

Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System  
Docket No. 11-AFC-2

# Informational Hearing and Site Visit

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**DOCKET**

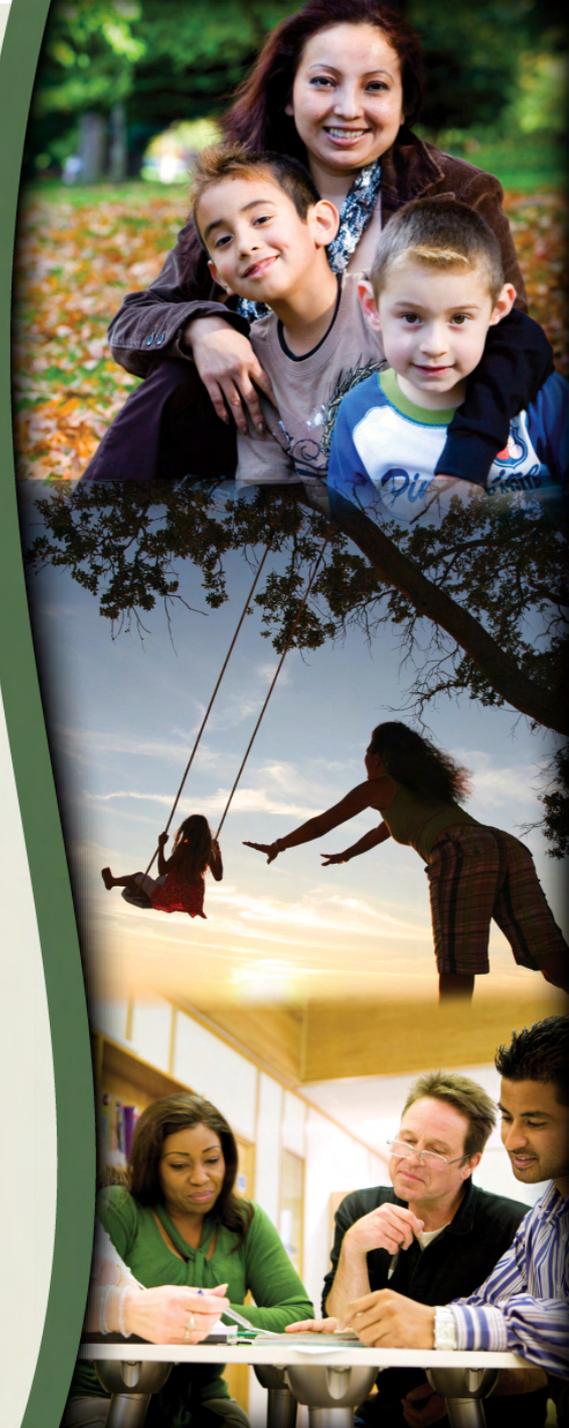
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# What's a Public Adviser?

At the Commission

**The Public Adviser is independently appointed attorney who:**

- *Helps the public understand the process*
- *Recommends the best way to be involved*
- *Assists in successful participation in proceedings*

## Outreach--Public Adviser

### Notice of Informational Hearing and Site Visit :

- City and County officials, including:  
*Inyo County, CA; Nye County, NV; Pahrump, Tecopa, Shoshone,*
- Native American officials and members
- Broad categories:  
*Public members who have contacted our office; city and county civic leaders; local non-profit groups (community, environmental, ethnic organizations); public and private schools; places of worship; law enforcement; emergency personnel community organizations and libraries; previous participants and intervenors.*
- Paid local newspaper advertisement  
*Pahrump Valley Times*
- Website public service announcements requested  
*Death Valley Chamber of Commerce; activists websites*
- Local media

# Two Levels of Public Participation

## Informal Participation

### First level -- Public Comments are Easiest

- *Verbal Comments at Public Meetings: via Blue Cards*
- *Written Comments or Statements to the Commission Dockets Unit*  
[dockets@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:dockets@energy.state.ca.us)

