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**SUBJECT: BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-6C)  
PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR PHASE 1B**

Dear Ms. Tenenbaum:

The Energy Commission staff is currently in the process of completing its review of the compliance submittals necessary to commence construction work for Phase 1B of the Palo Verde Solar I (PVSI) Blythe Solar Power Project. In anticipation of the next phase of construction, Energy Commission staff has determined that pre-construction activities for Phase 1B may commence as of July 1, 2011, provided that the Bureau of Land Management also issues authorization for pre-construction work.

The Phase 1B pre-construction activities that may commence include biology and unexploded ordinance survey work, including UXO clearance as necessary; cultural data recovery work; cactus salvage and botany ESA fencing if necessary. Limited ground disturbance for these tasks are permitted. All necessary and appropriate monitors shall be utilized during these activities.

Review of the Phase 1B pre-construction compliance submittals will continue and a Notice to Proceed for construction will be issued upon approval of the documentation as required by the conditions of certification. The Energy Commission will continue to work closely with PVSI to ensure conformance with all conditions of certification as written in the Energy Commission's Final Decision. Lack of conformance with any of the conditions of certification may result in suspension of construction activities.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 651-8891 or e-mail me at [Mdyas@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:Mdyas@energy.state.ca.us).

Sincerely,



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cc: Energy Commission Docket Unit