NOTICE OF DECISION by the CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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From: California Energy Commission
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.5(d)(2)(E)

Project Name: Solar Energy Generating Systems (SEGS) VIII and IX Post Certification Petition to add a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Energy Commission Docket Number: 88-AFC-01C and 89-AFC-01C

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Project Location: SEGS VIII and IX are located at 43880 Harper Lake Road, 7 miles northeast of Highway 58 near Hinkley, California, in unincorporated San Bernardino County.

Project Description: SEGS VIII and IX are solar thermal power plants that use parabolic mirrors to concentrate solar energy for transfer into heat transfer fluid, which is then used to create steam to generate up to 160 megawatts (MW) of electric power.

Project Change Description: Luz Solar Partners VIII, Ltd., and Luz Solar Partners IX, Ltd. (project owners), indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Terra-Gen, LLC, received CEC approval to install and operate a battery energy storage system, or BESS, located between SEGS VIII and IX facilities to provide up to 80MW of shared stored electric power.

On July 8, 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC) approved the above-described project modification 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. The petition meets all of the filing criteria of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769(a), concerning post-certification project modifications;
2. With the adoption of the revised Transmission Line Safety and Nuisance, Transmission System Engineering, and Worker Safety and Fire Protection conditions of certification in the staff analysis, the project modification would not cause the SEGS VIII or IX facilities to fail to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards;
3. With the adoption of the revised Transmission Line Safety and Nuisance, Transmission System Engineering, and Worker Safety and Fire Protection conditions of certification in the staff analysis, there would be no unmitigated significant environmental impacts associated with the project modification, or any significant impacts to an environmental justice population; and
4. The project modification would not alter any of the findings the CEC adopted in the Final Commission Decisions for SEGS VIII or SEGS IX pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1748(b).

The CEC's docket files containing the CEC's staff analysis of the project modification and other information is available on the Energy Commission's webpage.

SEGS VIII:

SEGS IX:

Date received for filing: