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**PROJECT TITLE: BrightSource**

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<b>NAME:Roger Johnson, Deputy Director, CEC Drew Bohan, Chief Deputy Director, CEC</b>	<b>DATE:8/17/12</b>	<b>TIME:1400</b>
<b>WITH:</b> Joe Desmond. Senior Vice President, Government Affairs and Communications, BrightSource Arthur Haubenstock, Director, Regulatory Affairs, BrightSource		
<b>SUBJECT:Meeting was to touch base on BrightSource activities</b>		

**COMMENTS:**

Roger Johnson and Drew Bohan met with Joe Desmond at the CEC, and Arthur Haubenstock joined by telephone. Mr. Desmond explained that BrightSource wanted to update CEC management on the status of their development efforts in California and provide information on the potential impact certain state and federal programs had on their plans. Drew informed Mr. Desmond that we would not be able to discuss any specifics of projects that were currently under review by the staff.

Mr. Desmond discussed three phases of power tower development planned by BrightSource. Phase 1 is the Ivanpah-type project with low towers and lower temperatures and pressures. Phase 2 is a higher tower with higher temperatures and pressures and increased efficiency. Phase 3 will have super critical temperatures, higher pressures and molten salt storage and the highest efficiency. All phases will use water as the working fluid.

Mr. Desmond mentioned that he understood that the CEC was reevaluating our third-party Chief Building Official (CBO) selection process, and they were OK with whatever revisions we may institute. He mentioned that they were pleased with their CBO on the Ivanpah project.

Mr. Desmond explained that their development plans are greatly influenced by the planned sunset of the solar Investment Tax Credit at the end of 2016. The credit will only be available to projects that are in operation by 12/31/16. Accordingly, BrightSource is timing their project applications and hoping for timely permitting reviews that would allow them to complete construction on a portfolio of projects by the end of 2016. Roger reminded Mr. Desmond that project location was a large factor in how timely a project review could proceed.

Mr. Desmond mentioned that they had filed a large number of comments on the Preliminary Staff Assessment for the Hidden Hills project and presented them to the Committee the previous day and had requested that the Committee extend the schedule for 30 days to allow the staff to adequately address their comments. He suggested that they would be willing to work with staff in a workshop or would consider providing motions for clarity that the

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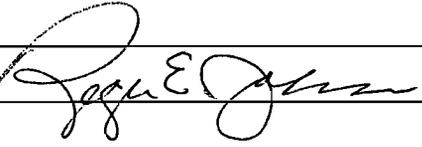
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committee could rule on before the matters go to evidentiary hearings. We did not discuss how staff would proceed on the matter.

Mr. Desmond also mentioned that he was interested in providing the Energy Commission with suggestions for improvements to the siting process. Roger remarked that he believed that Mr. Haubenstein had participated in the Order Instituting Investigation (OII) for lessons learned with the recent American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects that were permitted by the Commission and that we would continue to welcome their input.

Roger mentioned that understanding BrightSource's development plans would help us prepare our staffing for any future Applications for Certification that they may file. He said he knew that BrightSource had purchased the Palen project with plans to file an amendment to convert it to a power tower facility and he has read about two Siberia projects and one Sonoran West project that are being planned. Mr. Desmond said that once they have their plans finalized at the CPUC in the next few months, they would be able to identify the timing for their future AFC submittals. Roger noted that staff resources are limited, so it is helpful to hear from developers when their plans change.

<b>cc:</b> Drew Bohan Joe Desmond Arthur Haubenstein	<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Name:</b> Roger E. Johnson
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