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California Energy Commission
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Re: Request for Extension of Time for Publication of the Final Staff Assessment

Dear Commissioners Douglas and Peterman:

As demonstrated by the volume of comments on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (“PSA”), the parties have recognized that the PSA requires substantial work before it can be converted into a Final Staff Assessment (“FSA”) that contains an accurate assessment of relevant issues. We are requesting that the schedule of the FSA be extended to October 19, 2012 to accommodate full consideration of those comments, as well as ongoing workshops.

The parties filed 900 pages of comments on the combined 1,270 pages in the PSA and the Supplemental Staff Assessment (“SSA”). The parties will also benefit from the discussion of avian issues at the workshop anticipated to occur at the end of August; that discussion should also be used to inform the FSA.

All parties have an interest in ensuring that the Staff has adequate time to consider their comments, and to draft an FSA that appropriately addresses the issues they have raised in their comments. The Commission as a whole has a strong interest in ensuring that the FSA is properly prepared as the document will shape, and hopefully reduce the necessary scope of, the evidentiary hearings. This in turn will shape the trajectory for moving toward the Commission’s final decision. The Applicant also has a strong interest in receiving an FSA that addresses the concerns articulated in the Applicant’s PSA comments, given the interest in receiving a final decision for the project that is both buildable and financeable.

Given these circumstances, the Applicant believes it is imperative that the Staff have adequate time and resources to respond fully to the comments received. The Applicant respectfully submits that all parties to this proceeding and the public would be well-served by a brief, focused extension of time for publication of the FSA. Accordingly, the Applicant requests an extension of time for publication of the FSA to October 19, 2012.

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If you have questions on this procedural request, please feel free to contact me at (916) 447-2166. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffery D. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission

Application for Certification for the HIDDEN)
HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING) Docket No. 11-AFC-2
SYSTEM PROJECT)
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Karen A. Mitchell, declare that on August 15, 2012, I served the attached *Request for Extension of Time for Publication of the Final Staff Assessment* via electronic and U.S. mail to all parties on the attached service list.

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



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