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TO: Jeffrey Byron, Commissioner and Presiding Member
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SUBJECT: SES Two (08-AFC-05) Status Report One

Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated December 4, 2008, Applicant hereby submits its Status Report One for the SES Two solar generating facility.

1. Issues. The November 17, 2008 Issues Identification Report identified three potential Issues: Land Use, Visual Resources and Cultural Resources. CEC Staff, BLM personnel and Applicant have been diligently working on resolving these issues.

(a) Land Use. Staff/BLM data requests 16-23, issued on November 14, 2008, requested information on the adjacent private lands, farmlands and soils. Applicant responded to these requests on December 8, 2008. These responses were one of the topics of the workshop held in El Centro on December 18, 2008

(b) Visual Resources. Staff/BLM data requests 42-45, issued on November 14, 2008, requested information on area visitors, landscaping and key observation points. Applicant responded to these requests on December 8, 2008, and they were discussed at the December 18, 2008 workshop.

(c) Cultural Resources. Staff/BLM data requests 111-127, issued on December 2, 2008 requested information, data and maps detailing the cultural resources on the project site. Applicant has informed Staff/BLM that this information will be submitted in mid-February, 2009.

(d) Water Resources. Although not identified as an issue by CEC Staff/BLM, data Requests 37 and 38, issued on November 14, 2008, requested information on the reliability of the identified water supply for the project. Applicant requested additional time to respond to these two requests as the sufficiency of water supply is vital to the success of this project. Applicant anticipates supplying additional information on its proposed water supply by February 15, 2009

2. Schedule. A project schedule was included in the Committee's Scheduling Order, dated

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December 3, 2008. In light of the outstanding data requests, and the desire of Applicant to fully respond to Staff/BLM inquiries, the Committee schedule appears to be somewhat optimistic. Below are the key project events, the Committee's December 3, 2008 predicted dates and Applicant's current dates.

Key Project Events	Commission Date	Applicant Date
CEC/BLM Round Two Data Requests (if needed)	1/15/09	2/15/09
BLM NOA on PSA/DEIS	1/15/09	4/01/09
Applicant provides Data Request Responses	2/15/09	3/01/09
Local, state and federal agency determinations	2/27/09	3/15/09
PSA/DEIS filed	3/5/09	5/01/09
PSA/DEIS Workshop	3/26/09	5/12/09
Close BLM Comment Period ends	6/5/09	8/05/09
Local, state and federal agency determinations	7/21/09	TBD
NOA FEIS to WO and ASLM	8/1/09	11/15/09
NOA of FSA/FEIS in Federal Register	10/1/09	12/15/09
FSA/FEIS filed	10/1/09	12/15/09

3. Public Comment. The Staff/BLM workshop held on December 18, 2008 included opportunities for public comment. Numerous members of the public took advantage of this opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant and the agencies. These questions were in many areas, including water resources, public health, traffic, alternatives and cumulative impacts. Applicant will respond to these public questions by mid-February, file the responses with the Commission and make the responses available to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION ***For the SES SOLAR TWO PROJECT***	**Docket No. 08-AFC-5** **PROOF OF SERVICE** **Revised 11/26/08**

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