



**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
1516 NINTH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
1-800-822-6228 – WWW.ENERGY.CA.GOV**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE  
THE HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC  
GENERATING SYSTEM  
HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR HOLDINGS, LLC**

**DOCKET No. 11-AFC-2**

<b>DOCKET</b>	
<b>11-AFC-2</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	Nov.16 2011
<b>RECD.</b>	Nov.16 2011

**COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER**

**Background**

On August 5, 2011, Hidden Hills Solar Holdings, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS). HHSEGS would be located on approximately 3,277 acres of privately owned land leased in Inyo County, California, immediately adjacent to the Nevada border. The project site is approximately 18 miles south of Pahrump, Nevada and approximately 45 miles west of Las Vegas, Nevada. HHSEGS would be comprised of two solar fields and associated facilities. Each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 500 MW.

**Summary**

The Energy Commission assigned a Committee of two Commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC. The Committee held a public Site Visit and Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing at the Tecopa Community Center on November 3, 2011, to discuss the review process and to identify issues that could affect the schedule. Pursuant to Title 20, of the California Code of Regulations, section 1709.7(c), the attached Committee Schedule is based on Applicant's and Staff's proposed schedules and related discussions at the Informational Hearing.

The schedule contains a list of events that must occur in order to complete the certification process. This initial schedule covers the period up to the Prehearing Conference with the balance of the schedule to be determined at the Prehearing Conference. The Committee encourages the parties to consider this schedule an outer boundary and make their best efforts to complete the milestones ahead of these dates. Some deadlines may be contingent upon reviews to be conducted by federal, state, and local agencies. The Applicant must provide sufficient review time for the responsible agencies to meet the deadlines specified in the schedule.

Technical issues regarding alternatives, biological resources, cultural resources, land use, socioeconomics, transmission system engineering, visual resources and water resources are pending. Resolution of these issues shall be addressed during the data exchange process and in public meetings with the parties and interested governmental agencies. Given the complexities involved in resolving these issues, the parties are on notice that the Committee may modify the schedule at any time upon either its own motion or that of a party. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1709.7(c).)

### **Status Reports and Conferences**

The attached schedule requires monthly status reports to be submitted in advance of the status conferences by all parties to determine whether case development is progressing satisfactorily and to bring potential schedule delays or other relevant matters to the Committee's attention. The burden is on the Applicant to produce the necessary data according to the schedule. If there are delays, the Committee may adopt a performance approach resulting in a commensurate slip of the schedule.

To facilitate the process, each party shall serve and file status reports on the fifteenth day of each month starting **January 15, 2012**, and continuing until the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) is published. The reports shall be received by the other parties and the Commission's Docket Unit, 1516 9th Street, MS 4, Sacramento, California 95814-5512, **and must be filed no later than 3:00 p.m.** Status reports must contain "Docket No. 11-AFC-2" in the caption or heading. In addition to providing printed copies, the parties shall e-mail their status reports to the Hearing Officer and to those with e-mail addresses as indicated on the Proof-of-Service list. If, for any reason, the FSA is delayed beyond May 2, 2012, the parties are **ORDERED** to provide status reports on the fifteenth day of every month thereafter until directed otherwise by the Committee.

The first Status Conference is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2012** in Hearing Room A at the Energy Commission in Sacramento. The Committee may adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct.

Parties, interested persons and agencies, and the public may attend the status conferences in person in Hearing Room A at the Energy Commission or by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. Details on how to participate by WebEx, will be included in a subsequent Notice of Status Conference. Questions regarding public participation at the status conferences should be directed to the Public Advisor.

## Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For those individuals who require general information on how to participate, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or email: [\[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in any scheduled event, contact Lourdes Quiroz no less than five days prior to the hearing at 916-654-5146 or e-mail: [\[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us).

## Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Kenneth Celli, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-8893, or e-mail: [\[kcelli@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:kcelli@energy.state.ca.us).

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Mike Monasmi, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-4781, or e-mail: [\[mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us).

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/documents/index.html>

Dated: November 16, 2011 at Sacramento, California.



KAREN DOUGLAS  
Commissioner and Presiding Member  
Hidden Hills SEGS AFC Committee



CARLA PETERMAN  
Commissioner and Associate Member  
Hidden Hills SEGS AFC Committee

**COMMITTEE SCHEDULE  
FOR THE  
HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM**

***NOTE: STATUS REPORTS ARE DUE ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF EVERY MONTH BEGINNING 1/15/12.***

ACTIVITY	DATE
AFC filed	08-05-11
AFC Data Adequacy determination at Commission Business Meeting	10-05-11
Staff files Data Requests (round 1A)	10-17-11
Data Request Workshop in Sacramento	10-21-11
Staff files Data Requests (round 1B)	10-26-11
Staff files Issues ID Report	10-26-11
Staff visit to Inyo County + Workshop in Tecopa, CA	10-27-11
Information Hearing and Site Visit in Tecopa, CA	11-03-11
Staff files Data Requests (round 1C)	11-09-11
Applicant files Data Responses (round 1A)	11-16-11
Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop in Sacramento	11-17-11
Staff files data requests (round 2)- visual resources	12-06-11
Applicant provides data responses (round 2)	01-05-12
Data Response (round 2) and Issue Resolution Workshop	01-11-12
Status Reports due by 3:00 p.m.	01-15-12
Status Conference in Hearing Room A at the Energy Commission	01-24-12
Status Reports due by 3:00 p.m.	02-15-12
Status Conference in Hearing Room A at the Energy Commission	02-28-12
Preliminary Staff Assessment filed	02-29-12
Status Reports due by 3:00 p.m.	03-15-12
Preliminary Staff Assessment workshop (in Inyo County)	03-15-12
APCD issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	TBD
Public Comments on PSA are due	03-30-12
Status Conference in Hearing Room A at the Energy Commission	04-03-12
Status Reports due by 3:00 p.m.	04-15-12
Status Conference in Hearing Room A at the Energy Commission	05-01-12
Final Staff Assessment filed	05-02-12
Status Reports due by 3:00 p.m.	05-15-12
Final Staff Assessment Workshop (if necessary)	05-15-12

