NOTE: Please provide your issue priorities on the questionnaire below prior to the initial Siting Committee OII scoping Workshop on December 14, 2010. Otherwise, please submit your comments by January 3, 2011. You can either mail or submit this form electronically to: mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us.

OII "Lessons Learned" Proceeding: Siting Policy/Process Issues – **Check top 5 priorities**

___ Timing/coordination with federal permits
___ Hydrological impacts and water supply reliability
___ Land use constraints including availability of large tracts of developable land
__x_ Impacts to biological and cultural resources, associated mitigation strategies
___ Transmission line constraints
___ Visual and/or Recreation/Open Space issues
___ Local agency and public participation
___ Siting Process consistency; cumulative analyses determinations/definitions
__x_ CEQA equivalency; Alternatives analyses and NEPA coordination

__x_ Other: Lack of designated areas for renewable energy generation projects and for necessary transmission

__x_ Other: Lack of adopted policies that would protect the environment and improve the efficiency of the siting process, including especially a policy that would strictly limit the use of wet-cooling for solar thermal projects and thus would ensure that this particular issue would not be raised multiple times in a single proceeding.

__x_ Other: Lack of sufficient funding for adequate staff at both the CEC and the Department of Fish and Game. This may not be as big an issue in the coming year for the CEC, but it will be at least as big for DFG.

___ Other:

___ Other:

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I commend the Energy Commission for initiating an effort to assess the processing of solar thermal power plants over the past 12-18 months. Thank you for inviting me to participate in this review. Attached is my completed questionnaire.

Sincerely,

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