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APPENDIX C.1

Civil Engineering Design Criteria

Appendix C.1 Civil Engineering Design Criteria

C.1.1 Introduction

This appendix summarizes the codes, standards, criteria, and practices that will be generally used in the design and construction of civil engineering systems for the Blythe Solar Power Plant. More specific project information will be developed during execution of the project to support detailed design, engineering, material procurement specification and construction specifications.

C.1.2 Codes and Standards

The design of civil engineering systems for the project will be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the federal government, the State of California, and the Riverside County Code of Building Regulations. The current issue or edition of the documents at the time of filing this Application for Certification (AFC) will apply, unless otherwise noted. In cases where conflicts between the cited documents exist, requirements of the more conservative document will be used.

C.1.3 Civil Engineering Codes and Standards

The following codes and standards have been identified as applicable, in whole or in part, to civil engineering design and construction of power plants and related offsite improvements.

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)—Standards and Specifications
- American Concrete Institute (ACI) - Standards and Recommended Practices
- American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) - Standards and Specifications
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) - Standards
- American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) - Standards, Specifications, and Recommended Practices
- American Water Works Association (AWWA) - Standards and Specifications
- American Welding Society (AWS) - Codes and Standards
- Asphalt Institute (AI) - Asphalt Handbook
- State of California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Standard Specification
- State of California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Highway Design Manual

- California Energy Commission - Recommended Seismic Design Criteria for Non-Nuclear Generating Facilities in California, 1989
- Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) - Standards
- Factory Mutual (FM) - Standards
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) - Standards
- California Building Standards Code (CBC) 2001
- Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC) - Standards and Specifications

C.1.4 Engineering Geology Codes, Standards, and Certifications

Engineering geology activities will conform to the applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances and industry codes and standards.

C.1.4.1 Federal

None are applicable.

C.1.4.2 State

The Warren-Alquist Act, PRC, Section 25000 et seq. and the California Energy Commission (CEC) Code of Regulations (CCR), Siting Regulations, Title 20 CCR, Chapter 2, require that an AFC address the geologic and seismic aspects of the site.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), PRC 21000 et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines require that potential significant effects, including geologic hazards, be identified and a determination made as to whether they can be substantially reduced.

C.1.4.3 City

California State Planning Law, Government Code Section 65302, requires each city to adopt a general plan, consisting of nine mandatory elements, to guide its physical development. Section 65302(g) requires that a seismic safety element be included in the general plan.

The site development activities will require certification by a Professional Geotechnical Engineer and a Professional Engineering Geologist during and following construction, in accordance with the California Building Code (CBC), Chapter 70. The Professional Geotechnical Engineer and the Professional Engineering Geologist will certify the placement of earthen fills and the adequacy of the site for structural improvements, as follows:

- Both the Professional Geotechnical Engineer and the Professional Engineering Geologist will address CBC Chapter 70, Sections 7006 (Grading Plans), 7011 (Cuts), 7012 (Terraces), 7013 (Erosion Control), and 7015 (Final Report).
- The Professional Geotechnical Engineer will also address CBC Chapter 70, Sections 7011 (Cuts) and 7012 (Terraces).

Additionally, the Professional Engineering Geologist will present findings and conclusions pursuant to PRC, Section 25523 (a) and (c); and 20 CCR, Section 1752 (b) and (c).

APPENDIX C.2

Mechanical Engineering Design Criteria

Appendix C.2 Mechanical Engineering Design Criteria

C.2.1 Introduction

This appendix summarizes the codes, standards, criteria, and practices that will be generally used in the design and construction of mechanical engineering systems for the Blythe Solar Power Plant. More specific project information will be developed during execution of the project to support detailed design, engineering, material procurement specification, and construction specifications.

C.2.2 Codes and Standards

The design of the mechanical systems and components will be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the federal government, state of California, Riverside County ordinances, and industry standards. The current issue or revision of the documents at the time of the filing of this Application for Certification (AFC) will apply, unless otherwise noted. If there are conflicts between the cited documents, the more conservative requirements shall apply.

The following codes and standards are applicable to the mechanical aspects of the power facility.

- California Building Standards Code, 2001
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code
- ASME/ANSI B31.1 Power Piping Code
- ASME Performance Test Codes
- ASME Standard TDP-1
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) B16.5, B16.34, and B133.8
- American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA)
- American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA)
- Air Moving and Conditioning Association (AMCA)
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
- American Welding Society (AWS)
- Cooling Tower Institute (CTI)
- Heat Exchange Institute (HEI)
- Manufacturing Standardization Society (MSS) of the Valve and Fitting Industry
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Hydraulic Institute Standards (HIS)
- Tubular Exchanger Manufacturer's Association (TEMA)

C.2.3 Mechanical Engineering General Design Criteria

C.2.3.1 General

The systems, equipment, materials, and their installation will be designed in accordance with the applicable codes; industry standards; and local, state, and federal regulations, as well as the design criteria; manufacturing processes and procedures; and material selection, testing, welding, and finishing procedures specified in this section.

