



**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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***PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC
GENERATING SYSTEM AMENDMENT***

Docket No. 09-AFC-07C

REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Palen Solar I, LLC, filed an Application for Certification (AFC) with the Commission on August 24, 2009 to construct and operate a nominal 500 megawatt (MW) concentrating solar thermal electric power generating facility. The Commission issued a Final Decision for the Palen Solar Power Project (PSPP) on December 15, 2010 (Order No. 10-1215-19, the "Final Decision," 09-AFC-07). The Final Decision describes the PSPP as a solar thermal project using parabolic trough technology.

Project ownership has changed, and the current owner, Palen Solar Holdings (PSH), seeks to amend the Final Decision. The modified project would be called Palen Solar Electric Generating System (PSEGS). The amendment includes replacing the parabolic trough solar collection system and associated heat transfer fluid with "power tower" technology. The technology uses heliostats - elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on a pylon - to focus the sun's rays on a solar receiver steam generator located atop a solar tower near the center of each solar field to create steam. A limited amount of natural gas would be used prior to sunrise, and at other times when solar insolation has dropped below the level required to keep the steam turbine generator system running. PSEGS will be comprised of two adjacent solar fields and associated facilities with a total combined nominal output of approximately 500 MW.

After discussions with the parties at the June 3, 2013 Status Conference, the Committee revised the schedule according to the table below. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1709.7 (c).)

Status Reports and Status Conferences

The revised schedule requires status reports to be submitted by all parties. Status reports shall inform the Committee whether or not case development is progressing satisfactorily, and bring potential schedule delays and other relevant matters to the Committee's attention.

The reports shall be received by the other parties and the Commission's Docket Unit, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4, Sacramento, California 95814-5512, **and must be filed no later than 3:00 p.m.**, on the due date. Status reports must contain "Docket No.

09-AFC-07C” in the caption or heading. Status reports must be filed according to the **General Orders Regarding Electronic Document Formats, Filing and Service of Documents and Other Matters** which was posted on March 22, 2013 at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/notices/2013-03-22_general_orders_TN-70026.pdf.

**REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
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ACTIVITY	DATE
Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) published	6/28/13
Staff Assessment Workshop	TBD
Status Report	7/25/13
Close of 30-day comment period for PSA	7/29/13
Status Conference	8/5/13
Final Staff Assessment (FSA) published	8/23/13
Staff Assessment Workshop	TBD
Prehearing Conference	9/9/13
Evidentiary Hearing	9/16/13
Opening Brief	TBD
Rebuttal Brief	TBD
Publish Presiding Member’s Proposed Decision (PMPD)	TBD
Committee Conference on the PMPD	TBD
Close of Public Comment Period on PMPD	TBD
Errata/Revisions to PMPD (if necessary)	TBD
Final Adoption Hearing by California Energy Commission	TBD

TBD = to be determined

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties’ witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of a proceeding and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Blake Roberts, the Assistant Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail at: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Kenneth Celli, the Hearing Adviser, at (916) 651-8893, or e-mail: ken.celli@energy.ca.gov.

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

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: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/>.

Dated: June 10, 2013, at Sacramento, California.

Original Signed By:

KAREN DOUGLAS
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Palen Solar Electric Generating System
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Marianne Baschiera, declare that on June 10, 2013, I served and filed copies of the attached REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER, dated June 10, 2013. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service, which I copied from the web page for this project at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/>.

The document has been sent to the other persons on the Service List above in the following manner:

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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, and that I am over the age of 18 years.

Dated: June 10, 2013

Original Signed By:

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Hearing Office