



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
RICE SOLAR ENERGY POWER PLANT
PROJECT**

DOCKET No. 09-AFC-10

COMMITTEE ORDER ADOPTING FILING AND ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS DIRECTIVES

To reduce the amount of paper used, and time spent duplicating paper documents, in this proceeding, the Committee, pursuant to the authority granted to the Presiding Member under Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1210(a), hereby adopts the attached Filing and Electronic Documents directives contained in **Attachment A**, which shall apply to **all filings** made after the date of this order.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the AFC review process. For information on how to participate, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or, 800-822-6228 or by e-mail: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**. Media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission's Office of Media and Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: **[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]**.

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Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, including the AFC, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: **[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ricesolar/index.html]**. You may also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at **[www.energy.ca.gov/listservers]**.

Dated: March 15, 2010, at Sacramento, California.

ROBERT WEISENMILLER

Commissioner and Presiding Member
Rice Solar AFC Committee

Chairman and Associate Member
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ATTACHMENT A

FILING AND ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT DIRECTIVES

Saving paper. Energy Commission regulations, California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1210 require, in addition to any electronic service, that a paper copy be delivered in person or by first class mail except where a party requests to receive an electronic copy when one is available. Individuals and groups on the Proof of Service list who prefer to receive filings by e-mail and do not require a paper copy in addition to an electronic copy shall inform the Hearing Officer. The Proof of Service list for this matter will delineate those individuals and groups and it is sufficient to provide those individuals with an e-mailed copy only¹. Those not so delineated must receive a paper copy in addition to any e-mailed copy that the filing party chooses to provide, except as provided in the paragraph below.

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maggie Read, declare that on, March 15, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached, Committee Order Adopting Filing and Electronic Documents Directives, dated March 15, 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/ricesolar>].**

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Original signed by: _____
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Hearing Adviser's Office