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In the Matter of:) Docket No. 08-AFC-13
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 Application for Certification for the)
 SOLAR ONE POWER PROJECT) November 5, 2009
Stirling Energy Systems)

Staff Comments on Schedule

On October 26, 2009, the Committee designated by the Energy Commission to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification (AFC) for the Solar One Energy Project issued a Notice of Committee Conference and directed parties to submit comments regarding the suitability of applying the basic concepts of the "Renewable Energy Action Team Milestones to Permit California Renewable Portfolio Standard Energy Projects by December 2010" to the Solar One Energy Project. Staff is keenly aware of the interest in ensuring that renewable energy projects currently before the Energy Commission for licensing are reviewed in an expeditious manner. Although there have been some delays in obtaining the information needed to complete a staff analysis, staff is prepared to work diligently to assist the Solar One Energy Project in obtaining a license prior to December 2010. To that end, staff prepared the attached schedule, which was also submitted as part of Staff's October 27, 2009 Status Report. Adherence to this schedule, which assumes that the water supply plan presented in the AFC -- and not the two alternatives identified in the October 1, 2009 Interim Status Report -- is analyzed, would allow a license to issue by November 1, 2010. We note that the schedule may need to be modified to allow for a second evidentiary hearing after the Supplemental SA is filed, which could affect the date of the final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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| <i>EVENT</i> | <i>DATE</i> |
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| BLM and Energy Commission staff file Data Requests Set 2, Part 1 | 10/22/2009 |
| BLM and Energy Commission file Data Requests Set 2, Part 2 | 11/06/2009 |
| Applicant files responses to BLM and Energy Commission staff Data Requests Set 2, Part 1 | 11/22/2009 |
| Final Data Responses/Reports from Applicant to staff for review | 12/15/2009 |
| NOA of SA/DEIS in Federal Register | 2/15/2010 |
| SA/DEIS filed (90-day comment period begins) | 2/15/2010 |
| BLM submits BA to USFWS (Start 135-day consultation) | 2/15/2010 |
| SA workshop/DEIS public meetings | 4/1/2010 |
| Prehearing/Evidentiary hearings start (evidentiary record remains open till key items such as USFWS Biological Opinion are received) | 5/1/2010 |
| Close BLM comment period | 5/15/2010 |
| BLM and USFWS consultation | 7/15-9/1/2010 |
| USFWS issues Biological Opinion | 7/1/2010 |
| Prepare responses to comments and add to SA/FEIS | 7/1/2010 |
| Administrative Supplemental SA (SSA)/FEIS circulated for internal staff review | 7/10/2010 |
| NOA of SSA /FEIS in Federal Register | 7/15/2010 |
| SSA/FEIS distributed | 7/15/2010 |
| Plan Amendment Protest period ends | 8/15/2010 |
| Committee files proposed decision | 9/1/2010 |
| Hearing on the proposed decision | 9/15/2010 |
| Close of public comments on the proposed decision | 10/1/2010 |
| Addendum/revised proposed decision | 10/15/2010 |
| BLM Record of Decision | 11/1/2010 |
| Commission Decision | 11/1/2010 |

Shaded events have already taken place

Bolded items indicate the BLM (NEPA) process



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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
For the SES SOLAR ONE PROJECT**

Docket No. 08-AFC-13

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I, **Chester Hong**, declare that on **November 5, 2009**, I served and filed copies of the attached, **Staff Comments on Schedule**, dated, **November 5, 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: [\[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solarone\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solarone).

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