

**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application for Certification for the
Palen Solar Power Project
Solar Millennium, LLC

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

Pursuant to sections 1207 and 1712 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, CALifornians for Renewable Energy, Inc. (“CARE”) petitions to intervene in this proceeding. Section 1207(a) grants “any person” the right to file a petition to intervene which sets forth “the grounds for the intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, the extent to which the petitioner desires to participate in the proceedings, and the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner.” Section 1207(c) provides that the “presiding member may grant leave to intervene to any petitioner to the extent he deems reasonable and relevant”

Solar Millennium LLC and Chevron Energy Solutions, the joint developers of this project, propose to construct, own, and operate the Palen Solar Power Project a concentrated solar thermal electric generating facility with two adjacent, independent, and identical solar plants of 250 megawatt (MW) nominal capacity each for a total capacity of 500 MW nominal. CARE wishes to have an opportunity to demonstrate this poorly designed renewable energy power plant will adversely impact the environment with noise and visual intrusion, water and soil pollution, and destruction of archaeological or wildlife habitat areas.

The Palen Mountains are very sacred and in nahuatl they are called "Hue-Hue-Talpallan" which means Hue (Ancient), Hue (Ancient), Talpallan (Reddish Earth) altogether this means "The Ancient, Ancient Reddish Earth" where the Creator Quetzalcoatl descends at sun down.

When you see the section in the center of the Palen Mountains you can see that it has a large image of a wrinkled reddish face looking towards the west. At the base of the Palen Mountains there is a large arroyo that has a large rectangular 20x40 foot wall that is facing west and among the petroglyphs is the image of the creator descending together with Xolotl

"the dog." This is the place where the creator in the image of Kokopilli goes to the underworld.

The trail that leads to and from the petroglyphs of the Palen Arroyo meets with the trail that comes from the petroglyphs of the McCoy Springs (from the east) and they meet somewhere near the proposed site or directly on the site. The junction of the two trails, lead to Desert Center and 4.7 miles west of Desert Center is where the 13 monuments are located. They represent "13 Acatl" which is the top section of the Aztec Sun Stone Calendar.

CARE was an intervenor with a grant of financial hardship in the 99-AFC-8 Blythe I and 02-AFC-1 Blythe II Combined Cycle, Blythe Energy LLC. CARE has several members who are farm workers (who are union members), low-income, people of color, and native peoples whose water and cultural resources will be adversely impacted if the project as proposed is constructed.

CARE has an interest in the economic and environmental impacts of the Genesis Solar Energy Project.

CARE intends to participate fully (within its limited financial resources to do so) in all phases of this proceeding. Filings should be served on CARE by e-mail to the persons listed below:

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For the foregoing reasons, CARE respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene in this proceeding, and allow CARE to participate as a party.

Respectfully submitted,



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Verification

I am an officer of the commenting corporation herein, and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge, except matters, which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

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

Executed on February 16th, 2010, at Soquel, California



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Certificate of Service

I served and filed copies of the attached Petition to Intervene by Californians for Renewable Energy, Inc. (CARE) dated February 16, 2010. The original document, filed with the Docket Office, 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/Palen_POS.pdf.

FOR SERVICE TO ALL OTHER PARTIES: sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list; and for filing with the Energy Commission sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to

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

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Michael Boyd, declare that on Feb 16, 2010, I served and filed a copy of the attached, Petition to Intervene, dated, _____, 2010. 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]**

The documents have 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:

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