Notice of Staff Workshop on Data Requests for the Genesis Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-8)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop for the proposed Genesis Solar Energy Project to discuss staff’s biological and water data requests and to work towards resolving issues. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

MONDAY, November 23, 2009
1:00 – 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, November 24, 2009 (if needed)
9:00AM

California Energy Commission
Hearing Room B
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Call-in Number (toll free): 888-946-3805 (pass code: 18255)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public to discuss staff’s data requests issued on November 13, 2009, and to work towards resolving project issues. Subjects to be discussed include: Alternatives, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources and Soil & Water Resources. Other technical areas of the data requests may be discussed as necessary. We anticipate completing the Workshop on November 23rd. However, in order to preserve the option of continuing the Workshop on November 24th, we are noticing both days (those calling-in should check at 9AM on November 24th to see if the Workshop has been continued from the following day, or not).

BACKGROUND

On August 31, 2009, Genesis Solar, LLC, (applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop the Genesis Solar...
Energy Project (Project Genesis), a solar electric generating facility with a nominal net electrical output of 250 megawatts. On September 30, 2009, the California Energy Commission found Project Genesis data inadequate in nine sections including: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geological resources, noise, paleontological resources, soils, transmission system design, visual resources and water resources. On October 12, 2009, the applicant submitted a Data Adequacy Supplement to the AFC, covering areas earlier determined as incomplete. This Supplement was evaluated by staff, and subsequently, at the Energy Commission’s November 4, 2009 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission found the AFC complete, beginning Energy Commission staff’s analysis of the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Genesis is a concentrated solar electric generating facility that would consist of two, independent solar electric generating facilities with a nominal net electrical output of 125 megawatts (MW) each, for a total net electrical output of 250 MW. The project would utilize solar parabolic trough technology to activate a heat transfer fluid. This heat transfer fluid provides a high-temperature energy source which is used to generate steam. As this steam expands through the turbine generators, electrical power is generated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Mike Monasmith, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4894, or by e-mail at mike.monasmith@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission’s Internet web site at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/genesis_solar. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the proposed project’s evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Maria Sergoyan, Project Assistant, at (916) 651-9410 or by email at msergoya@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: ______________________

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GENESIS SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT
(09-AFC-8)

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
GENESIS SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

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PROOF OF SERVICE
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Eileen Allen, declare that on November 13, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Genesis Solar Energy Project (09AFC-8) Notice of a Staff Workshop on Data Requests, dated November 13, 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/genesis_solar].

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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FOR SERVICE TO ALL OTHER PARTIES:

x ___ sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

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AND

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

Original Signature in Dockets
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