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January 17, 2012

**DOCKET** 11-AFC-2 DATE JAN 17 2012 **RECD.** JAN 17 2012

Clay Jensen, Senior Director BrightSource Energy, Inc. 1999 Harrison Street, Ste. 2150 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM (11-AFC-2), DATA **REQUESTS, SET 2B (#'s 144-146)** 

Mr. Jensen:

Pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1716, the California Energy Commission staff seeks the information specified in the enclosed data requests. The information requested is necessary to: 1) more fully understand the project, 2) assess whether the facility will be constructed and operated in compliance with applicable regulations, and 3) assess whether the project will result in significant environmental impacts.

This set of data requests (Set 2b, #'s 144-146) is being made in the area of Air Quality. Written responses to the enclosed data requests are due to the Energy Commission staff on or before February 17, 2012. Please Note that these Data Requests are properly numbered (#'s 144-146), and replace the numbering of those filed on January 13, 2012, which incorrectly indicated numbers 143-145.

If you are unable to provide the information requested, need additional time, or object to providing the requested information, you must send a written notice to both the Committee and me within 20 days of receipt of this notice. The notification must contain the reasons for not providing the information, the need for additional time, and the grounds for any objections (see Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Sec. 1716 (f)). If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-4894 or email me at mike.monasmith@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Mike Monasmith **Project Manager** 

Docket (11-AFC-2) CC: Proof of Service List Technical Area: Air Quality Author: Jacquelyn Leyva

# **BACKGROUND: COMMISSIONING IMPACTS ANALYSIS**

Applicant expects the maximum emissions from each boiler to occur during the cold start/tuning phase of commissioning, and during other cold startups. While applicant did not model the impact due to commissioning, when comparing the emissions during commissioning (Table 5.1B-18) and those during cold startups (Table 5.1-24 and Table 5.1-25), staff found maximum emissions during different commissioning phases can be higher than those during cold startups. For example, emissions from auxiliary boilers during the full load operation of commissioning are higher than those during cold startups except for NOx which shows as being equivalent.

# **DATA REQUESTS**

- 144. Please explain why modeling is not necessary for commissioning while some of the emissions are higher than those during cold startups.
- 145. Please provide additional results for commissioning impact analysis if impact during commissioning is higher than that during cold startups.

#### **BACKGROUND: OPERATIONS EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS**

Applicant does not include the emissions from mirror washing activities in the total project emissions in Table 5.1-26. Applicant does not include the mirror washing emissions in the operations impact analysis either. Applicant does quantify the emissions from mirror washing activities in Table 5.1-27 and these emissions are not negligible. For example, the annual NOx emission from mirror washing activities is expected to be 13.7 tons/yr, while it is 12.3 tons/yr from all stationary sources.

# **DATA REQUEST**

146. Please include the emissions from mirror washing activities in the total facility emissions and provide the corresponding impact analysis.



# BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM

DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-2 PROOF OF SERVICE (Revised 12/22/2011)

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# **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, <u>Elizabeth Stewart</u>, declare that on, <u>January 17</u>, 2012, I served and filed copies of the attached <u>Data Requests</u>, <u>Set 2 B (144-146)</u>, dated <u>January17</u>, 2012. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html].

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Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California 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.

Originally Signed by Elizabeth Stewart