Detailed equipment design will be performed by the equipment vendors in accordance with the performance and general design requirements to be specified later by the project A/E firm. Equipment vendors will be responsible for using construction materials suited for the intended use.

C.2.3.2 Materials

Asbestos will not be used in the materials and equipment supplied. Where feasible, materials will be selected to withstand the design operating conditions, including expected ambient conditions, for the design life of the plant. It is anticipated that some materials will require replacement during the life of the plant due to corrosion, erosion, etc.

C.2.3.3 Pumps

Pumps will be sized in accordance with industry standards. Where feasible, pumps will be selected for maximum efficiency at the normal operating point. Pumps will be designed to be free from excessive vibration throughout the operating range.

C.2.3.4 Tanks

Large outdoor storage tanks will not be insulated except where required to maintain appropriate process temperatures or for personnel protection.

Overflow connections and lines will be provided. Maintenance drain connections will be provided for complete tank drainage.

Manholes, where provided, will be at least 24 inches in diameter and hinged to facilitate removal. Storage tanks will have ladders and cleanout doors as required to facilitate access/maintenance. Provisions will be included for proper tank ventilation during internal maintenance.

C.2.3.5 Heat Exchangers

The surface condenser will be designed in accordance with Heat Exchange Institute (HEI) standards. Other heat exchangers will be provided as components of mechanical equipment packages and may be shell-and-tube or plate type. Heat exchangers will be designed in accordance with TEMA or manufacturer's standards. Fouling factors will be specified in accordance with TEMA.

C.2.3.6 Pressure Vessels

Pressure vessels will include the following features/appurtenances:

- Process, vent, and drain connections for startup, operation, and maintenance
- Materials compatible with the fluid being handled
- A minimum of one manhole and one air ventilation opening (e.g., handhole) where required for maintenance or cleaning access
- For vessels requiring insulation, shop-installed insulation clips spaced not greater than 18 inches on center
- Relief valves in accordance with the applicable codes

C.2.3.7 Piping and Piping Supports

Stainless steel pipe may be Schedule 10S where design pressure permits. Underground piping may be high-density polyethylene (HDPE) or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) where permitted by code, operating conditions, and fluid properties. In general, water system piping will be HDPE or PVC where embedded or underground and carbon steel where aboveground. Appropriately lined and coated carbon steel pipe may alternately be used for buried water piping.

Threaded joints will not normally be used in piping used for lubricating oil, and NATURAL GAS service. NATURAL GAS piping components will not use synthetic lubricants. Victaulic, or equal, couplings may be used for low-energy aboveground piping, where feasible.

Piping systems will have high-point vents and low-point drains. Drains with restricting orifices or steam traps with startup and blowdown drains and strainers will be installed in low points of steam lines where condensate can collect during normal operation.

Steam piping systems and steam drain lines in the plant will typically be sloped in the direction of steam flow. Condensate collection in piping systems will be avoided by installing automatic drain devices and manual devices as appropriate.

Steam lines fitted with restricting devices, such as orifices in the process runs, will include adequate drainage upstream of the device to prevent condensate from collecting in lines.

Hose and process tubing connections to portable components and systems will be compatible with the respective equipment suppliers' standard connections for each service.

Stainless steel piping will be used for portions of the lubricating oil system downstream of the filters. Carbon steel piping may be used elsewhere.

C.2.4 Valves

C.2.4.1 General Requirements

Valves will be arranged for convenient operation from floor level where possible and, if required, will have extension spindles, chain operators, or gearing. Hand-actuated valves will be operable by one person.

Gear operators will be provided on manual valves 8 inches or larger.

Valves will be arranged to close when the handwheel is rotated in a clockwise direction when looking at the handwheel from the operating position. The direction of rotation to close the valve will be clearly marked on the face of each handwheel.

The stops that limit the travel of each valve in the open or closed position will be arranged on the exterior of the valve body. Valves will be fitted with an indicator to show whether they are open or closed; however, only critical valves will be remotely monitored for position.

Valve materials will be suitable for operation at the maximum working pressure and temperature of the piping to which they are connected. Steel valves will have cast or forged steel spindles. Seats and faces will be of low-friction, wear-resistant materials. Valves in throttling service will be selected with design characteristics and of materials that will resist erosion of the valve seats when the valves are operated partly closed.

