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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5112

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
PETITION TO AMEND  
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION for the  
ABENGOA MOJAVE SOLAR POWER PLANT PROJECT (09-AFC-5C)**

A petition was filed on March 30, 2012, with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) by Abengoa Solar Inc., requesting to amend a Condition of Certification for the Abengoa Mojave Solar Power Plant project. The 250-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on September 8, 2010, and began construction on August 29, 2011. The facility is located near the town of Hinkley in San Bernardino County.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

The proposed amendment will remove the wording in Condition of Certification BIO-7 requiring vehicular traffic during project construction and operation not to exceed a speed of 25 miles per hour (mph) on Harper Lake Road. Harper Lake Road is a two-lane road that is needed to access the project site.

The project owner states that the changes are necessary because:

- The actual speed limit set for Harper Lake Road is 55 mph;
- Travelling 25 mph on Harper Lake Road is unsafe for construction vehicles and employees travelling to the project site because the general public travelling faster than 25 mph often do not see slower moving vehicles in sufficient time to safely slow down; and,
- The general public often passes multiple, slower construction vehicles by entering the oncoming lane, thereby increasing unsafe conditions on the road.

**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/abengoa/compliance/index.html>.

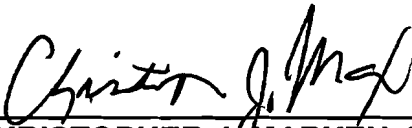
The staff analysis, when published, will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition, staff's analysis, and/or the order if the amendment is approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: [drundqui@energy.ca.gov](mailto:drundqui@energy.ca.gov).

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.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

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**INFORMATION REQUEST FORM**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO:** Remove the 25 mph restriction on Harper Lake Road in Condition of Certification BIO-7.

**PLEASE CHECK THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:**

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- COMMISSION ORDER

**PROJECT:** ABENGOA MOJAVE SOLAR PROJECT POWER PLANT

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