

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Indian Gaming; Approval of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment in the State of Oklahoma**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Oklahoma entered into a compact amendment with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes governing certain forms of class III gaming; this notice announces the approval of the Model Tribal Gaming Compact Supplement between the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and State of Oklahoma.

**DATES:** The compact amendment is effective on November 2, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. As required by IGRA and 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The compact amendment authorizes the Tribes to engage in certain additional class III gaming activities, provides for the application of existing revenue sharing agreements to the additional forms of class III gaming, and designates how the State will distribute revenue sharing funds.

Dated: September 27, 2018.

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*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the EDF Renewable Energy Palen Solar Photovoltaic Project Riverside County, California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) to Authorize a Right-of-Way (ROW) and amend the California Desert Conservation Area Plan (CDCA Plan) for the EDF Renewable Energy Palen Solar Photovoltaic Project, and by this Notice is announcing its availability. The Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) signed the ROD on October 29, 2018, which constitutes the final decision of the Department, and makes the Approved Land Use Plan Amendment to the CDCA Plan and authorization of a ROW effective immediately. This decision is not subject to appeal under Departmental regulations, and any challenge to this decision, including the BLM Authorized Officer's issuance of the ROW as directed by this decision, must be brought in Federal district court.

**DATES:** The ASLM signed the ROD on October 29, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the BLM-Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office at 1201 Bird Center Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92262 and at the BLM-California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Interested persons may also review the ROD on the internet at: <http://goo.gl/5nkFMG>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark DeMaio, BLM Project Manager, telephone (760) 833-7100; address, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262; or email [palensolar@blm.gov](mailto:palensolar@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a

message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EDF Renewable Energy has applied for a ROW from the BLM to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 500 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility near Desert Center, Riverside County, California. The ROW application area comprises about 4,200 acres, with a proposed project footprint of 3,381 acres. The proposed project also includes construction of a 6.7-mile single circuit 230 kilovolt generation interconnection (gen-tie) transmission line connecting the project to the Southern California Edison Red Bluff Substation. The BLM determined that an amendment to the CDCA Plan would be necessary to authorize the project. Riverside County is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The BLM and Riverside County prepared a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for compliance with NEPA and CEQA.

This Project application was originally submitted in 2007 as the Palen Solar Power Project (PSPP) by Palen Solar I LLC (PSI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Solar Millennium. The PSPP was proposed as a solar trough project and was the subject of an EIS under NEPA. The BLM, pursuant to its obligations under FLPMA and NEPA, published a draft EIS, followed by a Proposed CDCA Plan Amendment and Final EIS on May 13, 2011 (76 FR 28064). Before a Record of Decision was issued, PSI informed the BLM that it would not construct the Project due to bankruptcy. As a result, a decision was not issued, the CDCA Plan was not amended, and a ROW grant was not issued for the PSPP. On June 21, 2012, the bankruptcy court approved the transfer of the application from PSI to Palen Solar III LLC (PSIII). BrightSource Energy Inc. (BSE) then acquired all rights to PSIII at auction. PSIII submitted a revised ROW application to the BLM for the Palen Solar Electricity Generating System Project (PSEGS), a 500 MW concentrating solar power tower technology facility and single-circuit 230 kV gen-tie line. On July 27, 2013, the BLM issued a Draft Supplemental EIS and Plan Amendment to evaluate the potential additional environmental impacts caused by PSEGS. As part of the state permitting process, the California Energy Commission evaluated the PSEGS under CEQA, and issued Preliminary and Final Staff Assessments for the amended project in June and November of 2013,