**And**

- *Considered by the Commissioners*
- *Part of the record*

**But**

- *Not considered evidence and cannot be the sole basis of a decision*

# Two Levels of Public Participation

## Formal Participation (Intervenor)

### **Second level -- Intervening is more involved**

- *Anyone may file a Petition to Intervene in any Commission proceeding*
- *The Petition is considered by the assigned committee*
- *If approved, you become a party to this proceeding*
- **Intervenors have the same rights & responsibilities as other parties**

**and**

- *You do not have to be or have an attorney to intervene*

**and**

- *The Public Adviser's Office is here to help you file a Petition to Intervene and navigate the entire process.*

*NOTE: It is important to intervene early in a case to be most effective.*

# How to Participate

## Things to Do

- **Sign-Up** to receive notice of up-coming events
- **Submit** written comments
- **Provide** oral comments
- **Attend** public project events

*In person or by WebEx or conference call*

*Non-English Speaking Welcome*

*Special Accommodations for Persons With Disabilities*

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# How to Participate

# www.energy.ca.gov

**California Energy Commission Home Page - Windows Internet Explorer**  
 http://www.energy.ca.gov/

**Welcome to the California Energy Commission Website**

**Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.**  
 Visit his Website

**Natural Resources Agency John Laird**

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**Calendar**

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**Upcoming Events**

- October 31, 2011  
[Proposal Workshop for PON-11-501, 2011 Emerging Technology Demonstration Grant Program \(ETDG II\)](#)
- November 01, 2011  
[Evidentiary Hearing - Watson Cogeneration](#)
- November 02, 2011  
[Energy Commission Business Meeting](#)
- November 02, 2011  
[Possible approval of the DyoCore Complaint Committee's Recommendations to the Energy](#)

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# How to Participate

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the California Energy Commission's website. The page is titled "Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS) Power Plant Licensing Case - Docket # 11". The navigation menu includes Home, Reports & News, Climate Change, Efficiency, Electricity & Nat Gas, Local Govt., Power Plants, Renewable Energy, R & D, Transmission, and Transporta. The main content area features a sidebar with "Project Proceeding" and "Public Participation" sections. The main heading is "Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS)" with a docket number of "11-AFC-2 (Application For Certification)". Below this, it lists the committee overseeing the case, including Karen Douglas, Commissioner Presiding Member, and Carla Peterman, Commissioner Associate Member. A "Key Dates" section lists two dates: 8/5/2011 for the application filing and 10/5/11 for the commission's acceptance. A "General Description Of Project" section provides details about the 3,277-acre site in Inyo County, California, and the two solar plants (Solar Plant 1 and Solar Plant 2) with their respective capacities and locations. On the right side, there is a calendar for October 2011, a "Calendar" section stating "There Are No Upcoming Events Available", and a "List Server" section for signing up for e-mail notifications.

**Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS)**  
**Docket Number: 11-AFC-2 (Application For Certification)**

**Committee Overseeing This Case:**  
 Karen Douglas, Commissioner Presiding Member  
 Carla Peterman, Commissioner Associate Member  
 Hearing Officer: Kenneth Celli

**Key Dates**

- 8/5/2011 - Application for Certification (AFC) filed
- 10/5/11 - Commission accepts AFC as "data adequate."

**General Description Of Project**

The Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS) is being developed by Hidden Hills Solar I, LLC, and Hidden Hills Solar II, LLC (the Applicant), wholly owned subsidiaries of Hidden Hills Solar Holdings, LLC, (their sole member) which is in turn a wholly owned subsidiary of BrightSource Energy, Inc. (BrightSource) (its sole member), a Delaware corporation.

HHSEGS will be located on approximately 3,277 acres (5.12 square miles) of privately owned land in Inyo County, California, adjacent to the Nevada border. The project site is approximately 18 miles south of Pahrump, Nevada, and approximately 45 miles west of Las Vegas, Nevada.

HHSEGS will comprise two solar fields and associated facilities: the northern solar plant (Solar Plant 1) and the southern solar plant (Solar Plant 2). Each solar plant will generate 270 megawatts (MW) gross (250 MW net), for a total net output of 500 MW. Solar Plant 1 will occupy approximately 1,493 acres (or 2.3 square miles), and Solar



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