ACTIVITY	DATE
Status Conference in Hearing Room A at the Energy Commission	05-22-12
APCD issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	TBD*
Prehearing Conference	TBD
Evidentiary Hearings	TBD
Committee files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision	TBD
Hearing on the PMPD	TBD
Committee files errata to PMPD (if necessary)	TBD
Commission issues final Decision	TBD

\*TBD = To Be Determined

November 16, 2011



**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
1516 NINTH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
1-800-822-6228 – WWW.ENERGY.CA.GOV**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE *HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC  
GENERATING SYSTEM PROJECT*  
HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR HOLDINGS, LLC**

DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-2  
PROOF OF SERVICE  
(Revised 11/16/2011)

**APPLICANT**

Stephen Wiley  
BrightSource Energy  
1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2150  
Oakland, CA 94612-3500  
[swiley@brightsourceenergy.com](mailto:swiley@brightsourceenergy.com)

Steve DeYoung  
Andrew Miller  
BrightSource Energy  
1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2150  
Oakland, CA 94612-3500  
[sdeyoung@brightsourceenergy.com](mailto:sdeyoung@brightsourceenergy.com)  
[amiller@brightsourceenergy.com](mailto:amiller@brightsourceenergy.com)

Clay Jensen  
BrightSource Energy  
410 South Rampart Blvd., Suite 390  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145  
[cjensen@brightsourceenergy.com](mailto:cjensen@brightsourceenergy.com)

**APPLICANT'S CONSULTANTS**

Susan Strachan  
Strachan Consulting, LLC  
P.O. Box 1049  
Davis, CA 95617  
[susan@strachanconsult.com](mailto:susan@strachanconsult.com)

John Carrier  
CH2MHill  
2485 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 600  
Sacramento, CA 95833-2987  
[jcarrier@ch2m.com](mailto:jcarrier@ch2m.com)

**COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT**

Chris Ellison  
Jeff Harris  
Samantha Pottenger  
Ellison, Schneider and Harris, LLP  
2600 Capitol Avenue, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95816-5905  
[cte@eslawfirm.com](mailto:cte@eslawfirm.com)  
[jdh@eslawfirm.com](mailto:jdh@eslawfirm.com)  
[sgp@eslawfirm.com](mailto:sgp@eslawfirm.com)

**INTERESTED AGENCIES**

California ISO  
[e-recipient@caiso.com](mailto:e-recipient@caiso.com)

Great Basin Unified APCD  
Duane Ono  
Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer  
157 Short Street  
Bishop, CA 93514  
[dono@gbuapcd.org](mailto:dono@gbuapcd.org)

**INTERVENOR**

\*Jon William Zellhoefer  
P.O. Box 34  
Tecopa, CA 92389  
[jon@zellhoefer.info](mailto:jon@zellhoefer.info)

**ENERGY COMMISSION –  
DECISIONMAKERS**

KAREN DOUGLAS  
Commissioner and Presiding Member  
*e-mail service preferred*  
[kldougl@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:kldougl@energy.state.ca.us)

CARLA PETERMAN  
Commissioner and Presiding Member  
[cpeterma@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:cpeterma@energy.state.ca.us)

Ken Celli  
Hearing Officer  
[kcelli@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:kcelli@energy.state.ca.us)

Galen Lemei  
Adviser to Commissioner Douglas  
*e-mail service preferred*  
[glemei@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:glemei@energy.state.ca.us)

Jim Bartridge  
Adviser to Commissioner Peterman  
[jbartrid@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jbartrid@energy.state.ca.us)

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF**

Mike Monasmith  
Senior Project Manager  
[mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us)

Richard Ratliff  
Staff Counsel IV  
[dratliff@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:dratliff@energy.state.ca.us)

**ENERGY COMMISSION – PUBLIC  
ADVISER**

Jennifer Jennings  
Public Adviser's Office  
*e-mail service preferred*  
[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us)

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, RoseMary Avalos, declare that on, November 16, 2011, I served and filed copies of the attached COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER, dated November 16, 2011. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html)].

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

*(Check all that Apply)*

**For service to all other parties:**

  X   Served electronically to all e-mail addresses on the Proof of Service list;

  X   Served by delivering on this date, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid, to the name and address of the person served, for mailing that same day in the ordinary course of business; that the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on that date to those addresses **NOT** marked "e-mail preferred."

**AND**

**For filing with the Docket Unit at the Energy Commission:**

  X   by sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and e-mailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method); **OR**

       by depositing an original and 12 paper copies in the mail with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, as follows:

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION – DOCKET UNIT**

Attn: Docket No. 11-AFC-2

1516 Ninth Street, MS-4

Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

[docket@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us)

***OR, if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:***

       Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

California Energy Commission

Michael J. Levy, Chief Counsel

1516 Ninth Street MS-14

Sacramento, CA 95814

[mlevy@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mlevy@energy.state.ca.us)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Original Signature By:

RoseMary Avalos

Hearing Adviser's Office