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Re: **Beacon Solar Energy Project**, Docket Number 08-AFC-2 (Application for Certification)  
Dear: Chairman and Commission Members

**I am writing and e-mailing today in support for the Beacon Solar Energy Project that is to be located near California City.** This project would do a lot to help with some very important issues facing our City, County, State and Federal Government

**California City** is presently a very depressed area with over 300 vacant homes and has seen many businesses recently closed. This project would bring 100's of construction and permanent jobs to this area. Since **we are the closes City to this project** it would do a lot to help bring down our home vacancy rate and bring more customers and money to our City, to help support our local businesses.

**Kern County** is presently experiencing 17.1% unemployment, it's highest rate in 16 years. This project would help employ 100's of people right away and many more over time, which could help, to bring down the counties unemployment rate. The County property taxes received, are the lowest in many years. **The County would collect a great amount of yearly property tax revenues from this project.**

**California State** has a current mandate to get more clean energy projects up and running in the state. This project would help toward meeting the States goal of using more clean energy. If this project gets approval, as per Beacon's supplied information, it could be operating by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011. **The State would also receive greatly needed income tax revenues from all the people that would be working on this project.**

**Federal Government** is in dire need of all the income tax revenue that would be created from the 100's of people working on this project. Once in operation this project would help with the governments need to eliminate our dependence on foreign oil from countries that hate the United State of America.

It is my greatest hope and desire that this commission will get through the approval process and **Issue the Final Ok to get this project up and running ASAP.** This would allow Beacon Solar to start construction and possibly have this project on line by the fall of 2011, as per their stated time line for this project.

Sincerely  
**Kim W. Collins**  
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