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In the Matter of:)
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Application for Certification for the Ivanpah Solar) Docket No. 07-AFC-5
Electric Generation System)
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APPLICANT'S STATUS REPORT #2

Applicant and the staff of both BLM and the CEC continue to have a very productive working relationship in the licensing proceeding of the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) Application for Certification [07-AFC-5]. The following discussion summarizes the status of the proceeding since the issuance of Applicant's Status Report No. 1 on March 21, 2008:

- The CEC and BLM staffs have inquired about stormwater drainage issues and have requested site design and drainage plans that are beyond the conceptual level typically required by the CEC for licensing a power plant. In the spirit of moving the project forward, the Applicant agreed to prepare a Detailed Site Drainage, Grading and Erosion Control Plan for the ISEGS project. In examining the stormwater issues associated with the site, the Applicant also sought to respond to issues raised by the BLM and CEC regarding an existing mining claim, rerouting of trails, and relocation of the project's supply wells. At the same time, the project engineers sought to optimize the project's efficiency, looking for engineering opportunities to generate more electricity from the same geographic area, thus reducing overall impacts per kilowatt hour. On May 9, 2008, Applicant filed additional information and analyses that addressed all but the stormwater issues and included these optimization designs (Data Response Set 1D, sometimes referred to as the Optimization filing). Applicant anticipates submitting the Detailed Site Drainage, Grading and Erosion Control Plan in May 2008.
- As noted in Applicant's Status Report No. 1, due to dry weather conditions in the Ivanpah site area during the 2006 and 2007 rainy season Applicant, at the recommendation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was unable to perform biological field surveys for annual plant varieties at the ISEGS site. In early April 2008 Applicant completed the annual plant field surveys over the entire 3,700-acre ISEGS project boundary. A report on the 2008 botanical surveys will

be provided once the data is validated and a report can be prepared (likely in July 2008). Tortoise surveys for the additional areas not covered in 2007 are underway this month and will also be provided once they are available (likely in June 2008).

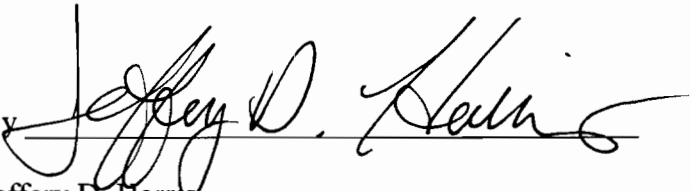
- On February 11, 2008, Applicant submitted a Wetlands Delineation of the ISEGS Site to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). Applicant understands that the USACOE is reviewing the report and, should it be deemed necessary, a tentative site visit by the USACOE has been scheduled for May 22, 2008.

Significant progress is being made toward the resolution of all other outstanding issues. The Applicant looks forward to timely completion of this proceeding.

May 16, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Ron O'Connor, declare that on May 16, 2008 I deposited copies of the attached *Applicant's Status Report #2* in the United States mail in Sacramento, California, with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to all parties on the attached service list.

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



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