Valves operating at less than atmospheric pressure will include means to prevent air in-leakage. No provision will be made to repack valve glands under pressure.

C.2.4.2 Drain and Vent Valves and Traps

Drains and vents in 600-pound class or higher piping and 900°F or higher service will be double-valved.

Drain traps will include air cock and easing mechanism. Internal parts will be constructed from corrosion-resistant materials and will be renewable.

Trap bodies and covers will be cast or forged steel and will be suitable for operating at the maximum working pressure and temperature of the piping to which they are connected. Traps will be piped to drain collection tank or sumps and returned to the cycle if convenient.

C.2.4.3 Low Pressure Water Valves

Low-pressure water valves will be the butterfly type of cast iron construction. Ductile iron valves will have ductile iron bodies, covers, gates (discs), and bridges; the spindles, seats, and faces will be bronze. Fire protection valves will be Underwriters Laboratories (UL)-approved butterfly valves meeting NFPA requirements.

C.2.4.4 Instrument Air Valves

Instrument air valves will be the ball type of bronze construction, with valve face and seat of approved wear-resistant alloy.

C.2.4.5 Nonreturn Valves

Nonreturn valves for steam service will be in accordance with ANSI standards and properly drained. Nonreturn valves in vertical positions will have bypass and drain valves. Bodies will have removable access covers to enable the internal parts to be examined or renewed without removing the valve from the pipeline.

C.2.4.6 Motor-Actuated Valves

Electric motor actuators will be designed specifically for the operating speeds, differential and static pressures, process line flowrates, operating environment, and frequency of operations for the application. Electric actuators will have self-locking features. A handwheel and declutching mechanism will be provided to allow handwheel engagement at any time except when the motor is energized. Actuators will automatically revert back to motor operation, disengaging the handwheel, upon energizing the motor. The motor actuator will be placed in a position relative to the valve that prevents leakage of liquid, steam, or corrosive gas from valve joints onto the motor or control equipment.

C.2.4.7 Safety and Relief Valves

Safety valves and/or relief valves will be provided as required by code for pressure vessels, heaters, and boilers. Safety and relief valves will be installed vertically. Piping systems that can be over-pressurized by a higher-pressure source will also be protected by pressure-relief valves. Equipment or parts of equipment that can be over-pressurized by thermal expansion of the contained liquid will have thermal relief valves.

C.2.4.8 Instrument Root Valves

Instrument root valves will be specified for operation at the working pressure and temperature of the piping to which they are connected. Test points and sample lines in systems that are 600-pound class or higher service will be double-valved.

C.2.5 Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

HVAC system design will be based on site ambient conditions specified in Section 2.0, Project Description.

Except for the HVAC systems serving the control room, maintenance shop, lab areas, and administration areas, the systems will not be designed to provide comfort levels for extended human occupancy.

Air conditioning will include both heating and cooling of the inlet-filtered air. Air velocities in ducts and from louvers and grills will be low enough not to cause unacceptable noise levels in areas where personnel are normally located.

Fans and motors will be mounted on anti-vibration bases to isolate the units from the building structure. Exposed fan outlets and inlets will be fitted with guards. Wire guards will be specified for belt-driven fans and arranged to enclose the pulleys and belts.

Air filters will be housed in a manner that facilitates removal. The filter frames will be specified to pass the air being handled through the filter without leakage.

Ductwork, filter frames, and fan casings will be constructed of mild steel sheets stiffened with mild steel flanges and galvanized. Ductwork will be the sectional bolted type and will be adequately supported. Duct joints will be leaktight.

Grills and louvers will be of adjustable metal construction.

C.2.6 Thermal Insulation and Cladding

Parts of the facility requiring insulation to reduce heat loss or afford personnel safety will be thermally insulated. Minimum insulation thickness for hot surfaces near personnel will be designed to limit the outside lagging surface temperature to a maximum of 140°F.

The thermal insulation will have as its main constituent calcium silicate, foam glass, fiber glass, or mineral wool, and will consist of pre-formed slabs or blankets, where feasible. Asbestos-containing materials are prohibited. An aluminum jacket or suitable coating will be provided on the outside surface of the insulation. Insulation system materials, including jacketing, will have a flame spread rating of 25 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84.

Insulation at valves, pipe joints, steam traps, or other points to which access may be required for maintenance will be specified to be removable with a minimum of disturbance to the pipe insulation. At each flanged joint, the molded material will terminate on the pipe at a distance from the flange equal to the overall length of the flange bolts to permit their removal without damaging the molded insulation. Outdoor aboveground insulated piping will be clad with textured aluminum of not less than 30 mil. thickness and frame-reinforced. At the joints, the sheets will be sufficiently overlapped and caulked to prevent moisture from penetrating the insulation. Steam trap stations will be "boxed" for ease of trap maintenance.

