

that were included in the alternatives analysis for the Project. Although, Western is making a decision regarding the interconnection request submitted by Solar Reserve and does not dictate the type of generation, the SA/DEIS examined alternative generation types.

Land use plan inconsistency is also noted by La Cuna and CARE. Western notes the comment and emphasizes that the decision being made in this ROD is only to grant the interconnection request for the Project and does not signify that all the other permitting and land use requirements have been met.

La Cuna and CARE mention that, “the purpose and need statements are too narrowly constructed.” Western has noted the comment and refers the reader to pages 2–4 and 2–8 through 2–9 for more information on the agency’s authority, Purpose and Need.

Cumulative impacts were another issue of concern for La Cuna and CARE. Western directs the reader to section 5 of the document for the rationale describing which projects were considered for the cumulative impacts analysis as well as for the results of the analysis.

La Cuna and CARE also expressed concern that a programmatic EIS (PEIS) should have been developed prior to this EIS. Although, there is currently a PEIS being developed for solar projects, there is no requirement for the completion of a PEIS prior to the completion of a project specific EIS.

Lack of appropriate mitigation was also noted by La Cuna and CARE. Western directs the reader to the SA/DEIS and the CEC Conditions of Certification to the 186 conditions of certification/mitigation measures that have been created and will be implemented for the Project.

Finally, La Cuna and CARE raise a concern that, “the RMP violates the Federal Land Policy Management Act [FLPMA].” Western acknowledges this comment and the concern that La Cuna and CARE have with BLM’s FLMPA responsibilities.

## Decision

Western’s decision is to allow RSE’s request for interconnection to Western’s transmission system at its Parker-Blythe No. 2 Transmission Line and to construct, own and operate a new substation.<sup>3</sup> Western’s decision to grant this interconnection request satisfies the agency’s statutory mission and RSE’s

<sup>3</sup> Western’s authority to issue a ROD is pursuant to authority delegated on November 16, 2011, from DOE’s Office of the General Counsel.

objectives while minimizing harm to the environment.

This decision is based on the information contained in the Rice Solar Energy Project Final EIS. This ROD was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and DOE’s Procedures for Implementing NEPA (10 CFR part 1021).

Dated: December 12, 2011.

**Timothy J. Meeks,**

*Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0901; FRL–9608–7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collections; Comment Request; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment Area New Source Review (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA announces the withdrawal of the notice titled, “Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collections; Comment Request; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment Area New Source Review (Renewal)” published on December 7, 2011. The December 7, 2011, notice is a duplicate to the notice published on November 25, 2011. The November 25, 2011, notice announced in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) that the EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2012. Before submitting this ICR to OMB for review and approval, the EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection through the notice published on November 25, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Pamela Long, Air Quality Policy Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (C504–01), Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number: (919) 541–0641; fax number: (919) 541–5509; email address: [long.pam@epa.gov](mailto:long.pam@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. General Information

### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. If you have any questions regarding the withdrawal of the December 7, 2011, notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The EPA has established a public docket for the ICR renewal Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0901, which is available for online viewing at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744.

Use [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

## II. Withdrawn Document

The EPA is withdrawing the notice titled, Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collections; Comment Request; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment Area New Source Review (Renewal)” published on December 8, 2011 in the **Federal Register** at 76 FR 76713. This notice was a duplicate to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2011 at 76 FR 72700. Comments remain due on or before January 24, 2012.

Dated: December 13, 2011.

**Jennifer Noonan Edmonds,**

*Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.