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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY RELATED TO THE
SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
CALICO SOLAR PROJECT (08-AFC-13)**

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the Supplemental Staff Assessment (SSA) for the proposed Calico Solar Project. The SSA contains the California Energy Commission staff's environmental, public health and engineering evaluation of the proposed Calico Solar Project. The California Energy Commission encourages public and agency participation in the review of the Calico Solar Application for Certification and the SSA.

The SSA is available for public review. Written comments on the SSA should be provided by August 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. to Christopher Meyer, Project Manager at the address on this letterhead (please add "Mail Stop 15") or by email to cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should also be directed to Christopher Meyer at (916) 653-1639, or by email. The Calico Solar Project is scheduled for evidentiary hearings before the Energy Commission committee on August 4-6, 2010 in Barstow, CA and on August 18, 2010 in Sacramento, CA.

The SSA will serve as the Energy Commission staff's testimony during the Commission's evidentiary hearings. The Energy Commission Committee assigned to the Calico Solar Project proceedings will consider and weigh the testimony, comments, and recommendations of all interested parties, including Energy Commission staff, the applicant, intervenors, members of the public, and other local, state, and federal agencies, before issuing the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) for a 30-day public comment review before consideration by the full Energy Commission. The public, intervenors, local, state and federal agencies are encouraged to participate in this process.

Background

On December 1, 2008, the California Energy Commission received an Application for Certification (AFC) from the applicant Calico Solar, LLC to construct and operate the Calico Solar Project. Following the augmentation of the AFC with additional data and information in Supplements, the AFC was deemed complete by the Energy Commission on May 6, 2009, beginning staff's analysis of the proposed project. The project is proposed to be developed on approximately 6,275 acres of public land in San Bernardino County managed by the BLM. The project site is along Interstate 40 (I-40) approximately 115 miles east of Los Angeles, 37 miles east of Barstow, 17 miles east of Newberry Springs, and 57 miles northeast of Victorville.

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Project Description

The proposed Calico Solar Project would be a nominal 850-megawatt (MW) Solar Stirling Engine project, with construction planned to begin in late 2010. Although construction would take approximately 40 months to complete, power would be available to the grid as each of the 567 1.5-MW, three-phase, 60-hertz, 60-unit groups of Stirling Engine modules is completed. The primary equipment for the generating facility would include approximately 34,000, 25-kilowatt solar dish Stirling systems (referred to as SunCatchers), their associated equipment and systems, and their support infrastructure. Each SunCatcher consists of a solar receiver heat exchanger and a closed-cycle, high-efficiency Solar Stirling Engine specifically designed to convert solar power to rotary power then driving an electrical generator to produce electricity.

Energy Commission Review Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines.

The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Because the project is proposed to be developed on land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the BLM is reviewing the project as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The initial environmental review document for the Calico Solar Project, the Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Study (SA/DEIS), was conducted jointly by the Energy Commission and the BLM and published on March 30, 2010. The final environmental review documents for this project will be published separately (the SSA for the Energy Commission and a Final EIS for the BLM).

Public Resources, Contact Information and Additional Sources for Information

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Christopher Meyer, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-1639, or by email at cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4701, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to (916) 654-4989, or by email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, SA/DEIS, SSA, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/calicosolar/index.html>. You can also subscribe to receive email notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>.

If you have any questions related to the automatic email notification list, please contact Sabrina Savala, Project Assistant, at (916) 654-4498, or by email at: SSavala@energy.state.ca.us

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Availability of the AFC and SA/DEIS, and SSA Documents

Copies of the AFC, SA/DEIS and SSA are available for public inspection at the following libraries:

San Bernardino County Library
Barstow Branch
304 East Buena Vista
Barstow, CA 92311

San Bernardino County Library
Needles Branch
1111 Bailey
Needles, CA 92363

Victorville Public Library
15011 Circle Drive
Victorville, CA 92395

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Sincerely,

Date: _____

ROGER JOHNSON, Siting Office Manager
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Please send me a CD of the California Energy Commission staff's Supplemental Staff Assessment for the Calico Solar Project Application for Certification (08-AFC-13).

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

For the CALICO SOLAR (Formerly SES Solar One)

Docket No. 08-AFC-13

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Sabrina Savala, declare that on August 5, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Availability Related to the Supplemental Staff Assessment for the Proposed Calico Solar Project, dated August 5, 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: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solarone].

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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- sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;
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FOR FILING WITH THE ENERGY COMMISSION:

- sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (*preferred method*);

OR

- depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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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.

Original Signed by: _____
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