: Alternatives, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources and Soil & Water Resources. Other technical areas of the data requests and data responses may be discussed as necessary.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On August 24, 2009, the California Energy Commission received an Application For Certification (AFC) from Solar Millennium, LLC and Chevron Energy Solutions to construct and operate the Blythe and Palen Solar Power Projects in Riverside County.

The Blythe project is proposed to be located in the southern California inland desert, approximately eight miles west of the city of Blythe and two miles north of the Interstate-

10 freeway in Riverside County, California. The applicants are seeking a right-of-way grant for approximately 9,400 acres of lands owned by the Federal government and administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Construction and operation of the project would disturb a total of about 7,030 acres. The Blythe project would have a nominal capacity of 1,000 MW.

The Palen project is proposed to be located in the Southern California inland desert, approximately 10 miles east of the small community of Desert Center, in eastern Riverside County, California; approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe; and about three miles east of the southeast end of Joshua Tree National Park. The applicants are seeking a right-of-way grant for approximately 5,200 acres of lands owned by the federal government and administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Construction and operation of the project would disturb a total of about 2,970 acres. The Palen project would have a nominal capacity of 500 MW.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings to determine whether the proposed project should be approved for construction and operation and, if so, under what set of conditions. The workshops will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to participate in reviewing the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least ten days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and wish to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Hilarie Anderson, Project Assistant, at (916) 651-0479, or by email at handerso@energy.state.ca.us.

If you desire information about participating in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser by phone at (916) 654-4701 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Alan Solomon, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236, or by email at asolomon@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to (916) 654-4989, or by email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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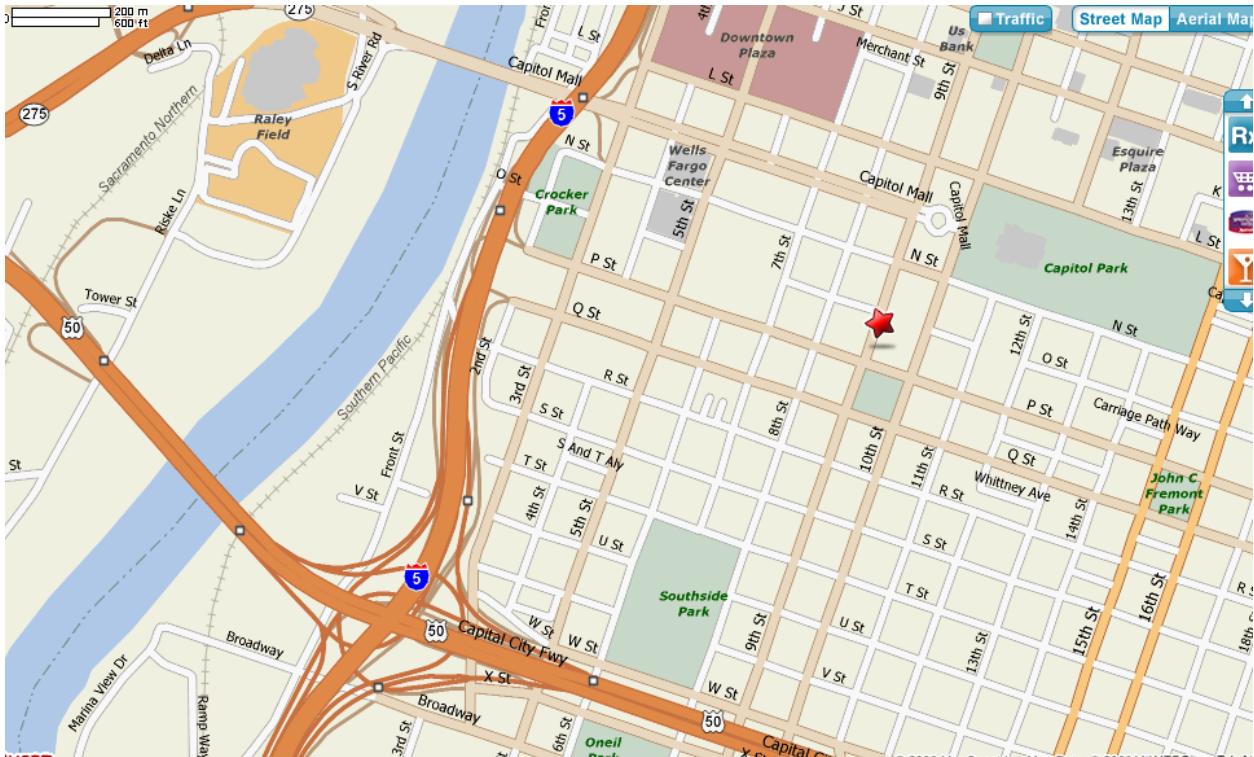
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**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF DATA RESPONSE WORKSHOP
FOR THE BLYTHE AND PALEN SOLAR POWER PROJECTS
(09-AFC-6) AND (09-AFC-7)**

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE PALEN SOLAR POWER
PLANT PROJECT**

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

**PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 12/15/09)**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Hilarie Anderson, declare that on December 23, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached, Data Response Workshop Notice. 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:

[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen)

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

Original Signature in Dockets
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