

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT
CARRIZO ENERGY SOLAR FARM PROJECT (07-AFC-8)
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

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07-AFC-8

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On October 25, 2007, Ausra CA II, LLC (applicant), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop a nominal 177 megawatts (MW) net solar thermal power plant, in San Luis Obispo County, California. The proposed Carrizo Energy Solar Farm (CESF or proposed project) would be owned and operated by Carrizo Energy, LLC. On December 17, 2007, the applicant provided supplemental information to the AFC to satisfy the Energy Commission's information requirements. On December 19, 2007, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC with the supplemental information as complete. The Energy Commission staff has now begun the data discovery and analysis phases of the proposed project's 12-month licensing process.

Project Description

The CESF would consist of approximately 195 Compact Linear Fresnel Reflector (CLFR) solar concentrating lines. Each line contains 10 rows of reflectors divided into 4 segments. In addition, the project will include associated steam drums, steam turbine generators (STGs), air cooled condensers (ACCs), and infrastructure. The 640-acre proposed project site is located immediately adjacent to California State Route 58 (SR-58)/Carrisa Highway.

The proposed site is in an area zoned for agricultural uses as specified in the San Luis Obispo County General Land Use Plan. Electrical generation is listed in the San Luis Obispo County Land Use Ordinance as an allowed use within the agricultural zone. The 380-acre construction laydown area is located south and adjacent to the proposed project site. Main access to the CESF and the general vicinity will be provided via SR-58, immediately south and adjacent to the site. Project construction is proposed to begin during the first quarter of 2009 and take 35 months to complete. Commercial operation is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2012.

Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. The issuance of a certificate by the Energy Commission is in lieu of any local, state, or federal permit (to the extent permitted by federal law). The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

Public Participation

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings to determine whether the proposed project contains the information required by the Commission's data adequacy regulations (Cal. Code of Regs., Title 20, §17104) and should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. The workshops will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to participate in reviewing the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Christina Flores, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-3925, or by e-mail at cflores@energy.state.ca.us.

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Mary Dyas, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-8891, or by e-mail at mdyas@energy.state.ca.us. For more information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carrizo>.

You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list during the pre-filing period and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the proposed project site. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the proposed project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Christina Flores, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-3925, or by e-mail at cflores@energy.state.ca.us.

Availability of the AFC and Supplemental Filing Document

Copies of the AFC and Supplemental Filing are available locally for public inspection at:

San Luis Obispo County Library
995 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Santa Margarita Library
9630 Murphy Avenue
Santa Margarita, CA 93453

Simmler Library
13080 Soda Lake Road
Simmler, CA 93453

Creston Library
6290 Adams Street
Creston, CA 93432

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In addition, this information has been shared with those public agencies that either also have jurisdiction over the project or would have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Sincerely,

Date: 12/27/07



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