Staff Comments on Schedule

On October 26, 2009, the Committee designated by the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification (AFC) for the Solar Two Energy Project issued a Notice of Committee Conference and directed parties to submit comments regarding the suitability of applying the basic concepts of the “Renewable Energy Action Team Milestones to Permit California Renewable Portfolio Standard Energy Projects by December 2010” to the Solar Two Energy Project. Staff is keenly aware of the interest in ensuring that renewable energy projects currently before the Energy Commission for licensing are reviewed in an expeditious manner. Although there have been significant delays in obtaining the information needed to complete a staff analysis, staff is prepared to work diligently to assist the Solar Two Energy Project in obtaining a license prior to December 2010. To that end, staff has prepared the attached schedule. Adherence to this schedule would allow a license to issue by September 15, 2010. We note that the schedule may need to be modified to allow for a second evidentiary hearing after the Supplemental SA is filed, which could affect the date of the final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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