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Subject: Ridgecrest SPP -- Proposed Revised Schedule

Kourtney Vaccaro
Hearing Officer
California Energy Commission

Re: "Proposed Revised Committee Schedule for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (09-AFC-9)

Dear Ms. Vaccaro:

The Desert Tortoise Council would like to submit three comments regarding the "Proposed Revised Schedule" for the Ridgecrest SPP.

First, we are pleased to see that two of the three days of Evidentiary Hearings will be held in the town of Ridgecrest. While we would prefer that all three days of the Hearings take place in the community directly affected by the project, it is not unreasonable to hold the initial hearing on undisputed matters (6/1/10) in Sacramento and the subsequent hearings on disputed matters (6/3/10 and 6/4/10) at a venue where local citizens might participate.

Second, there seems to be a typographical error in the Date column for "All Parties File Prehearing Conference Statements." These statements -- due May 10, 2010 -- would be submitted 6 weeks after the SA/DEIS (rather than 5 weeks) if my count is correct.

Third, while the date is on a different line in the Proposed Revised Schedule, my understanding is that the Prehearing Conference is tentatively set for May 17.

Sincerely,

Sidney Silliman
Desert Tortoise Council