

Proposed Project

The California Energy Commission received an Application for Certification (AFC) on 08/24/2009, requesting a license to construct, own and operate a solar generating facility capable of producing approximately 500 megawatts (MW). The Project will utilize solar parabolic trough technology to generate electricity.

Committee overseeing this case

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**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**

(Solar Millennium) Palen Solar Project

Notice of Proposed Power Plant (Docket No. 09-AFC-7)

Proposed Location

The proposed project site would be located approximately 10 miles east of Desert Center, along Interstate 10 approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe and about three miles east of the southeast end of Joshua Tree National Park in Riverside County, California. An application has been filed with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a right-of-way grant of approximately 5,200 acres. A new double-circuit 230-kilovolt transmission line will interconnect with Southern California Edison's (SCE) regional system at SCE's planned Red Bluff Substation, west of the site at a location that has not been finalized.

Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting

The Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC. You are invited to join the Committee on a bus tour to the proposed site and attend an informational hearing/scoping meeting. At this event, the applicant will describe the project. The Energy Commission will explain the energy facility licensing process and ways to become an effective public participant. The BLM will explain their role in the joint process. The presentations will be followed by an opportunity for the public to offer comments and concerns about the proposal, as well as identify potential environmental impacts for consideration by the Commission. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about the project, the process, public participation and to make comments.

Monday, January 25, 2010

3:30 PM –Site Visit (bus leaves)

Meet the bus at the Blythe City Hall parking lot
235 North Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225

- BUS RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
- Call (800) 822-6228 (**by Wednesday, January 20, 2010**) and indicate the number of reservations needed.
- Attendees will board a bus at 3:30 PM and tour the proposed project site.
- Buses will return to the Blythe City Hall parking lot

5:00 PM – Public Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting

Blythe City Hall
235 North Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate, contact Lourdes Quiroz by January 20, 2010 at (916) 654-5146 or email: lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us.

Additional Information

Project information and documents are available on the California Energy Commission website: www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_Palen. You can also sign up on the List Server (electronic interest list) for this project from the website.

The Application for Certification is locally available for review at:

- Palo Verde Valley District Library - 125 West Chanslor Way, Blythe, CA 92225
- Riverside Main Library- 3581 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501
- Lake Tamarisk Library - 43880 Lake Tamarisk Dr, Desert Center, CA 92239
- Coachella Branch Library - 1538 Seventh St, Coachella, CA 92236
- Cathedral City Branch Library - 33520 Date Palm Dr, Cathedral City, CA 92234

If you would like further information or to be placed on a mailing list to receive notice of public workshops or hearings regarding this case, please contact the Public Adviser's Office.