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
___ 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
✓ CEQA equivalency; Alternatives analyses and NEPA coordination

___ Other: Impacts on agricultural resources

___ Other:

___ Other:

___ Other:

___ Other:

DOCKET
10-SIT-011-1
DATE
RECD. 1-7-11

Fold Here

CA Dept. of Conservation
Div. of Land Resource Protection
801 K. St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

RECEIVED
BUSINESS SERVICES OFFICES
2011 JAN -4 AM 10: 47

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
PITNEY BOWES
$ 00.44⁰
02 1M
0004265488 JAN03 2011
MAILED FROM ZIP CODE 95814

California Energy Commission
Attention: Mike Monasmith
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Staple or Tape closed

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512

RECEIVED
DEC 15 2010
DOC
Land Resource Protection

RECEIVED
DEC 13 2010
Director's Office
Department of Conservation

December 3, 2010

To: Interested Parties

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE SITING COMMITTEE'S INFORMATIONAL PROCEEDING ON ISSUES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE LICENSING OF FUTURE POWER PLANTS

On December 1, 2010, the Energy Commission adopted the enclosed Order Instituting an Informational (OII) Proceeding on issues that are critical to the licensing of thermal power plants. The Siting Policy Committee (Committee) is initiating the proceeding by soliciting comments from stakeholders such as yourself on the licensing of power plants. Over the course of the next several months, this proceeding will examine the lessons learned in the review of both the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) solar projects, and the natural gas-fired power plants reviewed during 2009 and 2010. In the OII Proceeding, the Committee will assess the Energy Commission's siting processes, and examine critical issues common among solar-thermal and/or conventional power plants. Potentially critical common issues tentatively identified by the Committee include, but are not limited to, the timing and coordination with federal permits, local agency and public participation, land use constraints including availability of large tracts of developable land, water supply and transmission line constraints.

The Committee will use the information gathered during this proceeding to prepare a report which describes the topics examined, their significance in the licensing process, their priority of importance, and actions needed to avoid or address any problems identified. Based upon the outcome of the OII Proceeding, the Committee may recommend changes to its siting regulations through an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) Proceeding beginning in 2011.

Please provide any comments identifying additional discussion topics to Mike Monasmith, Project Manager, at the address above, or mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us. If possible, please provide your responses to the enclosed questionnaire prior to the initial Committee scoping Workshop, currently scheduled for the morning of December 14, 2010 (Notice attached). Otherwise, please submit your comments by January 3, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the proceeding, please contact Mike Monasmith at (916) 654-4894. Questions regarding public participation should be directed to the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or PAO@energy.state.ca.us.

ROBERT WEISENMILLER
Commissioner and Presiding Member

KAREN DOUGLAS
Chairman and Associate Member

Enclosure