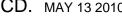


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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE BEACON SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT** BY BEACON SOLAR, LLC

DOCKET NO. 08-AFC-2

## NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND ORDER IN RESPONSE TO STAFF MOTION FOR LIMITED RE-OPENING OF THE RECORD

#### I. **NOTICE**

The Committee assigned to the above-captioned proceeding will hold an evidentiary hearing to take place as follows:

> TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010 Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

California Energy Commission First Floor Hearing Room B 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California

**TELECONFERENCE OPTION:** You may participate in the evidentiary hearing by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate, please see the "Participation through WebEx" section of this notice.

#### II. **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the hearing is for the Committee to take evidence limited to the environmental review of the expansion of the Rosamond Community Services District and California City water treatment facilities. The Committee will also take evidence on the guestions raised by the Kern County Planning Department in its comments of March 22, 2010, regarding its request for development fees under its Capital Improvement Plan.

On May 3, 2010, Energy Commission Staff submitted a Motion to Reopen the Record [Motion] to admit information relevant to the environmental review of the expansion of the Rosamond Community Services District and California City water treatment facilities.

On May 11, 2010, Intervenor filed its response to Staff's Motion. CURE argues:

The FSA did not analyze Rosamond's wastewater treatment plant expansion and upgrade or California City's development of a sewer system and wastewater treatment plant upgrade as part of the Project or a 2.8-mile segment of the California City pipeline to deliver recycled water as part of the Project. The FSA also did not independently analyze the 17.6 mile pipeline segment and failed to conduct any surveys for protected plant or animal species along the 23 mile segment (as was required for every other project area). Finally, the FSA did not analyze either of the wastewater treatment plant expansions and upgrades as part of the cumulative impact analysis. The FSA is clearly inadequate. (CURE Motion p. 7.)

CURE also opposed Applicant's request to allow limited construction in 2010 so that the project can qualify for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA").

The Committee will allow the evidentiary record to reopen for the limited purpose of hearing evidence on the environmental review of the expansion of the Rosamond Community Services District and California City water treatment facilities, to hear evidence on Kern County's request for development fees from the Beacon Solar Energy (BSEP) Project, and to hear evidence on the project's qualification for ARRA. The Committee finds that reopening the record is necessary to complete the record on the BSEP Application for Certification.

#### III. ORDER

The record will remain open for the limited purpose of receipt of evidence on the environmental review of the expansion of the Rosamond Community Services District and California City water treatment facilities, evidence on Kern County's request for development fees and evidence on the project's qualification for ARRA.

Any new testimony and any briefs that parties seek to submit must be filed and served electronically upon all other parties **no later than 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010.** 

### Information

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. Contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228 or e-mail: [publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us].

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz at least five days in advance of the hearing at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail: [lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us].

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Kenneth Celli, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-8893 or e-mail: [kcelli@energy.state.ca.us].

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Eric Solorio, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966, or e-mail: [esolorio@energy.state.ca.us].

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/beacon].

Dated: May 13, 2010, at Sacramento, California

Original signed by

KAREN DOUGLAS Chairman and Presiding Member Beacon Solar Project Committee

Original signed by:

JEFFREY D. BYRON Commissioner and Associate Member Beacon Solar Project Committee

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#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Maggie Read, declare that on May 13, 2010, I mailed hard copies of the attached Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and Order in Response to Staff Motion for Limited Re-opening of the Record, dated May 13, 2010. 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:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/beacon/index.html].

The documents have been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

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Original signed by:
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Hearing Adviser's Office