

NOTICE OF DECISION by the CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.5

Project Name: Solar Energy Generating System Units III-VII Facility Decommissioning Plan

Energy Commission Docket Number: 87-AFC-01C

Energy Commission Contact Person: John Heiser **Phone #:** (916) 653-8236

Project Location: 41100 U.S. Highway 395, Boron, California, in unincorporated San Bernardino County.

Project Background: Solar Energy Generating System Units III-VII (SEGS III-VII) is a solar thermal power plant with a generating capacity of 150 megawatts (MW). The CEC certified the facility in May of 1988.

Project Description: NextEra Energy Resources-Operating Services as agent for LUZ Solar Partners III-VII Ltd. (facility owner) filed a Facility Decommissioning Plan with the California Energy Commission (CEC), seeking approval of decommissioning and demolition activities as required by Condition of Certification, Requirement 1 in the "Decommissioning" section of the facility's Commission Decision. The facility owner proposes to undertake decommissioning activities to ensure that the discontinuation of power generation at SEGS III-VII can be conducted safely and to demolish and remove equipment from the site, while leaving select equipment in place for potential future reuse as part of a solar photovoltaic facility.

On June 9, 2021, the CEC approved the above-described project pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary for Natural Resources under section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code, finding that:

1. With the implementation of new decommissioning conditions, the activities proposed in the Facility Decommissioning Plan would not have a significant effect on the environment or on an environmental justice population and would be consistent with current and applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards;
2. The Facility Decommissioning Plan meets all of the criteria included in Condition of Certification, Requirement 1 in the "Decommissioning" section of the SEGS III-VII Commission Decision, including the requirements that the Decommissioning Plan:
 - identify and discuss the proposed decommissioning activities and schedule for the power plant site, transmission line corridor, and all appurtenant facilities constructed as a part of/or because of the project;
 - identify all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, standards, (LORS) and local/regional plans applicable at that time;
 - discuss how the specific proposed decommissioning activities will comply with those identified LORS and plans;
 - contain an analysis of all decommissioning alternatives considered, including restoration of the site to its preconstruction, natural state; and
 - discuss the reasons for selecting the preferred proposal.

The CEC's docket containing the Facility Decommissioning Plan, the CEC's Staff Analysis of the Facility Decommissioning Plan, and other information is available on the CEC's webpage for SEGS III-VII: https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pre1999_page/index.php?xkm=ajdkha2385duhkasd166dsasjd5598fhajks

<u>/s/ John Heiser</u>	<u>June 11, 2021</u>	<u>Compliance Project Manager</u>
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