



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Mr. Gerardo Rios – via email (R9AirPermits_sc@epa.gov)
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Subject: Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) for Palen Solar Electric Generation Station, (Facility ID# 174021) , to be located at Corn Spring Road, Desert Center, CA 92239 (09-AFC-07)

Dear Mr. Rios:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has received and reviewed permit applications for the subject solar electric generation project. Palen Solar Electric Generation Station (PSEGS) is proposing to install and operate a 500 megawatt (MW) solar electric generation power plant located at Corn Springs Road, Desert Center, CA 92239. This power plant will operate annually on a continuous basis.

Based on the emission potential, this project is subject to the public notice requirements of SCAQMD Rules 212 (Standards for Approving Permits) and 3006 (Title V), and has applied for a significant permit revision under the Title V regulation. Therefore, this project is subject to a 45-day EPA review and a 30-day public notice period under SCAQMD Rules 212, 3003, and 3006.

The SCAQMD has evaluated the subject permit applications and made a preliminary determination that the equipment will comply with all of the applicable requirements of our rules and regulations. We intend to take final action on the permit at (1) the end of the 30-day public comment and review period and after all pertinent comments have been considered, and (2) upon receiving and consideration of EPA comments on the initial Title V Facility Permit.

Please find enclosed SCAQMD's PDOC analyses, the draft Title V Facility Permit to Construct and the public notice for the subject project issued in accordance with SCAQMD Rules 212 and 3006. The public notice provides for a 30-day public comment period and a 45-day EPA review period prior to making a final decision on issuance of the permit. The public notice is also being published in a newspaper of

general circulation in the vicinity of the project, and it is also being forwarded to other interested parties. Upon completion of the public comment and EPA review periods, SCAQMD will evaluate the comments received during the comment period prior to issuance of any Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC).

If you wish to provide comments or have any questions regarding this project, please contact Mr. Roy Olivares at (909) 396-2208/ rolivares@aqmd.gov or Mr. John Yee at (909) 396-2531/ jyee@aqmd.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Public Notice
Proposed Title V Permit
Preliminary Engineering Analysis

cc: Mr. Charles Turlinski, Palen Solar Electric Generation Station, w/out enclosures
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