

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 Energy Resources Conservation
 and Development Commission

In the Matter of:)	
)	Docket No. 07-AFC-5
Application for Certification for the Ivanpah Solar)	
Electric Generation System)	
)	
_____)	

APPLICANT'S STATUS REPORT #3

Applicant and the Staff of both BLM and the CEC continue to have a very productive working relationship in the licensing proceeding of the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (Ivanpah SEGS) Application for Certification [07-AFC-5]. The following discussion summarizes the status of the proceeding since the issuance of Applicant's Status Report No. 2 on May 16, 2008:

- Applicant continues work on the detailed site drainage, grading and erosion control plan (referred to as the Site Civil Plan) and anticipates submittal of the plan to the BLM and CEC in September 2008. This Site Civil Plan will be of a level of detail that potential EPC contractors can use as a basis for providing detailed bids on the civil design and construction of the Ivanpah SEGS project.
- A report on the additional Spring 2008 botanical surveys will be provided once the data is validated and a report can be prepared (July 2008). Tortoise surveys for the additional areas not covered in 2007 surveys were completed in June 2008. A report of the additional tortoise surveys will be provided in July 2008.
- On May 8, 2008 BLM and CEC Staff issued Data Request Set 2 consisting of Data Requests 117 through 151. On June 10, 2008 Applicant submitted Data Response Set 2A that provided responses to the majority of Staff's Set 2 Data Requests. On June 23, 2008 and July 2, 2008 Applicant and Staff participated in a Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop in a venue near the Ivanpah SEGS site. During the workshops, resolution was reached on many outstanding data requests, and Applicant gained a better understanding of Staff's needs on other data requests. Applicant is diligently working on responses to all outstanding Data Requests and hopes to file responses to most of the remaining data requests in July 2008.

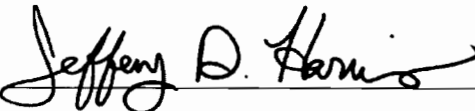
- One of Staff's Set 2 Data Requests provided detailed comments on Applicant's Draft Biological Assessment (BA). Applicant has completed most of the Staff recommended changes to the BA and will finalize the revised BA after a meeting at the Ivanpah SEGS site to include representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, CEC and BLM Staff and Applicant. This site meeting is scheduled for late July 2008. Applicant looks forward to the initiation of the Section 7 Consultation with the USFWS under the process described in the Memorandum of Understanding between the BLM and USFWS on expedited endangered species consultation.
- On February 11, 2008, Applicant submitted a Wetlands Delineation of the Ivanpah SEGS Site to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Applicant understands that the USACE has reached an informal decision that the Ivanpah SEGS site is non-jurisdictional under the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act. Applicant is also working with the USACE to complete documentation required for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) review of the Corps decision on the jurisdictional determination. Applicant expects the USEPA review to be initiated in late July or early August 2008.
- The Applicant is targeting July 2009 for the commencement of construction in order to bring this important, first solar thermal project on-line in a timely manner in support of California's RPS goals. Given the lead time needed to prepare required plans and mobilize for construction, the Applicant believes that it will need a decision in early 2009 to support a July 2009 commencement of construction. Moving from discovery towards a draft environmental document is the next logical step in the orderly progression of this Application. The Applicant thanks the Staffs for their hard work to date and reiterates the Applicant's commitment to work closely with all interested parties to expedite the schedule for this proceeding.

The Applicant looks forward to timely completion of this proceeding.

July 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

ELLISON, SCHNEIDER & HARRIS L.L.P.

By  _____

Jeffery D. Harris
Ellison, Schneider & Harris L.L.P.
2015 H Street
Sacramento, California 95814-3109
Telephone: (916) 447-2166
Facsimile: (916) 447-3512

Attorneys for Applicant

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission

In the Matter of:)
) Docket No. 07-AFC-5
Application for Certification for the Ivanpah Solar)
Electric Generation System)
)
)
_____)

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Ron O'Connor, declare that on July 11, 2008 I deposited copies of the attached *Applicant's Status Report #3* in the United States mail in Sacramento, California, with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to all parties on the attached service list.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Ron O'Connor

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
Attn: Docket No. 07-AFC-5
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
docket@energy.state.ca.us

APPLICANT

Solar Partners, LLC
John Woolard, Chief Executive Officer
Alicia Torre, Project Manager
1999 Harrison Street, Suite #500
Oakland, CA 94612
ATorre@BrightSourceEnergy.com

Steve De Young
Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System
Director, Environmental, Safety and Health
1999 Harrison Street, Ste. 2150
Oakland, CA 94612
sdeyoung@brightsourceenergy.com

APPLICANT'S CONSULTANTS

John L. Carrier, J. D.
2485 Natomas Park Dr. #600
Sacramento, CA 95833-2937
jcarrier@ch2m.com

COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT

Jeffrey Harris
Ellison, Schneider & Harris L.L.P.
Attorneys at Law
2015 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-3109
jd@eslawfirm.com

INTERESTED AGENCIES

Larry Tobias
Ca. Independent System Operator
151 Blue Ravine Road
Folsom, CA 95630
LTobias@caiso.com

Tom Hurshman, Project Manager
Bureau of Land Management
2465 South Townsend Ave.
Montrose, CO 81401
tom_hurshman@blm.gov

Sterling White, Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Needles Field Office
1303 South Highway 95
Needles, CA 92363
Sterling_White@blm.gov

Becky Jones
California Department of Fish & Game
36431 41st Street East
Palmdale, CA 93552
dfgpalm@adelphia.net

INTERVENORS

California Unions for Reliable Energy
("CURE")
Tanya A. Gulesserian
Marc D. Joseph
Adams Broadwell Joseph & Cardozo
601 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 1000
South San Francisco, CA 94080
tgulesserian@adamsbroadwell.com

ENERGY COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. BYRON
Commissioner and Presiding Member
jbyron@energy.state.ca.us

JAMES D. BOYD
Commissioner and Associate Member
jboyd@energy.state.ca.us

Paul Kramer
Hearing Officer
pkramer@energy.state.ca.us

Che McFarlin
Project Manager
Cmcfarli@energy.state.ca.us

Dick Ratliff
Staff Counsel
dratliff@energy.state.ca.us
Public Advisor
pao@energy.state.ca.us