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**RE: Request for Information
Rice Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-10)**

Dear Mr. Juarez:

On March 30, 2010, we spoke regarding a few questions staff has regarding the location of the proposed Rice Solar Energy Project (RSEP) in northeast Riverside County, with regard to the County's Development Impact Fee (DIF) structure. I followed up in an email on April 5, 2010, with a few other specific questions regarding the proposed temporary RV park within the project boundaries. I have yet to hear back from you, although a letter from Mr. Goldman, Director, Kern County Planning Department, indicating that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) would normally be required for such a project, was received by the Energy Commission Project Manager. I will still need answers to my original questions (indicated below) before staff can determine the extent of any additional information needed from the County. Once this is received, we will be able to address Mr. Goldman's request for County analysis.

In my earlier email, I provided the following specifics: The applicant for the Rice Solar Energy Project has indicated that, because of the remote location of the site, a temporary construction workforce RV/trailer park would be made available on the project site. It would offer spaces for up to 300 trailers or RVs, electrical hookups, and mobile water and sanitary sewer service for the trailers and RVs. The site proposed for the camp is immediately adjacent to State Route 62.

The project site has a land use designation of OS-RUR and is zoned W-2-10. Four contiguous parcels would be merged to create a single 2,560-acre parcel. The final project footprint contained within that parcel would cover approximately 1,410 acres.

The project has a two-year construction schedule, which could result in those using the RV park exceeding the 30 consecutive days or 120 days in one calendar year residency limitation for a vacation RV park or even the 9 months allowed in any one calendar year under an Extended Occupancy Park. The applicant has indicated there is no intent to make this a Permanent Occupancy Park.

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1. Would a work-related camping area, similar to the one proposed by the applicant, qualify as a Vacation RV Park or Extended Occupancy Park under your code?
2. Would it normally be possible to get a variance or include conditions in the CUP to allow stays exceeding the limits identified in Section 21.62a of your code or waive other conditions that are not consistent with the site's temporary use?
3. Your code does not define "urban services", but I assume it means public water and sewer, garbage collections, and electric service. Although electric service and garbage collection would be available at the project site, water would be provided by an on-site well and wastewater treatment would be via an on-site septic system. Would this be acceptable to the county? What would normally be the options available to an applicant for such a project?
4. If the proposed worker camping area would not be consistent with the Recreational Vehicle Park or Extended Occupancy Park use identified in your code (Section 19.9d), is there any other conditionally permitted use that would allow the applicant to provide on-site camping for its construction crew for the duration of project construction?

Due to the fast-track status of this project, I will need to receive this information and any additional County comments no later than May 10, 2010 in order to include it in the Final Staff Assessment for this project. Mr. Goldman noted in his letter of April 19, 2010, that the proposed project site is not within any Area Plan, so I do not need any additional information regarding the DIF, as originally requested.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (916) 654-3936 or by email at sstratta@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shaelyn Strattan

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John Kessler, RSEP Project Manager
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *RICE SOLAR ENERGY POWER
PLANT PROJECT***

Docket No. 09-AFC-10

***PROOF OF SERVICE*
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Teraja` Golston , declare that on, April 28, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached, Rice Solar Energy (09-AFC-10) - Staff's Letter to Riverside County Department of Planning. 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>].

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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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 Signature in Dockets
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