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Subject: Fwd: Hello! Anyone There?

Can the appropriate staff persons please attend to this.

>>> Mediaoffice 12/06/05 10:32 AM >>>

Hi Folks,

I am forwarding on this e-mail received this morning. I'm not sure what phone number Mr. Hanson tried to call. All phone numbers at the Commission are supposed to include a forwarding number (O-3) to connect to a live person in each office. But I'm unsure who he tried to call.

Bob Aldrich

>>>< Qhanson01@cs.com > 12/06/05 8:55 am >>>

Dear California Energy Commission,

First of all, everyone who gets this at the California Energy Commission, I hereby formally request that you please insure that a copy of this E-mail is given to EACH of the Commissioners. In the last 4 weeks, I have placed several telephone calls to your office, only getting voice mail, never a return call. I have sent this E-mail to pao@energy.state.ca.us, and their has been dead silence. Perhaps if each of the Commissioner's get this message, at least a response will be forth coming.

In the Blythe Energy Project Phase I Conditions of Certification, Socio-2 condition read:

The project owner and its contractors and subcontractors shall recruit employees and procure materials and supplies within the Blythe Area, unless:

To do so will violate federal and/or state statutes;
The materials and/or supplies are not available; or
Qualified employees for specific jobs or positions are not available; or
There is a reasonable basis to hire someone for a specific position from outside the local area.

Verification: At least five days prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall submit to the Energy Commission Compliance Project Manager (CPM) copies of guidelines stating hiring and procurement requirements and procedures. In addition, the project owner shall notify the Energy Commission CPM in each Monthly Compliance Report of any procurement of materials or hiring outside the local regional area that has occurred during the previous month. The Energy Commission CPM shall review and comment on the submittal as needed.

In reading over the Conditions of Certification, for Blythe Energy Project Phase II, I do not see the above condition being present. Blythe is a very small isolated rural desert community with significant levels of unemployment and economic stress. It is imperative that this condition be included in the current energy project Conditions of Certification.

WHY? During Blythe Energy Project I, the Palo Verde College Small Business Economic Development Center performed monthly surveys to insure that that compliance on the employment front was being adhered to. In the opinion of this office, that requirement was quite successful in that between 10 to 19% of the total construction employees were in fact from the local area.

Most of the unions on site opened their doors where possible, and during some months, the percentage of apprentices on the job site reached 35 to 43%. For a small town like Blythe, this was very significant

economic boost and gave some individuals an opportunity at union membership and careers in the construction field they would never have had a chance at otherwise.

For the benefit of the Palo Verde Valley, the above condition must be included in its entirety for Blythe Energy Project Phase II. In fact, the only thing I would change, is the inclusion of the word "unions" along with "contractors and subcontractors" in the first line.

Please respond, and hopefully indicate that this Socio Condition of Certification will be included in the final approval document which the California Energy Commission is about to consider for Blythe Energy Project Phase II.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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