Design temperature limits for thermal insulation will be based on system operating temperature during normal operation.

Outdoor and underground insulation will be moisture-resistant.

C.2.7 Testing

Hydrostatic testing, including pressure testing at 1.5 times the design pressure, or as required by the applicable code, will be specified and performed for pressure boundary components where an in-service test is not feasible or permitted by code.

C.2.8 Welding

Welders and welding procedures will be certified in accordance with the requirements of the applicable codes and standards before performing any welding. Records of welder qualifications and weld procedures will be maintained.

C.2.8 Painting

Except as otherwise specified, equipment will receive the respective manufacturer's standard shop finish. Finish colors will be selected from among the paint manufacturer's standard colors.

Finish painting of uninsulated piping will be limited to that required by OSHA for safety or for protection from the elements.

Piping to be insulated will not be finish painted.

C.2.9 Lubrication

The types of lubrication specified for facility equipment will be suited to the operating conditions and will comply with the recommendations of the equipment manufacturers.

The initial startup charge of flushing oil will be the equipment manufacturer's standard lubricant for the intended service. Subsequently, such flushing oil will be sampled and analyzed to determine whether it can also be used for normal operation or must be replaced in accordance with the equipment supplier's recommendations.

Rotating equipment will be lubricated as designed by the individual equipment manufacturers. Oil cups will be specified. Where automatic lubricators are fitted to equipment, provision for emergency hand lubrication will also be specified. Where applicable, equipment will be designed to be manually lubricated while in operation without the removal of protective guards. Lubrication filling and drain points will be readily accessible.

APPENDIX C.3

Control Engineering Design Criteria

Appendix C.3 Control Engineering Design Criteria

C.3.1 Introduction

This appendix summarizes the codes, standards, criteria, and practices that will be generally used in the design and installation of instrumentation and controls for the Blythe Solar Power Plant. More specific project information will be developed during execution of the project to support detailed design, engineering, material procurement specification and construction specifications.

C.3.2 Codes and Standards

The design specification of all work will be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the federal government, the state of California, and local codes and ordinances. A summary of general codes and industry standards applicable to design and control aspects of the power facility follows.

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society (ISA)
- National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
- National Electrical Safety Code (NEC)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

C.3.3 Control Systems Design Criteria

C.3.3.1 General Requirements

Electronic signal levels, where used, will be 4 to 20 milliamps (mA) for analog transmitter outputs, controller outputs, electric-to-pneumatic converter inputs, and valve positioner inputs.

The switched sensor full-scale signal level will be between 0 volt (V) and 125 volt (V).

C.3.3.2 Pressure Instruments

In general, pressure instruments will have linear scales with units of measurement in pounds per square inch, gauge (psig).

Pressure gauges will have either a blowout disk or a blowout back and an acrylic or shatterproof glass face.

Pressure gauges on process piping will be resistant to plant atmospheres.

Siphons will be installed on pressure gauges in steam service as required by the system design. Steam pressure-sensing transmitters or gauges mounted above the steam line will be protected by a loop seal.

Pressure test points will have isolation valves and caps or plugs. Pressure devices on pulsating services will have pulsation dampers.

C.3.3.3 Temperature Instruments

In general, temperature instruments will have scales with temperature units in degrees Fahrenheit. Exceptions to this are electrical machinery resistance temperature detectors (RTDs) and transformer winding temperatures, which are in degrees Celsius.

Bimetal-actuated dial thermometers will have 4.5- or 5-inch-diameter (minimum) dials and white faces with black scale markings and will consist of every angle-type. Dial thermometers will be resistant to plant atmospheres.

Temperature elements and dial thermometers will be protected by thermowells except when measuring gas or air temperatures at atmospheric pressure. Temperature test points will have thermowells and caps or plugs.

RTDs will be 100-ohm platinum, 3-wire type. The element will be spring-loaded, mounted in a thermowell, and connected to a cast iron head assembly.

Thermocouples will be Type J or K dual-element, grounded, spring-loaded, for general service. Materials of construction will be dictated by service temperatures. Thermocouple heads will be the cast type with an internal grounding screw.

C.3.3.4 Level Instruments

Reflex-glass or magnetic level gauges will be used. Level gauges for high-pressure service will have suitable personnel protection.

Gauge glasses used in conjunction with level instruments will cover a range that includes the highest and lowest trip/alarm set points.

C.3.3.5 Flow Instruments

Flow transmitters will typically be the differential pressure-type with the range similar to that of the primary element. In general, linear scales will be used for flow indication and recording.

Magnetic flow transmitters may be used for liquid flow measurement below 200 degrees F.

