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Application for Confidential Designation: Soda Mountain Solar

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Dear Michael Cocchimiglio:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) received Soda Mountain Solar LLC (applicant) Application for Confidentiality (TN 259692), dated October 25, 2024, regarding the following documents:

- Appendix O3 Interconnection Facilities Study Report. Generation Interconnection. May 2013, All pages
- Appendix O4 Interconnection Facilities Study Report – Supplement No 1. Generation Interconnection. Final. May 15, 2017, All Pages
- Appendix O5 Interconnection Facilities Study Report – Supplement No 2. Large Generation Interconnection. Final. May 31, 2024, All Pages

A properly filed application for confidentiality shall be granted under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(a)(3)(A) “if the applicant makes a reasonable claim that the Public Records Act or other provision of law authorizes the Commission to keep the record confidential.”

The applicant requests the above documents be kept confidential indefinitely pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505 (b). Section 2505 (b) states:

“When another federal, state, regional, or local agency or state-created private entity, such as the California Independent System Operator, possesses information pertinent to the responsibilities of the Commission that has been designated by the agency as confidential under the Public Records Act, or the Freedom of Information Act, the Commission, the Executive Director, or the Chief Counsel may request, and the agency shall submit the information to the Commission without an application for confidential designation. The Commission shall designate this information confidential.”

The applicant indicated that the above referenced documents have been designated as confidential by the California Independent System Operator.

Executive Director's Determination

Here, the applicant indicated that CAISO has designated Appendix O3, O4, and O5 as confidential and the information is pertinent to the responsibilities of the CEC. Therefore, the applicant has made a reasonable showing that the information contained in the study documents should be maintained as confidential due to CAISO's designation, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(b). CEC designates the Appendix 3A and 3B confidential indefinitely but may be disclosed upon approval from CAISO.

Be advised that persons may petition to inspect or copy records that have been designated as confidential, the executive director may disclose, or release records previously designated as confidential in certain circumstances, and the CEC may hold a hearing to determine the confidentiality of its records on its own motion or on a motion by CEC staff. The procedures and criteria for disclosing or releasing, filing, reviewing, and acting upon such petitions or motions are set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 2506 through 2508.

Any related subsequent submittals can be deemed confidential, without the need for an application, by following the procedures set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(a)(4).

If you have questions, please email confidentialityapplication@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Drew Bohan
Executive Director