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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF ASSESSMENT PART C  
FOR THE ABENGOA MOJAVE SOLAR PROJECT (09-AFC-5)**

On August 10, 2009, Mojave Solar LLC filed an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Abengoa Mojave Solar (AMS) project, proposed as a solar electric generating facility on approximately 1,765 acres. The project would have a combined nominal electrical output of 250 megawatts (MW) from twin, independently-operable solar fields, each feeding a 125-MW power island. The twin solar fields would be 884 acres and 800 acres, respectively, and joined at a transmission line interconnection substation to form one full-output transmission interconnection.

The proposed project site is located approximately nine miles northwest of the town of Hinkley in unincorporated San Bernardino County, approximately halfway between the city of Barstow and Kramer Junction (Highway 395 / Highway 58 junction). The project site is comprised of private property that was historically used as the Lockhart Ranch complex.

**Energy Commission Licensing Authority**

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications for construction and operation of thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

**Energy Commission Staff Documents and Hearings**

Energy Commission staff published a Staff Assessment (SA) for the AMS project on March 15, 2010. That document included staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations for the project. Staff publically noticed the SA for a 30-day comment period that lasted from Tuesday March 16, 2010 to Thursday, April 15, 2010.

During this comment period, public workshops were held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in Sacramento at the Energy Commission and on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at the Barstow City Hall to discuss staff's findings, proposed mitigation, and proposed conditions of certification and compliance-monitoring requirements.

The Supplemental Staff Assessment (SSA) has been prepared based upon discussions at the SA workshops and written comments provided by the applicant, agencies and public. This SSA is a limited document representing revisions and additions to various technical sections that were commented upon. This document does not include each technical section. For a complete project description and all the technical sections please see the original SA document with the

complete engineering, environmental, public health and safety analysis of the AMS project. The SSA only includes sections that were revised or had public comments.

The AMS SSA will be published in three parts. SSA Part A was published on May 12, 2010 and contained the Energy Commission staff's final environmental and engineering evaluation of the project in the following technical sections: Hazardous Materials, Noise and Vibration, Public Health, Traffic and Transportation, Visual Resources, Waste Management and Worker Safety and will serve as staff's testimony during evidentiary hearings.

SSA Part B was published on May 25, 2010 and contained the Energy Commission staff's final environmental and engineering evaluation of the project in the following technical sections: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Land Use, Soils and Water Resources and Transmission System Engineering and will serve as staff's testimony during evidentiary hearings.

SSA Part C contains Transmission System Engineering - Appendix A that is an environmental review of downstream transmission and telecommunication facilities. These are facilities that are past the first point of interconnection, the Lockhart substation, and are required for the AMS project to connect to Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Kramer-Cool Water 230-kV transmission line. This document concludes staff's analysis of the project.

Staff's testimony that will be provided at the Energy Commission's Evidentiary Hearings on the AMS project will encompass the technical sections not modified in the SA and revisions to sections included in SSA Part A, SSA Part B and SSA Part C.

**Written comments on the SSA Part C, which you would like to have entered into the record before the Energy Commission's Evidentiary Hearing on July 15, 2010, should be provided to Kourtney Vaccaro, Energy Commission Hearing Officer, no later than 5:00 p.m., July 14, 2010 at 1516 Ninth Street MS 9, Sacramento CA, 95814-5512 or by email to [kvaccaro@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:kvaccaro@energy.state.ca.us).**

### **Public Resources, Contact Information and Additional Sources for Information**

The SSA is **not** the Energy Commission's final decision on the proposed AMS project. The Energy Commission's Committee assigned to the project will conduct one or more hearings to consider and weigh the testimony or comments or recommendations of all interested parties, including Energy Commission staff, the applicant, intervenors, public, and other local, state and federal agencies. The Committee will then issue the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) for consideration by the full Energy Commission. The public, intervenors, local, state and federal agencies are encouraged to participate in these hearings.

The Energy Commission will issue notices at least 10 days prior to these hearings. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please sign up on the List Server (electronic interest list) for this project from the website or contact Craig Hoffman, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 654-4781 or by email at [choffman@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:choffman@energy.state.ca.us).

Persons wanting information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project should contact Jennifer Jennings, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at: [publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us).

To request special accommodations for those persons with disabilities, please contact Lourdes Quiroz, the Energy Commission's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at [lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us) or by telephone (916) 654-5146. For those persons with limited English knowledge, request interpreter services by contacting the Project Manager, Craig Hoffman, at (916) 654-4781.

The SA, SSA Part A, SSA Part B, and SSA Part C will be available for review at the following San Bernardino County local libraries:

Barstow Branch Library  
304 E. Buena Vista St.  
Barstow, CA 92311

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11497 Bartlett Ave.  
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Victorville, CA 92395

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Mojave Branch  
16916 ½ Highway 14, Space D2  
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Apple Valley, CA 92307

Barstow Community College Library  
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Barstow, California 92311

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18422 Bear Valley  
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Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Fresno, and San Diego. In addition, this information has been shared with those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction but for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Craig Hoffman, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 654-4781 or by email at [choffman@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:choffman@energy.state.ca.us). The SA, SSA Part A, SSA Part B, SSA Part C and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/abengoa](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/abengoa).

If you would like a paper copy or CD of the SA, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to California Energy Commission, Attention: Craig Hoffman, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 654-4781 or by email at [choffman@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:choffman@energy.state.ca.us).

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**Please send me a copy of the California Energy Commission staff's Supplemental Staff Assessment Part C for the Abengoa Mojave Solar, Application for Certification (09-AFC-5).**

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE **ABENGOA MOJAVE  
SOLAR POWER PLANT**

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Sabrina Savala, declare that on July 07, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Availability. The original documents, filed with the Docket Unit, are accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/abengoa/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/abengoa/index.html).

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