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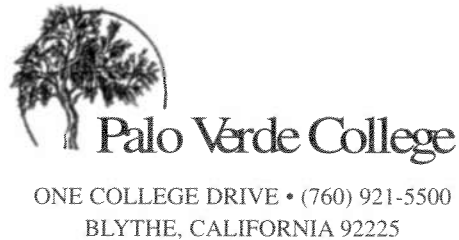
**Subject: SUPPORT LETTER FROM P. CLINTON OF PALO VERDE COLLEGE  
RICE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT  
DOCKET NO. (09-AFC-10)**

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the original **SUPPORT LETTER FROM P. CLINTON OF PALO VERDE COLLEGE**, for the Rice Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-10).

Sincerely,



Marie Mills



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Tuesday, November 02, 2010

California Energy Commission Committee Staff  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support of the Rice Solar Project

Dear Committee Staff:

I would like first to thank all of you for allowing me an opportunity to express my feelings and opinions toward the development of the Rice Solar Project and SolarReserve. I currently have the pleasure to hold the office of Chair of the Math and Sciences Division, as well as the position of Geosciences Professor at Palo Verde College. I am devoted to promoting clean energy and strive to educate the students of Palo Verde College about the benefits of renewable and clean energy sources. Palo Verde College and SolarReserve have recently formed an association to support student awareness and involvement in such energy sources.

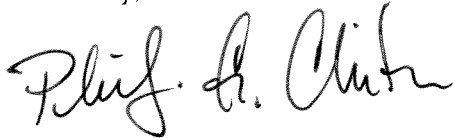
I have been working closely with SolarReserve since March 2010, developing a student-worker maintenance program. Whereas students at Palo Verde College are employed to perform maintenance procedures at the Site and gain valuable experience in field work. This has benefited the students tremendously by allowing them access to real-time data and field experience. In addition, the students are compensated directly by SolarReserve. As a direct result of the association formed between Palo Verde College and SolarReserve, a certificate program has been developed and is in its first semester of instruction. The goals of the certificate program include the education of individuals who seek employment in solar array installation, maintenance and operation, solar panel installation, and power-related infrastructure maintenance and operation procedures. We expect the demand, which is high already, to continue to grow due to the involvement and success of projects like the Rice Solar Project. A recommendation against the Rice Solar Project is also a recommendation against the development of programs like those described above.

As an educator and scientist of the Earth Sciences (Geosciences) I am strongly a tune to the impacts projects can have on the environment. I have spent years studying and teaching about such impacts. There are projects, however, where the benefits far outweigh the impacts. I believe that the Rice Solar Project is one such example. Having been to the site numerous times, and

knowing first-hand the locale, amounts of traffic, and general use of the area, I can say with certitude that the visual impact is not significant in this case.

I have stated already that Palo Verde College and SolarReserve work closely for the benefit of students at Palo Verde College and the environment. And that I very much support the Rice Solar Project and similar projects. Therefore, I deeply desire that the Committee Staff recommend an override for the visual impact and support the development of the Rice Solar Project. Thank you again for allowing my feelings and opinions to be heard. Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-921-5596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip G. Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" being the most prominent.

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE *RICE SOLAR ENERGY POWER  
PLANT PROJECT***

**Docket No. 09-AFC-10**

***PROOF OF SERVICE***  
**(Revised 8/5/2010)**

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Marie Mills, declare that on November 3, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached **SUPPORT LETTER FROM P. CLINTON OF PALO VERDE COLLEGE, dated November 2, 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>].

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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**FOR SERVICE TO ALL OTHER PARTIES:**

☒ sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

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☒ sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (*preferred method*);

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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.



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Marie Mills