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### **Energy Resources Conservation** And Development Commission

In the Matter of:	)	Docket No. 08-AFC-5
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Application for Certification for the	)	
SOLAR TWO POWER PROJECT	)	November 5, 2009
Stirling Energy Systems	)	

#### Staff Comments on Schedule

On October 26, 2009, the Committee designated by the California Energy **Commission (Energy Commission)** to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification (AFC) for the Solar Two Energy Project issued a Notice of Committee Conference and directed parties to submit comments regarding the suitability of applying the basic concepts of the "Renewable Energy Action Team" Milestones to Permit California Renewable Portfolio Standard Energy Projects by December 2010" to the Solar Two Energy Project. Staff is keenly aware of the interest in ensuring that renewable energy projects currently before the Energy Commission for licensing are reviewed in an expeditious manner. Although there have been significant delays in obtaining the information needed to complete a staff analysis, staff is prepared to work diligently to assist the Solar Two Energy Project in obtaining a license prior to December 2010. To that end, staff has prepared the attached schedule. Adherence to this schedule would allow a license to issue by September 15, 2010. We note that the schedule may need to be modified to allow for a second evidentiary hearing after the Supplemental SA is filed, which could affect the date of the final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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Activity	Deadline
Final Data Responses/Reports from Applicant to staff for review	10/15/2009
NOA of SA/DEIS in Federal Register	12/31/2009
SA/DEIS filed (90-day comment period begins)	12/31/2009
BLM submits BA to USFWS (Start 135-day consultation)	12/15/2009
SA workshop/DEIS public meetings	2/15/2010
Prehearing/Evidentiary hearings start (evidentiary record remains open till key items such as USFWS Biological Opinion are received)	3/15/2010
Close BLM comment period	3/31/2010
BLM and USFWS consultation	5/15-7/1/2010
USFWS issues Biological Opinion	5/1/2010
Prepare responses to comments and add to SA/FEIS	5/15/2010
Administrative Supplemental SA (SSA)/FEIS circulated for internal staff review	5/25/2010
NOA of SSA /FEIS in Federal Register	5/31/2010
SSA/FEIS distributed	5/31/2010
Plan Amendment Protest period ends	6/30/2010
Committee files proposed decision	7/15/2010
Hearing on the proposed decision	7/28/2010
Close of public comments on the proposed decision	8/15/2010
Addendum/revised proposed decision	9/1/2010
BLM Record of Decision	9/15/2010
Commission Decision	9/15/2010



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## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION For the SES SOLAR TWO PROJECT

Docket No. 08-AFC-5

**PROOF OF SERVICE** 

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#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Chester Hong, declare that on November 5, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached, **Staff** Comments on Schedule dated, November 5, 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: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solartwo/index.html].

The documents have 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, in the following manner:

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