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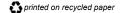
Re: Workshop Follow Up Regarding Transmission and Biology Information for Solar One Project 8-AFC-13

Dear Ms. Bellows and Ms. Champion:

During the Energy Commission Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop on December 22, 2009, Allan Thompson, counsel for the Applicant in the Stirling Solar One proceeding, requested that CURE provide a list of the specific documents referenced by the Applicant in response to CURE data requests, relating to the environmental impacts of the transmission line upgrades. As described during the workshop, the documents were all referenced by Tessera in the Applicant's response to CURE Data Request 391.

Although one or more of these documents was prepared by Southern California Edison (SCE), SCE made it clear during the workshop that SCE did not

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object to the release of the documents and considered the documents to be releasable by the Applicant.

Specifically, these are the documents requested during the workshop:

- 1. Technical Assessment II, dated June 13, 2008.
- 2. Interconnection Facilities Study, dated November 6, 2008.
- 3. Optional Study, delivered to the ISO in January 2008.
- 4. Optional Study Report, dated January 9, 2008.
- 5. Interconnection Optional Study, dated October 12, 2009.

Additionally, the Applicant agreed to provide further clarification in writing to data responses 10, 379, 380 and 382. Regarding Data Response 10, the Applicant's biologist Pat Mock said that he would provide the names of the specific surveyors that had 60 days of prior field experience surveying for desert tortoise and tortoise sign.

In Data Response 379, the Applicant provides a list of all special status species that were detected on the transmission route. This list contradicts Data Response 382, which lists a number of additional special status species as having been detected on the transmission route (e.g. Booth's evening primrose, crucifixion thorn, Mohave fringe-toed lizard, yellow warbler, American badger). Please reconcile these two lists.

In Data Response 380, Pat Mock indicated that he would provide clarification regarding the specific dates and time of day that the surveyors were surveying the Solar One main site and what date and time of day the surveyors were surveying the transmission line. CURE submitted this request because the Biological Technical Report in the AFC shows several of the individuals surveying the Project site and the transmission line on the same day.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Specifically, on April 4 and 6, 2007, Hoisington and Honer are listed as surveying both the main site and the transmission line. On April 9, 2007, Pugh and Jensen were listed as surveying both the transmission line and the main site. On April 10, 2007 Kinoshita and Jensen were listed as both surveying the transmission line and main site.

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Due to the fast-track nature of this proceeding, please docket this information as early as possible so that it may be reviewed by Commission Staff, and all interested resource agencies and parties. These documents are relevant to the joint Energy Commission/Bureau of Land Management review of the environmental and reliability impacts of this Project.

Sincerely,

/s/

Loulena A. Miles

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### DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Bonnie Heeley, declare that on December 28, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Workshop Follow-up Regarding Transmission and Biology Information Letter dated December 28, 2009. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, 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/solarone. The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding as shown on the Proof of Service list and to the Commission's Docket Unit electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list; and by depositing in the U.S. mail at South San Francisco, CA, with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed as provided on the Proof of Service list to those addresses NOT marked "email preferred."

#### AND

By sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively to:

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION Attn: Docket No. 08-AFC-1 1516 Ninth Street, MS 4 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512 docket@energy.state.us.ca.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at South San Francisco, CA, on December 28, 2009.

\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_ Bonnie Heeley

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