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**To:** Rachael E. Koss  
**CC:** Caryn Holmes; Mark Hamblin; Michael Doughton; Paula David; Robert Wo...  
**Date:** 1/16/2009 1:57 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Carrizo Energy Solar Farm (07-AFC-8) - Visual Info. Request

Hi Rachael,

We are responding to your "formal" document request of January 12, 2009 (below) requesting the model and data files relied on by staff for its analysis of visual impacts in the Carrizo PSA. I am told that our attorney Michael Doughton called you on January 12 and you explained to him that you're looking for "whatever staff used to make their conclusions for the Visual Resources section of the PSA". While we consider your request to be somewhat vague, we are responding the best we can.

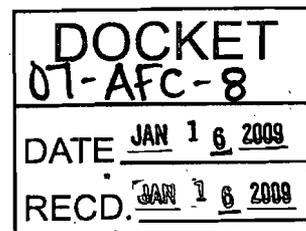
Energy Commission staff did not apply a model or compile any data associated with a modeling effort, nor did we prepare photo simulations for this project. Staff based its analysis primarily on its own personal observations of the site and publicly available information that is in the Application for Certification and the supplements thereto that are on our website. In addition, staff took its own photos of the site and would be glad to make these available to you on CD if you wish. The methodology used for our visual analysis is described in Appendix VR-1 of the PSA. Any data files used by the Applicant or URS to perform modeling or to prepare photo simulations are in the possession of the Applicant or URS, not the California Energy Commission.

The Visual Resources section of our Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) specifically references all of the documents relied on at the end of the analysis (beginning at page 4.12-32 under the heading "REFERENCES"). See also see the documents in the Appendices to the Visual Resources section. For your convenience, I have reprinted below these listed references, which for the most part are on our or other publically available websites. If there is any other public information of interest to you that is not available on the web, please let us know and we would be happy to provide it to you.

Sincerely,

John

John Kessler  
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Hi John:

Thank you for getting back to me.

We are formally requesting the model and data files relied on by staff for its analysis of visual impacts in the PSA. We need this information in order to do our analysis of the PSA. Could you please point me to the staff person, or other source, for this information?

Thank you,  
Rachael

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-----Original Message-----

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Hi Rachael:

I am not aware that we have either the model or data files.

Good luck,

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Hi John:

In order to perform our analysis of the visual impacts from the Carrizo Energy Solar Farm project, we need the models used by the applicant's consultant, as well as the data files that generated the simulated observations. Do you have this information, or should we request it from the applicant?

Thank you,  
Rachael Koss

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