

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources Conservation  
And Development Commission

In the Matter of:

Application for Certification  
For Palen Solar Power Project

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

July 1, 2010

**Energy Commission Staff's Issues Statement**

On June 14, 2010, the Committee assigned to this proceeding issued a Notice of Mandatory Status Conference and requested that parties file an Issues Statement prior to the status conference summarizing the submitting party's preparations and readiness for Evidentiary Hearings, any obstacles to resolution of issues that may exist, and include a suggested schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.

Staff is currently awaiting submittal from the applicant of two reconfigured alternatives for further analysis. The applicant has indicated that they intend to submit a package containing information on these two alternatives in the next day or two. Once received, Staff will need time to review the proposals and ensure they contain the information necessary for Staff to complete its analysis. Assuming the information received is complete, Staff would be able to publish a Revised Staff Assessment no earlier than late July/early August.

Staff is still waiting to receive the Phase II study from the California Independent Systems Operator and the Final Determination of Compliance from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Additionally, Staff is waiting to obtain a description of the redundant fiber optic line from the project to the proposed Red Bluff substation as well as the reconfiguration of the proposed Red Bluff substation. Staff could, however, complete the RSA without these additional items and submit supplemental analyses when these items are received.

Staff proposes the following tentative schedule with the caveat that specific dates may need to change depending upon the sufficiency of the information provided:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Staff publishes Revised Staff Assessment	8/11/10
Applicant files opening testimony	8/18/10
Staff files Supplemental testimony (if necessary)	8/25/10
Intervenors file opening testimony	8/25/10
All parties file rebuttal testimony and submit exhibits organized numerically and by topic to the Hearing Office	9/1/10
All parties file Prehearing Conference Statements	9/1/10
Prehearing Conference	9/2/10
Evidentiary Hearing	9/27/10 & 9/28/10
Issuance of Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)	To Be Determined
Committee Conference on PMPD (if necessary)	To Be Determined
End of 30-day comment period for PMPD	To Be Determined
PMPD Errata (if necessary)	To Be Determined
Energy Commission Hearing--Final Decision	To Be Determined

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Respectfully submitted,

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