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1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Abengoa Mojave Solar Project (09-AFC-5): Replacement Written Response to Visual Resources Data Request Set 1B, Item 74 and Information Requested by Tom Packard

Dear Commissioners Levin and Boyd:

Abengoa Solar Inc. (the "Applicant") hereby files this correction to the Table in response to Item 74 of Data Request Set 1B promulgated by Staff on October 22, 2009. Additionally, we are responding to verbal requests by Tom Packard regarding Visual Resources.

The Applicant appreciates Staff's time and efforts reviewing the enclosed materials. The Applicant looks forward to working with Staff to achieve complete and satisfactory resolution of all issues in a timely manner. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

Application for Certification for the	)	
ABENGOA MOJAVE SOLAR POWER PLANT	)	Docket No. 09-AFC-5
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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Karen A. Mitchell, declare that on January 8, 2010, I served the attached *Replacement Written Response to Visual Resources Data Request Set 1B, Item 74 and Information Requested by Tom Packard* via electronic and U.S. mail to all parties on the attached service list.

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

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## **Visual Resources**

## Item 74:

## **Information Required:**

Please provide the variation in average cooling tower heat load per hour (military time) for each month.

## Response (CORRECTED):

Table 1 below provides the variation in average cooling tower heat load per hour for each month, as a percentage of full load.

Table 1: Variation in Average Cooling Tower Heat Load per Hour for Each Month

Time (HRS)	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	0:00
Month																								
Jan	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	43%	42%	36%	32%	43%	40%	51%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Feb	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	57%	51%	48%	45%	51%	54%	62%	30%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Mar	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	21%	81%	85%	85%	81%	80%	80%	81%	74%	65%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Apr	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	60%	89%	91%	97%	94%	91%	89%	90%	89%	77%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
May	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	35%	93%	98%	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%	97%	90%	84%	44%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Jun	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	54%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	73%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Jul	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	39%	93%	97%	97%	99%	100%	99%	97%	94%	94%	82%	62%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Aug	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	95%	95%	87%	46%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sep	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	73%	100%	100%	97%	93%	87%	88%	88%	94%	72%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Oct	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	69%	82%	72%	70%	67%	76%	84%	85%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nov	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	31%	55%	48%	45%	45%	48%	55%	44%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Dec	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	45%	36%	32%	36%	45%	44%	42%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Notes: Time shown is standard time (does not reflect daylight savings time).

## **Verbal Requests from Tom Packard**

#### **Information Requested:**

- 1. Did the visual analysis provided assume a height of finish grade for the analysis? (i.e. did the analysis assume an average height of the equipment?)
- 2. Did the analysis use USGS mapping?
- 3. Are there cross-sections available from points along HWY 58 that show the topography obscuring the facility?

### Response:

- 1. The analysis used an equipment height of 30 feet above the elevations set for the power islands. This was based upon the mid-point of the tallest structures in the power island area. Then, topography software which is based upon the USGS maps was used to take a cross-section profile at 15 degree azimuth increments around the project site and out to a 15-mile radius.
- 2. Yes, the software employed is based upon USGS mapping.
- 3. The following pages contain a base map and cross sections at 15 degree intervals between Highway 58 and the project site. Lines of sight are shown on the cross sections to clarify where topographic visual barriers exist between the highway and the site. The lines-of-sight were set at 30 feet above power island grade at the plant site, as noted previously in response 1, and at 5 feet above road surface on Highway 58 to account for the height of the viewer. Note that the lines-of-sight shown are not straight, but curved to take into account the curvature of the earth over this extended sight distance.





















