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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC STAFF WORKSHOP
FOR THE PROPOSED
PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM (09-AFC-7C)
Presiding Member's Proposed Decision**

The workshop will be held on:

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Starting at 1:00 pm**

The workshop will be held at:

**The California Energy Commission, Hearing Room B
1516 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(Wheelchair accessible, map attached)**

To participate in the meeting by telephone:

WebEx call-in toll-free number: **1-866-469-3239**
WebEx meeting number: **926 238 092**
WebEx meeting password: **palen2014***

Purpose

California Energy Commission staff will hold a workshop to discuss biology, alternatives, storage, and overriding considerations for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System (PSEGS) project. At the January 7, 2014, Committee Conference, the committee directed Petitioner to further consider infeasibility of project alternatives, benefits of the project that would support overriding consideration, including the addition of storage, and provide additional information on project impacts on avian related issues and how that impact compares to other solar technologies that would support overriding consideration.

The Presiding Member's Proposed Decision was published by the Energy Commission on December 13, 2013, and the "Corrected Transcript of the Committee Conference," was published on January 28, 2014. Both are available for review in the project docket at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=09-AFC-07C>. The petitioner has also docketed supplemental testimony on these topic areas that will be discussed at the workshop. This workshop will only cover the topics and proposed conditions of certification to be responsive to the committee's direction.

The workshop will have time set aside for members of the public to comment on, or ask questions about, the topics discussed. Technical or schedule questions should be directed to Christine Stora, Compliance Project Manager for the PSEGS project, at (916) 654-4745, or e-mail her at christine.stora@energy.ca.gov.

Summary of the Proposed PSEGS Project Amendment

The project site is located immediately north of Interstate 10, approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe, some 10 miles east of Desert Center, in eastern Riverside County, California.

The modifications proposed in the petition include replacing the parabolic trough solar collection system and associated heat transfer fluid with BrightSource's solar tower technology. Heliostats—elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on a pylon—focus the sun's rays on a solar receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tower near the center of each solar field, to create steam to drive a turbine that generates electricity.

Two adjacent solar fields producing 250 megawatts (MW) each are proposed for a combined nominal output of approximately 500 MW. Each of the 250 MW solar fields will have a dedicated tower, solar field/heliostat array of approximately 170,000 heliostats, a dedicated non-reheat Rankine-cycle steam turbine generator/power block and an air-cooled condenser (dry cooling). Both solar fields will share common facilities, including: a common area containing an administration building; warehouse; evaporation ponds; maintenance complex; a meter/valve station for incoming natural gas service to the site; an onsite switchyard; and, a 10-mile single-circuit 230-kV generation tie-line to deliver power to the newly constructed Red Bluff substation immediately south of I-10. Other onsite facilities will include access and maintenance roads (either dirt, gravel, or paved), perimeter fencing, tortoise fencing, and other ancillary security facilities.

Attendance by the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office

A representative of the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office may attend the workshop and be available to address any questions regarding opportunities for public involvement in the Energy Commission's project review process.

Participation

If you desire information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact Alana Matthews, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll-free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

To request special accommodations for those persons with disabilities, please contact Lourdes Quiroz, the Energy Commission's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, at (916) 654-5146, or email at lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov. For those persons with limited English knowledge, request interpreter services by contacting the Compliance Project Manager, Christine Stora, at (916) 654-4745 or email christine.stora@energy.ca.gov.

If you wish to provide written comments on the project, please submit them to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number (09-AFC-7C) for the PSEGS in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. If you wish to submit comments electronically, please provide them as either a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx) or in Portable Document Format (.pdf) to docket@energy.ca.gov, and include your name or your organization's name in the file name. If you are preparing non-electronic written comments, please mail or hand-deliver them to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 09-AFC-7C
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All written comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become a part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, comments may be posted on the PSEGS webpage of the Energy Commission's website.

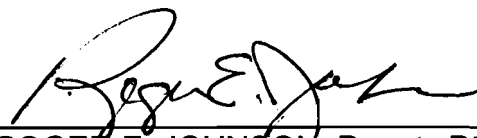
To obtain additional information about the PSEGS project, you can subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices of meetings and announcements at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>. By being on this e-mail list, you will receive all notices of meetings and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

The status of the project, an electronic copy of the amendment petition, staff reports, Presiding Member's Proposed Decision, copies of notices, data requests and responses, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/>.

News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media and Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Date: 3/28/14



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- and **palen2014***
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