

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Notice of Staff Workshop for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (11-AFC-4)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a Staff Workshop for the proposed Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGF). All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

**FRIDAY, January 6, 2012
Beginning at 9:00AM**

**California Energy Commission
3rd Floor Conference Room Fishbowl
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512**

WebEx Call-in toll-free number: **1-866-469-3239**

Access code: **928 170 360**

Meeting Password: **riomesa@9**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public to discuss Biological Resources. Although the discussion may cover general biological concerns related to the project, the focus of the discussion will revolve around the potential impacts to bird and bat species and recommended survey protocols to better understand potential impacts. The recommended survey protocols can be found on the Energy Commission's website at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/documents/index.html>. Other technical areas of the project proposal may also be discussed as necessary.

BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2011, BrightSource Energy, Inc., submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGF). The Rio Mesa SEGF is proposed on the Palo Verde Mesa in Riverside County, California, approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Blythe. On December 14, 2011 the Energy Commission approved the Executive Director's

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recommendation that the AFC was deemed complete for purposes of commencing the Commission's siting review process. The Energy Commission staff has begun its discovery and analysis of the Rio Mesa SEGF project. The staff will use the information obtained from the workshop discussions to prepare its Preliminary Staff Assessment of the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As proposed, Rio Mesa SEGF would comprise three solar fields and associated facilities encompassing a total of approximately 5,750 acres. If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 750 MW and would use heliostats – elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on a pylon – to focus the sun's rays on a receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tall solar power tower near the center of each solar field. Each solar plant would utilize approximately 85,000 heliostats. The proposed Rio Mesa SEGF is located on Federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and private lands. The Energy Commission and BLM plan to conduct a joint state and federal environmental review of the Rio Mesa SEGF.

PARTICIPATION

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Pierre Martinez, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-3765, or by e-mail at pmartine@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the project web site:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html>. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this Notice.

You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements from the project website through the List Server. By being on this email list, you will receive all project-related notices and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

Date: 12/22/11



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cc: Docket (11-AFC-4)
Proof of Service List

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF
STAFF WORKSHOP
RIO MESA SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY
(11-AFC-4)**

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January 6, 2012
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RIO MESA SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY
(11-AFC-4)
THROUGH WEBEX

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- When prompted, enter your information and **riomesa@9**

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE RIO MESA SOLAR ELECTRIC
GENERATING FACILITY PROJECT**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Pierre Martinez, declare that on, December 22, 2011, I served and filed copies of the attached January 6, 2012 Notice of Staff Workshop, dated December 22, 2011. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, 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/riomesa/index.html].

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

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For service to all other parties:

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AND

For filing with the Docket Unit at the Energy Commission:

- X by sending an original paper copy to the address below (preferred method); **OR**
- by depositing an original and 12 paper copies in the mail with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, as follows:

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OR, if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:

- Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California 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.



Pierre Martinez