C.3.3.6 Control Valves

Control valves in throttling service will generally be the globe-body cage type with body materials, pressure rating, and valve trims suitable for the service involved. Other style valve bodies (e.g., butterfly, eccentric disk) may also be used when suitable for the intended service.

Valves will be designed to fail in a safe position.

Control valve body size will not be more than two sizes smaller than line size, unless the smaller size is specifically reviewed for stresses in the piping.

Control valves in 600-Class service and below will be flanged where economical. Where flanged valves are used, minimum flange rating will be ANSI 300 Class.

Critical service valves will be defined as ANSI 900 Class and higher in valves of sizes larger than 2 inches.

Severe service valves will be defined as valves requiring anticavitation trim, low noise trim, or flashing service, with differential pressures greater than 100 pounds per square inch (psi).

In general, control valves will be specified for a noise level no greater than 90 decibel A-rated (dBA) when measured 3 feet downstream and 3 feet away from the pipe surface.

Valve actuators will use positioners and the highest pressure, smallest size actuator, and will be the pneumatic-spring diaphragm or piston type. Actuators will be sized to shutoff against at least 110 percent of the maximum shutoff pressure and designed to function with instrument air pressure ranging from 80 to 125 psig.

Handwheels will be furnished only on those valves that can be manually set and controlled during system operation (to maintain plant operation) and do not have manual bypasses.

Control valve accessories, excluding controllers, will be mounted on the valve actuator unless severe vibration is expected.

Solenoid valves supplied with the control valves will have Class H coils. The coil enclosure will normally be a minimum of NEMA 4 but will be suitable for the area of installation. Terminations will typically be by pigtail wires.

Valve position feedback (with input to the DCS for display) will be provided for all control valves.

C.3.3.7 Instrument Tubing and Installation

Tubing used to connect instruments to the process line will be stainless steel for primary instruments and sampling systems.

Instrument tubing fittings will be the compression type. One manufacturer will be selected for use and will be standardized as much as practical throughout the plant.

Differential pressure (flow) instruments will be fitted with three-valve manifolds; two-valve manifolds will be specified for other instruments as appropriate.

Instrument installation will be designed to correctly sense the process variable. Taps on process lines will be located so that sensing lines do not trap air in liquid service or liquid in gas service. Taps on process lines will be fitted with a shutoff (root or gauge valve) close to the process line. Root and gauge valves will be main-line class valves.

Instrument tubing will be supported in both horizontal and vertical runs as necessary. Expansion loops will be provided in tubing runs subject to high temperatures. The instrument tubing support design will allow for movement of the main process line.

C.3.3.8 Pressure and Temperature Switches

Field-mounted pressure and temperature switches will have either NEMA Type 4 housings or housings suitable for the environment.

In general, switches will be applied such that the actuation point is within the center one-third of the instrument range.

C.3.3.9 Field-Mounted Instruments

Field-mounted instruments will be of a design suitable for the area in which they are located. They will be mounted in areas accessible for maintenance and relatively free of vibration and will not block walkways or prevent maintenance of other equipment.

Field-mounted instruments will be grouped on racks. Supports for individual instruments will be prefabricated, off-the-shelf, 2-inch pipestand. Instrument racks and individual supports will be mounted to concrete floors, to platforms, or on support steel in locations not subject to excessive vibration.

Individual field instrument sensing lines will be sloped or pitched in such a manner and be of such length, routing, and configuration that signal response is not adversely affected.

Liquid level controllers will generally be the nonindicating, displacement-type with external cages.

C.3.3.10 Instrument Air System

Branch headers will have a shutoff valve at the takeoff from the main header. The branch headers will be sized for the air usage of the instruments served, but will be no smaller than 3/8 inch. Each instrument air user will have a shutoff valve, filter, outlet gauge, and regulator at the instrument.

APPENDIX C.4

Geotechnical and Foundation Engineering Design Criteria

In Process – Will be provided when Geotechnical Investigation is complete

APPENDIX C.5

Structural Engineering Design Criteria

Appendix C.5 Structural Engineering Design Criteria

C.5.1 Introduction

This appendix summarizes the codes, standards, criteria, and practices that will be generally used in the design and construction of structural engineering systems for the Blythe Solar Power Plant. More specific project information will be developed during execution of the project to support detail design, engineering, material procurement specification and construction specifications.

C.5.2 Codes and Standards

The design of structural engineering systems for the project will be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the federal government, the State of California, Riverside County ordinances, and the industry standards. The current issue or edition of the documents at the time of filing of this Application for Certification (AFC) will apply, unless otherwise noted. In cases where conflicts between the cited documents exist, requirements of the more conservative document will be used.

