

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)
)
Application for Certification for the)
Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating)
System)

Docket No. 11-AFC-2

**HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM
STATUS REPORT #5**

The Committee Scheduling Order issued on November 16, 2011, requested that the parties file monthly status reports to inform the Committee on the progress of the case. This Status Report for the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System ("HHSEGS"), filed by Hidden Hills Solar I, LLC and Hidden Hills Solar II, LLC (collectively, the "Applicant"), provides a status of the proceeding since the issuance of Status Report #4 dated April 15, 2012.

Based upon Staff's Status Report #4 and the most recent statements of Staff, the Applicant understands that the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) will be issued on May 24th. The Applicant commends Staff for its efforts and appreciates the time they have taken to complete the PSA by this date.

On April 5 and April 17, 2012, Staff issued Data Requests Set 2E and 2F, respectively. Both Data Request Set 2E and 2F were issued after the discovery period provided for in the Commission's regulations had closed. While Applicant objected to both Data Request sets as untimely, based on the express understanding that answering these Data Requests would not further delay either the PSA or the FSA, Applicant provided responses, without waiving its objections. Data Responses to Set 2E were submitted on May 4th. Set 2F responses were submitted on May 8th, to help facilitate discussion at a May 9th issues resolution workshop. Applicant believes that the Issues Resolution Workshop was productive, providing additional answers to issues raised by Inyo County.

In an April 10th meeting between Staff's and Applicant's cultural resources experts, Applicant was informed that Staff would have comments on the Technical Report submitted to address Data Request 125. To date these comments have not been received. Also during that meeting, the general substance of a response to Data Request 105 was agreed upon, and a draft to that effect was subsequently completed by Applicant's cultural resources experts on May 14th and should be filed under a repeated request for confidentiality by the end of this week.

Archaeological testing according to the Plan submitted in response to Data Request 127 was completed during this period as well, and a technical memorandum summarizing the negative results has been submitted to Staff.

Further, as the Applicant indicated to the Committee at the last Status Conference, BLM's recommendation to realign the natural gas and transmission interconnection alignments had resulted in the possible relocation of the HHSEGS switchyard and gas metering station to a location in Nevada. However, if the Staff agrees with the findings of Applicant's experts, confirming that no cultural resources would be significantly impacted by the BLM's recommended realignment, Applicant expects that the HHSEGS switchyard can be located within the project's Common Area in California.


CONCLUSION

Again, Applicant appreciates the effort Staff is making in completing the PSA and looks forward to timely completion of this proceeding.

May 15, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Karen A. Mitchell, declare that on May 15, 2012, I served the attached HIDDEN
HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM STATUS REPORT #5 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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