Sitting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division

FILE: 09-AFC-8

PROJECT TITLE: Genesis Solar Energy Project

NAME: Tricia Bernhardt, Senior Environmental Planner/Project Manager, Tetra Tech EC, Inc.
Kenneth Stein and Meg Russell, NextEra

DATE: 12/28/09 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

WITH: Mike Monasmith, CEC Siting Project Manager
Negar Vahidi, Senior Land Use Technical Specialist, Aspen Environmental Group
Jacob Hawkins, Land Use Technical Specialist, Aspen Environmental Group

SUBJECT: Clarification of Land Use Data Responses

COMMENTS: CEC staff (staff) held a conference call with the Applicant’s Environmental Consultant and the applicant to clarify the Applicant’s responses in Data Responses to Set 1A Item 124, and Items 128 through 136.

With regard to Item 124, while the Applicant only expects to use 1,890 acres, because the Applicant has requested 4,640 acres of ROW from the BLM, staff expects that the entire 4,640 acres will need to be fully analyzed for the BLM’s NEPA process. Stein clarified that while they are requesting the 4,640-acre ROW from the BLM, the BLM will only require analysis of the 1,890-acre project site and linear route as opposed to the full 4,640-acre ROW area. According to Stein, 1,800 acres would be used for the project site and 90 acres would be used for the various associate linear facilities’ routes.

With regard to Items 128 through 130, Vahidi and Hawkins stated that they understood that the 80-foot construction ROW and 30-foot access road ROW would not traverse any private property, but that scale of the maps provided in the AFC were insufficient to determine if the 300-foot ROW for the linear route would cross private property. Bernhardt and Stein stated that the 300-foot ROW associated with the linear route would be located wholly on BLM lands and would not traverse any private lands.

With regard to Items 131 through 136, Vahidi pointed out that Figure 5.7-4 (Linear Corridor Land Ownership) shows the access road traversing a parcel of private property (818111008 HOOD). Bernhardt stated that Figure 5.7-4 is incorrect in showing parcel 818111008 as private property and indicated that staff would be provided with a map showing the correct property ownership. Bernhardt referenced Item 47a in the Data Responses to Set 1A as showing a corrected alignment of the linear facilities based on discussions between the Applicant and the BLM.

Staff indicated that they would use the clarifications provided by the applicant and its consultant to proceed with the land use analysis for the SA/DEIS.

cc: Mike Monasmith, CEC
    Jacob Hawkins, Aspen

Signed: Negar Vahidi

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