The following codes and standards have been identified as applicable, in whole or in part, to structural engineering design and construction of power plants.

- California Building Code (CBC), 2007 Edition
- American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC):
 - Manual of Steel Construction—13th Edition
 - Specification for Structural Steel Buildings—AISC 360-05
 - Specification for Structural Joints Using ASTM A325 or A490 Bolts
 - Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges –AISC 303-05
 - Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings – AISC 341-05
- American Concrete Institute (ACI):
 - ACI 318-05, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete
 - ACI 301-05, Specifications for Structural Concrete
 - ACI 543R-00, Design, Manufacture, and Installation of Concrete Piles
 - ACI 530-05/ASCE 5-05/TMS 402-05, Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE):
 - ASCE 7-05, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

- American Welding Society (AWS):
 - D1.1—Structural Welding Code—Steel
 - D1.3—Structural Welding Code—Sheet Steel
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29—Labor, Chapter XVII, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
 - Part 1910—Occupational Safety and Health Standards.
 - Part 1926—Construction Safety and Health Regulations
- National Association of Architectural Metal Manufacturers (NAAMM)—Metal Bar Grating Manual.
- Hoist Manufacturers Institute (HMI), Standard Specifications for Electric Wire Rope Hoists (HMI 100).
- National Electric Safety Code (NESC), C2-1993
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA Standards).
 - NFPA 850 Fire Protection for Electric Generating Plants.
- OSHA Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.
- Steel Deck Institute (SDI)—Design Manual for Floor Decks and Roof Decks
- AWWA D-100 or D-102 Welded Carbon Steel Tanks for Water Storage, or Factory Coated Bolted Steel Carbon Storage Tanks for Water Storage.

C.5.3 CEC Special Requirements

Prior to the start of any increment of construction, the proposed lateral-force procedures for project structures and the applicable designs, plans and drawings for project structures will be submitted for approval.

Proposed lateral-force procedures, designs, plans, and drawings shall be those for:

- Major project structures
- Major foundations, equipment supports, and anchorage
- Large, field-fabricated tanks
- Switchyard structures

C.5.4 Structural Design Criteria

C.5.4.1 Datum

Site topographic elevations will be based on an elevation survey conducted using known elevation benchmarks. Topo map will extend away from the site as needed to determine Kzt (Topographic Factor) for use in ASCE section 6.5.7.2.

C.5.4.2 Frost Penetration

The site is located in an area free of frost penetration. Bottom elevation of all foundations for structures and equipment, however, will be maintained at a minimum of 12 inches below the finished grade.

C.5.4.3 Temperatures

The design basis temperatures for civil and structural engineering systems will be as follows:

Maximum	104°F
Minimum	28°F

C.5.5 Design Loads

C.5.5.1 General

Design loads for structures and foundations will comply with all applicable building code requirements.

C.5.5.2 Dead Loads

Dead loads will consist of the weights of structure and all equipment of a permanent or semi-permanent nature including tanks, bins, wall panels, partitions, roofing, drains, piping, cable trays, bus ducts, and the contents of tanks and bins measured at full operating capacity. The contents of the tanks and bins, however, will not be considered as effective in resisting structure uplift due to wind forces; but will be considered as effective for seismic forces.

C.5.5.3 Live Loads

Live load will consist of uniform floor live loads and equipment live loads. Uniform live loads are assumed equivalent unit loads that are considered sufficient to provide for movable and transitory loads, such as the weights of people, portable equipment and tools, small equipment or parts, which may be moved over or placed on the floors during maintenance operations, and planking. The uniform live loads will not be applied to floor areas that will be permanently occupied by equipment.

Lateral earth pressures, hydrostatic pressures, and wheel loads from trucks, will be considered as live loads.

Uniform live loads will be in accordance with ASCE Standard 7-05, but will not be less than the following:

- Roofs 20 pounds per square foot (psf)

- Floors and Platforms
(steel grating and checkered plates) 100 psf

In addition, a uniform load of 50 psf will be used to account for piping and cable trays, except that where the piping and cable loads exceed 50 psf, the actual loads will be used.

Furthermore, a concentrated load of 5 kips will be applied non-concurrently to the supporting beams of the floors to maximize stresses in the members, but the reactions from the concentrated loads will not be carried to the columns.

- Floors (elevated concrete floors) 100 psf

In addition, elevated concrete slabs will be designed to support an alternate concentrated load of 2 kips in lieu of the uniform loads, whichever governs. The concentrated load will be treated as a uniformly distributed load acting over an area of 2.5 square feet, and will be located in a manner to produce the maximum stress conditions in the slabs.

