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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Energy Resources Conservation
And Development Commission**

In the Matter of:) Docket No. 08-AFC-5
)
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 |
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| 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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For the SES SOLAR TWO PROJECT**

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