

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5112

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION for the
BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-6C)**

On June 14, 2011, Palo Verde Solar I, LLC filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Blythe Solar Power Project (BSPP). The 1000-megawatt solar thermal project was certified by the Energy Commission on September 15, 2010. The facility will be located approximately eight miles west of the City of Blythe and two miles north of the Interstate-10 freeway on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Riverside County, California. The Project has received its Right-Of-Way Grant (ROW) and Notice to Proceed to construction (NTP) for Phase 1A from the BLM and a NTP from the CEC for Phase 1A. Phase 1A of the BSPP is currently under construction.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The modifications proposed in the petition to modify the facility design and to modify the location of its transmission line to reflect the new proposed location of the Colorado River Substation. Proposed modifications include:

1. Revised General Arrangement for the Shared Facilities Area
2. Modification of Generation Tie-Line route
3. Relocation of existing SCE 12 kV distribution transmission poles to allow improvement of a portion of Black Rock Road
4. Replacement of the Steam Turbine Generator (STG) manufactured by Toshiba Model Number TCDF-33.5 with a STG manufactured by Siemens, Model Number SST-5000
5. Revised General Arrangement of the Power Block
6. Revisions to Air Quality Conditions of Certification to make consistent with Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) conditions contained in the Authority to Construct (ATC)

STAFF DETERMINATION AND AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCESS

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess any impacts the proposed modifications would have on environmental quality and public health and safety. The process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision, and if the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the petition and will publish an analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment petition will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_blythe/compliance/index.html. The staff analysis, when published, will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition, staff's analysis, and/or the order if the amendment is approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-8891, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: mdyas@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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Enclosure: Information Request Form

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STATE

ZIP CODE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO: modify the facility design and to modify the location of its transmission line to reflect the new proposed location of the Colorado River Substation.

PLEASE CHECK THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- COMMISSION ORDER

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