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Re: Calico Solar Project Data Request – 08-AFC-13

Dear Ms. Bellows:

As you know, Sierra Club is an intervening party in Tessera Solar's (the "Applicant") current proceeding for an Application for Certification for the Calico Solar Project (Docket No. 08-AFC-13) pending before the California Energy Commission. During evidentiary hearings last week in Barstow, California, the Applicant introduced for the first time its proposed Desert Tortoise Translocation Plan for the Calico Solar Project (the "Translocation Plan").

I am writing to request that you provide copies of the underlying raw field data that the Translocation Plan relied on to make its conclusions. Please provide the following data:

- According to project documents, the Applicant conducted protocol surveys between March 29 and April 15, 2010 of the entire original 8,230-acre Calico project site. We are requesting the specific field data forms, including photographs, for each tortoise observation. In other words, there should be 104 separate data sheets and photographs, one for each observed desert tortoise.
- According to project documents, the Applicant conducted protocol surveys of all potential recipient sites to determine the density and observed health of the resident population and to evaluate the habitat quality of the recipient sites.
 We are requesting the specific field data forms from these protocol surveys of recipient sites.
- According to project documents, the Applicant evaluated indicators of habitat quality at the recipient sites. We are requesting the specific field data to support those determinations (i.e. soil samples, presence of forage, predator data, etc.).
- We are also requesting any other relevant field data that the Applicant relied on to prepare its proposed Translocation Plan.

Sierra Club makes this request because the underlying data from the protocol surveys and the relocation sites are necessary for Sierra Club to prepare its own evaluation of the proposed Translocation Plan prior to additional evidentiary hearings that are scheduled for August 18, 2010. Absent this information, we cannot prepare direct testimony on the plan. Therefore, please provide the requested data sheets and photographs by **Wednesday**, **August 11, 2010**.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this request, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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For the CALICO SOLAR (Formerly SES Solar One)

Docket No. 08-AFC-13

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I declare under penalty of perjury 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.