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FOM: Stirling Energy Systems, Inc. / Tessera Solar

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to SES Solar Two and Calico Solar (formerly Solar One)  
Schedules

During the January 27, 2010 Status Conference on the Calico (Solar One) project, it became clear that the release date for the Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (SA/DEIS) was going to be delay about a month to March 15. We have also learned recently that date that the SA/DEIS for the Imperial Valley (Solar Two) project would also slip from January 2, 2010 to approximately February 12, 2010. While we regret the delays, we understand them given the significant workload facing the Commission staff and the complexities of working with multiple agencies on projects. As we stated in our comments at the Renewable Energy Policy Group meeting on January 22, 2010 and at the Status Conference, we would prefer that the Commission staff release an adequate and defensible SA/DEIS rather than focus on a strict publication date at this point in the proceedings. It is critical to us, however, that the decision date outlined in both Committee schedules be met so that we can undertake desert tortoise relocation work on Calico (Solar One) and begin construction of both projects in order to meet the ARRA requirements.

We have looked closely at the schedules for both the Imperial Valley (Solar Two) and Calico (Solar One) projects and believe the final decision dates can be met even with the slippage of the SA/DEIS identified above. To accomplish this, four actions would be required:

1. Early initiation of workshops and hearings in both projects as contemplated in the Committee's schedule on Calico (Solar One)
2. Reducing the time for post hearing briefs from three weeks to two weeks
3. Requesting the US Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with the 90-day preparation of a Biological Opinion as agreed in their MOU with the BLM
4. Publication of the Supplemental Staff Assessment/Final Environmental Impact Statement four weeks following the close of the SA/DEIS comment period and receipt of the Biological Opinion.


The first attached page compares the current Imperial Valley (Solar Two) and Calico (Solar One) schedules and the lapsed time between major events. It also identifies a single, consistent schedule of events that can be used for both cases. The second attached page presents a proposed schedule for both Imperial Valley (Solar Two) and Calico (Solar One) assuming this consistent schedule of events. These schedules allow the slippage in filing the SA/DEIS and meeting the necessary decision dates for both projects.

We would appreciate your consideration and possible adoption of these schedules. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Felicia Bellows



Richard Knox

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Solar Two Proof of Service  
Calico Solar Proof of Service

# IMPERIAL VALLEY (SOLAR TWO) AND CALICO (SOLAR ONE) SCHEDULE REVIEW

## CURRENT SCHEDULE AND LAPSED TIME

ACTIVITY	IMPERIAL VALLEY		CALICO	
	Current Committee Schedule	Committee Lapsed Time	Current Committee Schedule	Committee Lapsed Time
Publish SA/DEIS	1/8/2010		2/16/2010	
Initiate USFWS (BA)	1/8/2010		2/16/2010	
SA Workshops	2/16/2010	SA + 5 weeks	3/1/2010	SA + 2-3 wks
Applicant Testimony	3/1/2010	SA + 7 weeks	3/15/2010	SA + 4 weeks
PHC Statements	3/1/2010	SA + 7 weeks		
Prehearing Conference	3/8/2010	SA + 8 weeks	3/22/2010	SA + 5 weeks
Other Testimony	3/15/2010	SA + 9 weeks	3/29/2010	SA + 6 weeks
Rebuttal Testimony	3/18/2010	SA + 9 1/2 wks	4/5/2010	SA + 7 weeks
Final Prehear. Conf.			4/7/2010	SA + 7 weeks
Evidentiary Hearings	3/22/2010	SA + 10 weeks	4/12/2010	SA + 8 weeks
Post Hearing Briefs			5/5/2010	EH + 3 weeks
DEIS Comment Ends	4/8/2010	DEIS + 90 days	5/17/2010	DEIS + 90 days
USFWS BO	5/24/2010	BA + 135 days	6/30/2010	BA + 135 days
Publish SSA/FEIS	5/17/2010	Comment + 5 wks	7/14/2010	BO + 2 weeks
Publish PMPD	6/30/2010	SSA + 5 weeks	7/28/2010	SSA + 2 weeks
PMPD Hearing	7/26/2010	PMPD + 4 weeks		PMPD + 25 days
PMPD Comment Ends		PMPD + 4 weeks		PMPD + 4 weeks
Revised PMPD	8/9/2010	PMPD + 5 weeks	9/1/2010	PMPD + 35 days
Final Decision Hearing	8/25/2010	RPMPD + 2 weeks	9/22/2010	RPMPD + 20 days
BLM ROD	8/25/2010		9/30/2010	

Proposed Changes:

- 1) Use Calico (Solar One) lapsed time as the starting point.
- 2) Reduce the time for Post Hearing briefs from 3 weeks to 2 weeks.
- 3) Apply the 90 day period for preparation of the Biological Opinion per the BLM/USFW
- 4) Release the SSA/FEIS 4 weeks after the close of comments and receipt of the Biolog
- 5) Hold the PMPD Hearings 3 weeks after release of the PMPD.
- 6) Release the Revised PMPD 5 weeks after release of the PMPD.
- 7) Business Meeting 2 weeks after release of the PMPD to adopt the decision.

## IMPERIAL VALLEY (SOLAR TWO) AND CALICO (SOLAR ONE) SCHEDULE REVIEW

### PROPOSED LAPSED TIME AND SCHEDULE (with approximate dates)

ACTIVITY	IMPERIAL VALLEY		CALICO
	Proposed Lapsed Time	Proposed Schedule	Proposed Schedule
Publish SA/DEIS		2/15/2010	3/15/2010
Initiate USFWS (BA)		2/15/2010	3/15/2010
SA Workshops	SA + 2-3 wks	3/1/2010	4/1/2010
Applicant Testimony	SA + 4 weeks	3/15/2010	4/15/2010
PHC Statements	SA + 4 weeks	3/15/2010	4/15/2010
Prehearing Conference	SA + 5 weeks	3/21/2010	4/21/2010
Other Testimony	SA + 6 weeks	4/1/2010	5/1/2010
Rebuttal Testimony	SA + 7 weeks	4/8/2010	5/8/2010
Final Prehear. Conf.	SA + 7 weeks	4/8/2010	5/8/2010
Evidentiary Hearings	SA + 8 weeks	4/15/2010	5/15/2010
Post Hearing Briefs	EH + 2 weeks	5/1/2010	6/1/2010
DEIS Comment Ends	DEIS + 90 days	5/15/2010	6/15/2010
USFWS BO	BA + 90 days	5/15/2010	6/15/2010
Publish SSA/FEIS	Comment + 4 wks	6/15/2010	7/15/2010
Publish PMPD	SSA + 2 weeks	7/1/2010	8/1/2010
PMPD Hearing	PMPD + 3 weeks	7/21/2010	8/21/2010
PMPD Comment Ends	PMPD + 4 weeks	8/1/2010	9/1/2010
Revised PMPD	PMPD + 5 weeks	8/7/2010	9/7/2010
Final Decision Hearing	RPMPD + 2 weeks	8/21/2010	9/21/2010
BLM ROD		8/21/2010	9/21/2010



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