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Subject: **NextEra Blythe Solar Energy Center Project**

Dear Bruce:

This is formal response to the California ISO response to our Modification Request for Q294 Blythe Solar Energy Center. Based on the CAISO assessment results, we understand that the project is considered to be now 485 MW PV-Solar and 515 MW Thermal Solar project. Also, we are confirming that NextEra will be converting 485 MW of this project to PV Solar technology to match the amount of MW that have been determined by the CAISO that can be successfully converted to PV.

As you are aware we are entering the CAISO Onetime Downsizing Window by January 4, 2013 to request the Blythe Solar project downsize to the 485 MW threshold level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Guillermo Narvaez".

Guillermo Narvaez  
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California Independent System Operator Corporation

December 20, 2012

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RE: Response to Modification Request for the Blythe Solar Energy Center  
(ISO Queue # 294)

Dear Mr. Narvaez:

The California Independent System Operator Corporation ("ISO") has completed its review of NextEra's request dated October 19, 2012 to change the technology of the Blythe Solar Energy Center ("Project") from Solar Thermal to Solar Photovoltaic ("PV"). Section 6.9.2.2 of the GIP (Appendix Y to the ISO tariff), provides that any modification of the project, other than as specifically provided for in Section 6.2 after the Phase I Interconnection Study, may constitute a material modification. The technology specified in the original Interconnection Request for the Project was Solar Thermal. Thus, any change of the technology for the Project at this stage of the interconnection process is subject to a material modification review by the ISO.

The ISO has found a material impact on later queued customers resulting from the change of technology and therefore the change to Solar PV for the full 1,000 MW Project is not approved. However, at this time, and based on the analysis by SCE and the ISO, 485 MW of the 1000 MW Project could be converted to PV (leaving the remaining 515 MW as Solar Thermal),

Due to the large number of projects requesting Solar PV and the limited amount of 'headroom' in the system to support Solar PV, the full 1,000 MWs cannot be approved to change technology. Given the known 'Partial Termination Charge' contractual rights for the Project, and the upcoming generator downsizing initiative, several options are available to NextEra if it chooses to reduce the size of the Project.

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The ISO is focused on advancing projects in the queue to commercial operation. As part of this effort, the ISO will continue to request periodic updates pursuant to Section 5.7 of the LGIA to ensure that the Project is meeting its milestones and is on schedule to meet its COD. Please keep in mind that failure to meet the milestones, if not cured under the LGIA, may result in a breach of the LGIA.

Please feel free to contact Bruce McAllister at 916-608-7009 or at [bmcallister@caiso.com](mailto:bmcallister@caiso.com) with any questions.

Kindest regards,



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