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June 23, 2010

Mr. John Kessler  
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Subject: Rice Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-10)  
Supplementary Information Item (SII) #4  
Preliminary results of the Golden Eagle Aerial Surveys, Rice Solar Energy Project

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Attached please find one hardcopy of Rice Solar Energy, LLC's Supplementary Information Item (SII) #4 - Preliminary results of the Golden Eagle Aerial Surveys for the Rice Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-10).

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at (916) 286-0278 or Sarah Madams at (916) 286-0249.

Sincerely,

CH2M HILL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. M. Davy".

Douglas M. Davy, Ph.D.  
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June 13, 2010

Mr. Doug Davy  
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Dear Mr. Davy,

As requested, the following is a summary of the most pertinent results of the Rice Solar Energy project golden eagle nest survey.

An area 10 miles in radius out from the project site was surveyed by helicopter on May 13 and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Weather conditions were clear and windy. Pete Bloom was in the front seat on both flights while Nick Todd was in the back seat on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Jeff Kidd was in the back seat on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Approximately 1/3 of the survey area contained good quality Mojave Desert golden eagle nesting habitat. The remaining 2/3 was predominantly flat. Three golden eagle nest territories were identified including 1 nest approximately 10 miles north in the Turtle Mountains, 1 nest approximately 10 miles southeast in the West Riverside Mountains and 2 nests in the Arica Mountains about 6 miles southwest. A small number (< 5) of active prairie falcon, red-tailed hawk and common raven nests were also found.

None of the golden eagle territories were active in 2010 but all nests were in good condition.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter H. Bloom".

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE *RICE SOLAR ENERGY POWER  
PLANT PROJECT***

**Docket No. 09-AFC-10**

***PROOF OF SERVICE***  
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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Mary Finn, declare that on June 23, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached, 09-AFC-10-RSEP Supplementary Information Item (SII) #4 Preliminary results of the Golden Eagle Aerial Surveys, Rice Solar Energy Project. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ricesolar\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ricesolar).

The documents have been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Mary Finn