



Screening Plan

674 - Ocotillo Express LLC

Ocotillo, CA

For submittal to:
BLM / Imperial County

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Name(s): BLM, Imperial County

RE: Statement of Conformance with MM VR-4- Screening Plan

Blattner Energy, Inc. (BEI) is knowledgeable of requirements listed in the Visual Resource Mitigation Measure VR-4. BEI, on behalf of Ocotillo Express LLC, is hereby providing the County of Imperial and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that we will implement the following Mitigation Measure (MM) related to the screening of the substation and ancillary facilities.

MM No. VR-4 Screen substations and ancillary facilities.

The project Applicant shall provide a Screening Plan for screening vegetation, walls, and fences that reduces visibility of ancillary facilities and helps the facility blend in with the landscape. The use of berms to facilitate project screening may also be incorporated into the Screening Plan. The project applicant shall submit the Plan to the appropriate land use jurisdiction agency for review and approval at least 90 days prior to installing the landscape screening. If the appropriate land use jurisdiction agency notifies the project applicant that revisions to the Screening Plan are needed before the Plan can be approved, the project Applicant shall submit a revised Screening Plan within 30 days of receiving that notification.

BEI has provided a Screening Plan (below).

INTRODUCTION

This Construction Lighting Mitigation Plan was prepared by Blattner Energy, Inc. (BEI) to define our minimum practices which will be employed on the Ocotillo Wind Express Project to assure our compliance with MM VR-4.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ocotillo Express Wind Project consists of installing 112 Siemens 2.3 MW wind turbine generators (WTG). The project is located approximately 3 miles north / northwest of Ocotillo, CA in Imperial County. The main construction activities on this project will include the following: building project roads, digging foundations, massive foundation concrete pours, trenching of electrical system, and installation of wind turbine generators. In addition to these temporary construction activities, an electrical substation and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) building will also be constructed. The electrical substation and O&M building will result in permanent structures on the project site.

ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION/SWITCHYARD

The electrical substation/switchyard will be surrounded on all four sides with fencing. Additionally, a berm surrounds the substations/switchyard on three sides.

The fence will be open chain link fence (like the Imperial Valley substation). Colored slats are not feasible at this location because there is too much risk of the fence blowing.

The details for the fencing and the berm are included as attachments.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Fence Details

Attachment 2 Berm Detail GD01