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**Notice of Joint Workshop for the
Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (11-AFC-04) and Hidden Hills Solar
Electric Generating System (11-AFC-02)**

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop for the proposed Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGF) and Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS) projects. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

**TUESDAY, August 28, 2012
Beginning at 10:00 AM**

**California Energy Commission
First Floor, Hearing Room B
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(wheelchair accessible, map attached)**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public the opportunity to discuss Biological Resources generally, and more specifically the applicant's Data Response to Data Request No. 159, associated with the Rio Mesa SEGF, related to solar power convective heat and radiant flux and associated potential impacts.

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/documents/applicant/2012-07-20 Applicants Response to Data Request Set 2A no 159 TN-66280.pdf](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/documents/applicant/2012-07-20%20Applicants%20Response%20to%20Data%20Request%20Set%202A%20no%20159%20TN-66280.pdf)

The workshop is being conducted jointly because both projects share the same technology, applicant (BrightSource Energy, Inc.), and potential for impacts to birds and bats species. Other topic areas or issues related to staff review of the proposed projects may also be discussed.

BACKGROUNDRio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility

On October 14, 2011, Rio Mesa Solar Holdings, LLC (subsidiary to BrightSource Energy, Inc.), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Rio Mesa SEGF. On December 14, 2011, the Energy Commission approved the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC was deemed complete for purposes of commencing the Commission's siting review process. The staff will use the information obtained from the workshop discussions to prepare its Preliminary Staff Assessment for the project.

Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System

On August 5, 2011, Hidden Hills Solar Holdings, LLC, (subsidiary to BrightSource Energy, Inc.), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Hidden

Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS). On October 5, 2011, the Energy Commission approved the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC was deemed complete for purposes of commencing the Energy Commission's siting review process. The staff will use the information obtained from the workshop discussions to prepare its Final Staff Assessment for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility

As currently proposed, the Rio Mesa SEGF would comprise two solar fields and associated facilities encompassing a total of approximately 3,805 acres and would be located on the Palo Verde Mesa in Riverside County, California, approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Blythe. If approved, the two power plants, solar fields, and associated facilities would be located on private land leased from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The project gen-tie line, emergency and construction electrical power supply line, and primary access road would be located on federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 500 MW and would use heliostats – elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on pylons – to focus the sun's rays on a receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tall solar power tower near the center of each solar field. Each solar plant would utilize approximately 85,000 heliostats.

Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System

As currently proposed, the HHSEGS would comprise two solar fields and associated facilities encompassing a total of approximately 3,277 acres of privately owned land leased in Inyo County, California, immediately adjacent to the Nevada border. The project site is approximately 8 miles southeast of Pahrump, Nevada, and approximately 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 500 MW and would use heliostats – elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on pylons – to focus the sun's rays on a receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tall solar power tower near the center of each solar field. Each solar plant would utilize approximately 85,000 heliostats. The transmission line and natural gas pipeline are both located wholly within the state of Nevada on federal land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The components for both projects located within federal lands noted above, along with the entirety of the projects, as connected actions, will be reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for which the BLM is the lead agency.

PARTICIPATION

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions related to the Rio Mesa SEGF project to Pierre Martinez, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-3765, or by e-mail at pierre.martinez@energy.ca.gov and for those related to HHSEGS, to Mike Monasmith, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4894, or by e-mail at mike.monasmith@energy.ca.gov.

If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of either project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or via email at lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov at least five days in advance.

If you wish to provide written comments on the project, please submit comments to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number 11-AFC-04 for the Rio Mesa SEGF project and/or 11-AFC-02 for the HHSEGS project in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. If you wish to submit comments electronically, please provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to docket@energy.ca.gov. Please include your name or organization's name in the file name. If you are preparing non-electronic written comments, please mail or hand deliver them to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 11-AFC-04 and/or 11-AFC-02
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All written comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become a part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, comments may be posted on the project website.

News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov. The staff's Data Requests, applicant's Data Responses, status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the project web sites: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html> for the Rio Mesa SEGF project, and <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html> for the HHSEGS project.

You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements from the respective project website through the List Server. By being on this e-mail list, you will receive notification of and links to all project-related notices and documents pertaining to each project's evaluation and review.

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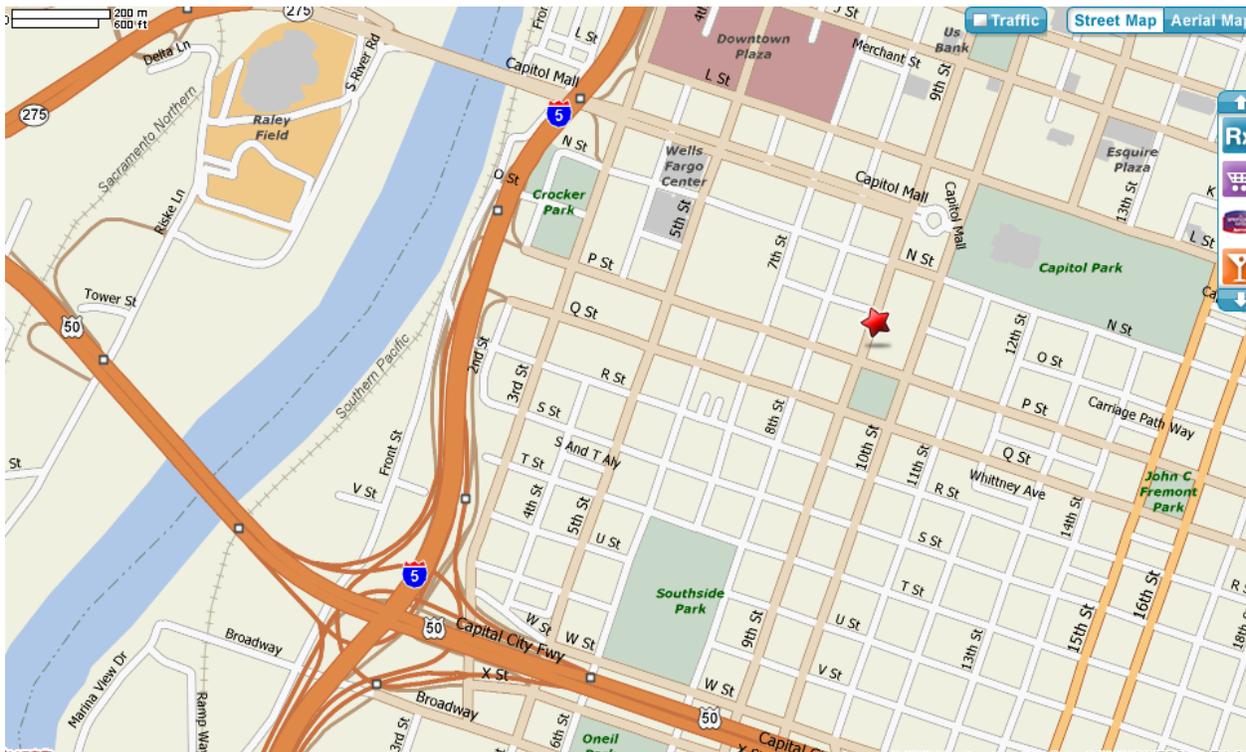
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Docket (11-AFC-04)
Proof of Service List
Property Owner List No. 7412
Agency List No. 7413
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HHSEGS
Docket (11-AFC-02)
Proof of Service List
Property Owner List No. 7402
Agency List No. 7403
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
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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.

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