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**From:** Kaye <kaye@coopmead.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** Gabriel C. Bustos  
**Cc:** Hank Hughes  
**Subject:** AES no longer responding to our questions on the Rancho Viejo Solar Project. How do the hearings work?

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Hi Hank and Gabe:

I sent this email earlier to all of you that AES is no longer willing to answer our questions.

They mention the permitting hearing below and “engaging in a productive dialogue” and “discussing matters in a public forum” but it is not clear to me how this would work.

Are we permitted to ask them questions that they have to answer in any of the three hearings?

Is there a question and answer period of time set aside in any of the three hearings where we can ask questions and they have to answer?

Are we limited to asking questions within our two minute allowance for time? Do they have to answer any of these questions at that time?

How much time is AES allowed to speak or make presentations? Are they limited to two minutes?

Any idea of when the first hearing will now take place?

Would appreciate clarification as to how this process works.

Thanks for your time and assistance.

Kaye

Kaye Cooper-Mead

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**From:** Kaye <kaye@coopmead.com>  
**Date:** September 30, 2023 at 12:42:41 PM MDT  
**To:** joselarra@santafecountynm.gov, pengreen@santafecountynm.gov, "Lisaida M. Archuleta" <lmarchuleta@santafecountynm.gov>  
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cbustamante@santafecountynm.gov, "Gabriel C. Bustos" <gcbustos@santafecountynm.gov>  
**Subject: AES no longer responding to our questions on the Rancho Viejo Solar Project**

Hi Jose:

Would appreciate you providing this information to the Commissioners and Planning Commission that AES informed me yesterday that they will no longer answer our questions. There were a number of questions sent to them on Aug 28th as well as my last email of September 6th that had questions relating to their response on September 1st. They will not answer these questions.

Thank you for passing on this information.

Kaye

Kaye Cooper-Mead

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** RanchoViejoSolar <RanchoViejoSolar@aes.com>  
**Date:** September 29, 2023 at 4:29:58 PM MDT  
**To:** Kaye <kaye@coopmead.com>, RanchoViejoSolar <RanchoViejoSolar@aes.com>  
**Subject: Response to emailed questions**

Dear Kaye

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your ongoing interest and engagement in the Rancho Viejo Solar project. Your commitment to the betterment of your community is commendable, and we appreciate the time and effort you have invested in this endeavor.

As you know, the Rancho Viejo project has been a subject of significant discussion and scrutiny within the community. Our project team has made every effort to ensure transparency and open communication throughout the planning and development stages. We have valued the input and questions raised by community members, including those from the opposition, as they have contributed to the project's refinement.

However, after careful consideration and consultation with our project team, we adjusted our communication approach slightly. Moving forward, we will no longer respond to individual questions about the project via email or other direct channels. Instead, we have established a comprehensive online resource that should address most inquiries related to the project.

I encourage you and all concerned community members to visit our project website at <https://www.aes.com/new-mexico/project/rancho-viejo-solar>. You will find detailed information about the project's scope, objectives, environmental impact assessments,

and other relevant documents. This website serves as a valuable reference point for those seeking information about the project.

Also, I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming public permitting hearing, where community members will receive notification once the date is set. This forum will provide an excellent opportunity for community members, including yourself, to ask questions, express concerns, and engage in a productive dialogue regarding the Rancho Viejo project. We highly encourage your attendance, as your input is invaluable to us, and discussing matters in a public forum will enhance transparency and inclusivity.

While we will no longer respond to individual inquiries, rest assured that all questions and concerns raised at the permitting hearing will be carefully considered and addressed by our project team. We remain committed to working collaboratively with the community to ensure the project's success while considering the diverse perspectives and interests involved.

Once again, I want to express our appreciation for your dedication to the community and interest in the Rancho Viejo project. We are looking forward to talking with you at the future public hearing.

I appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Halford  
AES

**From:** Kaye <kaye@coopmead.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Halford <rebecca.halford@aes.com>; RanchoViejoSolar <RanchoViejoSolar@aes.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: How To Perfect Your Closed-Loop Systems regarding the Rancho Viejo Solar project

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And the additional article I sent on Sept. 6th. Thanks.

Kaye

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**Date:** September 6, 2023 at 2:21:22 PM MDT  
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**Subject: How To Perfect Your Closed-Loop Systems regarding the  
Rancho Viejo Solar project**

Hi Rebecca:

This is the article I mentioned in my email responses today about glycol chillers.

Thank you.

Kaye

<https://www.psgdover.com/blackmer/news/article/2018/04/01/how-to-perfect-your-closed-loop-systems-wp>

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