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Abengoa Mojave Solar Project (09-AFC-5)
California Energy commission
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Re: Abengoa Mojave Solar Project (09-AFC-5): Applicant's Response to Proposed Schedule

Dear Commissioners Levin and Boyd:

On October 22, 2009, the Staff submitted an Issues Identification Report and proposed schedule to the Committee. This proposed schedule included February 18, 2010 as the date the Staff Assessment will be published. On December 1, 2009, Staff submitted a revised schedule with its Project Status Report 1. Staff's revised schedule identifies dates two weeks later than previously anticipated. For example, the Staff Assessment is now proposed to be issued March 4, 2010. Staff explained that because additional time was requested by the Applicant to respond to certain data requests, Staff will need additional time to review this information and revise Staff analyses.

Applicant appreciates the current demands on Staff time and the realities facing the Commission in reviewing the many cases before it. Applicant sincerely appreciates Staff's hard work in reviewing the information submitted thus far in response to data requests and all of Staff's efforts to meet an accelerated schedule so that the Applicant can meet deadlines associated with its request for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

Applicant requested additional time on several data requests that require additional technical work or field study. Specifically, Applicant estimated that it needs an additional 30 days to provide responses to these requests. Staff's revised schedule identifies the dates Applicant will submit the additional data responses as December 21-24, 2009. Recognizing that Staff is working to complete the Staff Assessment as soon as possible, Applicant is also working diligently to provide responses to Staff even earlier than the identified dates.

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Applicant accepts the need for additional time for Staff to modify analyses in response to information that will be provided in the delayed data responses. While accepting this need, Applicant respectfully requests that the proposed schedule reflect a commensurate adjustment in case of an earlier submittal of the additional data responses. In other words, Applicant requests that the proposed schedule reflect the delay as triggered by the date the additional data responses are actually submitted rather than the estimated dates.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Karen A. Mitchell, declare that on December 7, 2009, I served the attached *Applicant's Response to Proposed Schedule* via electronic and U.S. mail 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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