- Control Room Floor 150 psf
- Stairs, Landings, and Walkways 100 psf

In addition, a concentrated load of 1 kip will be applied non-concurrently to the supporting beams for the walkways to maximize the stresses in the members, but the reactions from the concentrated loads will not be carried to the columns.

- Pipe Racks 50 psf

Where the piping and cable tray loads exceed the design uniform load, the actual loads will be used. In addition, a concentrated load of 8 kips will be applied concurrently to the supporting beams for the walkways to maximize the stresses in the members, but the reactions from the concentrated loads will not be carried to the columns.

- Hand Railings

Hand railings will be designed for either a uniform horizontal force of 20 pounds per linear foot (plf) applied in any direction, or a 200-pound concentrated load applied at any point and in any direction, whichever governs.

- Slabs on Grade 250 psf
- Truck Loading Surcharge Adjacent to Structures 250 psf
- Truck Support Structures AASHTO-HS-20-44
- Special Loading Conditions Actual loadings

Laydown loads from equipment components during maintenance and floor areas where trucks, forklifts or other transports have access, will be considered in the design of live loads.

Live loads may be reduced in accordance with the provisions of CBC Section 1607.

Posting of the floor load capacity signs for all roofs, elevated floors, platforms and walkways will be in compliance with the OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Standard, Walking and Working Surfaces, Subpart D. Floor load capacity for slabs on grade will not be posted.

C.5.5.4 Earth Pressures

Earth pressures will be in accordance with the recommendations contained in the project-specific geotechnical report.

C.5.5.5 Groundwater Pressures

Hydrostatic pressures due to groundwater or temporary water loads will be considered.

C.5.5.6 Wind Loads

The wind forces will be calculated in accordance with CBC 2007, Section 1609.1.1, with a basic wind speed of 85 miles per hour (mph), an Importance Factor of 1.15 and an exposure category of 'C.' Site specific special wind zones will be verified with the County Building Official.

C.5.5.7 Seismic Loads

Structures will be designed and constructed to resist the effects of earthquake loads as determined in CBC 2007, Section 1613 and applicable sections of ASCE 7-05. The occupancy category of all the structures is III. The Importance Factor (I) is 1.25 for all the structures except those related to fire safety and hazardous materials; the importance for these structures is 1.50. Other seismic parameters will be obtained from the geotechnical report.

C.5.5.8 Snow Loads

Snow loads will not be considered.

C.5.5.9 Turbine-Generator Loads

The steam turbine-generator loads for pedestal and foundation design will be furnished by the equipment manufacturers, and will be applied in accordance with the equipment manufacturers' specifications, criteria, and recommendations.

C.5.5.10 Special Considerations for Steel Stacks

Steel stacks will be designed to withstand the normal and abnormal operating conditions in combination with wind loads and seismic loads, and will include the along-wind and across-wind effects on the stacks. The design will meet the requirements of ASME/ANSI STS-1-1992, "Steel Stacks," using allowable stress design method, except that increased allowable stress for wind loads as permitted by AISC will not be used.

C.5.5.11 Special Considerations for Structures and Loads during Construction

For temporary structures, or permanent structures left temporarily incomplete to facilitate equipment installations, or temporary loads imposed on permanent structures during construction, the allowable stresses may be increased by 33 percent.

Structural backfill may be placed against walls, retaining walls, and similar structures when the concrete strength attains 80 percent of the design compressive strength (f'_c), as determined by sample cylinder tests. Restrictions on structural backfill, if any, will be shown on the engineering design drawings.

Design restrictions imposed on construction shoring removal that are different from normal practices recommended by the ACI Codes will be shown on engineering design drawings.

Metal decking used as forms for elevated concrete slabs will be evaluated to adequately support the weight of concrete plus a uniform construction load of 50 psf, without increase in allowable stresses.

C.5.6 Design Bases**C.5.6.1 General**

Reinforced concrete structures will be designed by the strength design method, in accordance with the California Building Code and the ACI 318, "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete."

Steel structures will be designed by the working stress method, in accordance with the California Building Code and the AISC Specification for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings.

Allowable soil bearing pressures for foundation design will be in accordance with the "Final Subsurface Investigation and Foundation Report" for the Facility.

C.5.6.3 Allowable Stresses

Calculated stresses from the governing loading combinations for structures and equipment supports will not exceed the allowable limits permitted by the applicable codes, standards, and specifications.

C.5.7 Construction Materials**C.5.7.1 Concrete and Grout**

The design compressive strength (f'_c) of concrete and grout, as measured at 28 days, will be as follows:

Electrical ductbank encasement and lean concrete backfill (Class L-1)	1000 psi
Structural concrete (Class S-1)	3000 psi
Structural concrete (Class S-2)	4000 psi
Grout (Class G-1)	5000 psi

The classes of concrete and grout to be used will be shown on engineering design drawings or indicated in design specifications.

C.5.7.2 Reinforcing Steel

Reinforcing steel bars for concrete will be deformed bars of billet steel, conforming to ASTM A 615, Grade 60. Use ASTM A706 for reinforcing steel that will be welded or is required in order to meet requirements of Chapter 21 of the ACI code.

Welded wire fabric for concrete will conform to ASTM A 185.

C.5.7.3 Structural and Miscellaneous Steel

Structural and miscellaneous steel will generally conform to ASTM A 36, ASTM A 572, or ASTM A992 except in special situations where higher strength steel is required.

High strength structural bolts, including nuts and washers, will conform to ASTM A 325 or ASTM A 490.

Bolts other than high-strength structural bolts will conform to ASTM A307, Grade A.

C.5.7.4 Concrete Masonry

Concrete masonry units will be hollow, normal weight conforming to ASTM C90-02 with compressive strength = 1900psi

Mortar will conform to ASTM C 270, Type S.

Grout will conform to ASTM C 476, with compressive strength= 2000psi

Assembly design strength $f'_m=1500$ psi

C.5.7.6 Other Materials

Other materials for construction, such as anchor bolts, shear connectors, concrete expansion anchors, embedded metal, etc., will conform to industry standards and will be identified on engineering design drawings or specifications.

APPENDIX C.6

Electrical Engineering Design Criteria

Appendix C.6 Electrical Engineering Design Criteria

C.6.1 Introduction

This appendix summarizes the codes, standards, criteria, and practices that will be generally used in the design and construction of electrical engineering systems for the Solar Millennium Blythe Solar Energy Project. More specific project information will be developed during execution of the project to support detailed design, engineering, material procurement specification, and construction specifications.

C.6.2 Codes and Standards

The design of the electrical systems and components will be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the federal government and the State of California, Riverside County ordinances, and industry standards. The current issue or revision of the documents at the time of filing this Application for Certification will apply, unless otherwise noted. If there are conflicts between the cited documents, the more conservative requirement will apply.

The following codes and standards are applicable to the electrical aspects of the power facility:

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
- Anti-Friction Bearing Manufacturers Association (AFBMA)
- California Building Standards Code 2001
- California Electrical Code 1998
- Insulated Cable Engineers Association (ICEA)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Illuminating Engineering Society (IES)
- National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE)
- National Electrical Code (NEC)
- National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
- National Electrical Safety Code (NESC)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL)

C.6.3 Switchyard and Transformers

C.6.3.1 Switchyard

The Solar Millennium Blythe Solar Energy Project consists of four solar trough power plants which will tie into a 500 kV on site switchyard. The plant has a steam turbine generator that will connect to the switchyard via a generator step-up transformer, a generator circuit breaker, and a high voltage switchyard breaker. The generator and generator circuit breaker will conform to IEEE C50.13 and IEEE C37.013

respectively. A disconnect switch will be included with the generator circuit breaker for generator disconnect and transformer maintenance. Isolated phase bus duct will connect the generator to the generator circuit breaker and the generator circuit breaker to the generator step-up transformer. High voltage disconnect switches and bus will conform to IEEE C37.32-2002.

The switchyard will require an overhead line for the connection to the GSUs. The high voltage circuit breaker and switchyard protection scheme will conform to IEEE C37 standards. All instrument transformers associated with the plant will comply with IEEE 57.13. The design and construction of the plant switchyard will conform to all applicable codes and standards including, but not limited to IEEE 1127, 1267, 1427, and 1527 and the NESC.

A grounding grid will be provided to control step and touch potentials in accordance with IEEE Standard 80, Safety in Substation Grounding. Metallic equipment, structures, and fencing will be connected to the grounding grid of buried conductors and ground rods will be installed as required for personnel safety. The substation ground grid will be tied to the plant ground grid.

Lightning protection will be provided by shield wires or lightning masts and surge arrestors. The lightning protection system will be designed in accordance with IEEE 998 guidelines.

All faults will be detected, isolated, and cleared in a safe and coordinated manner as soon as practical to ensure the safety of equipment, personnel, and the public. Protective relaying will meet IEEE C37 requirements for each piece of equipment and will be coordinated with the utility.

Revenue metering will be provided on the 500 kV switchyard bus to record net power to or from the Beacon switchyard. Meters and a metering panel will be provided. Metering will conform to IEEE C51.1 and utility standards.

C.6.3.2 Transformers

The generators will be connected to the 500 kV switchyard through GSU transformers and the plant auxiliary transformers will supply the plant loads. These transformers will be designed in accordance with ANSI C57 standards.