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**Notice of Workshop for the Proposed  
Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (11-AFC-02)**

The workshop will be held:  
**TUESDAY, March 5, 2013**  
Starting at 9:00 AM  
**(May be continued to March 6, 2013)**

**California Energy Commission  
First Floor, Hearing Room A  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512  
(Wheelchair accessible, map attached)**

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California Energy Commission

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**11-AFC-2**

TN # 69644

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**Purpose**

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, intervenors, interested agencies, and the public the opportunity to discuss technical subjects to attempt to resolve issues and seek agreement prior to scheduled Evidentiary Hearings on March 12 -15, 2013 in Shoshone, California. Workshop issue discussions will include, but not limited to, the following technical disciplines: **Hazardous Materials Management, Noise and Vibration, Paleontological Resources, General Conditions, Socioeconomics, Soils and Surface Water, Transmission Line Safety & Nuisance, Transmission System Engineering, Water Supply, Worker Safety/Fire Protection and solar flux.** There will be an opportunity for public comment.

If discussions are not concluded on March 5, 2013, and it appears that issues could still be resolved, the workshop may be continued to the next day, March 6, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Background**Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System

On August 5, 2011, Hidden Hills Solar Holdings, LLC, (subsidiary to BrightSource Energy, Inc.), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS). On October 5, 2011, the Energy Commission approved the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC was deemed complete for purposes of commencing the Energy Commission's siting review process. The Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) was filed on May 24, 2012. The Final Staff Assessment (FSA) was filed on December 21, 2012.

## Summary of the Proposed Project

### Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System

As currently proposed, the HHSEGS would comprise two solar fields and associated facilities permanently encompassing a total of approximately 3,097 acres of privately owned land, leased in Inyo County, California, immediately adjacent to the Nevada stateline. The project site is approximately 8 miles southeast of Pahrump, Nevada, and approximately 45 miles west of Las Vegas, Nevada. If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 500 MW and would use heliostats – elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on pylons – to focus the sun’s rays on a receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tall solar power tower near the center of each solar field. Each solar plant would utilize approximately 85,000 heliostats. The transmission line and natural gas pipeline would both be located wholly within the state of Nevada on federal land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The components of the project located within federal lands noted above, along with the entirety of the project, as a connected action, are being reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for which the BLM is the lead agency.

## Status of Project Review

A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for February 26, 2013 in Tecopa, CA. Evidentiary hearings are scheduled for March 12-15, 2013 in Shoshone, CA. Notice of those events can be found under the Notices, Orders, and Announcements section of the project website: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/notices/index.html>.

## Participation

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Mike Monasmith, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4894, or by e-mail at [mike.monasmith@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mike.monasmith@energy.ca.gov). If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov). If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or via email at [lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov](mailto:lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov) at least five days in advance. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989, or via email at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

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Docket No. 11-AFC-02  
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All written comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become a part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, comments may be posted on the project website, along with notices, electronic versions of the AFC and FSA, and other relevant documents: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html>. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements through the project website List Server. By being on the List Server e-mail list, you will receive notification of, and links to, all project-related notices and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

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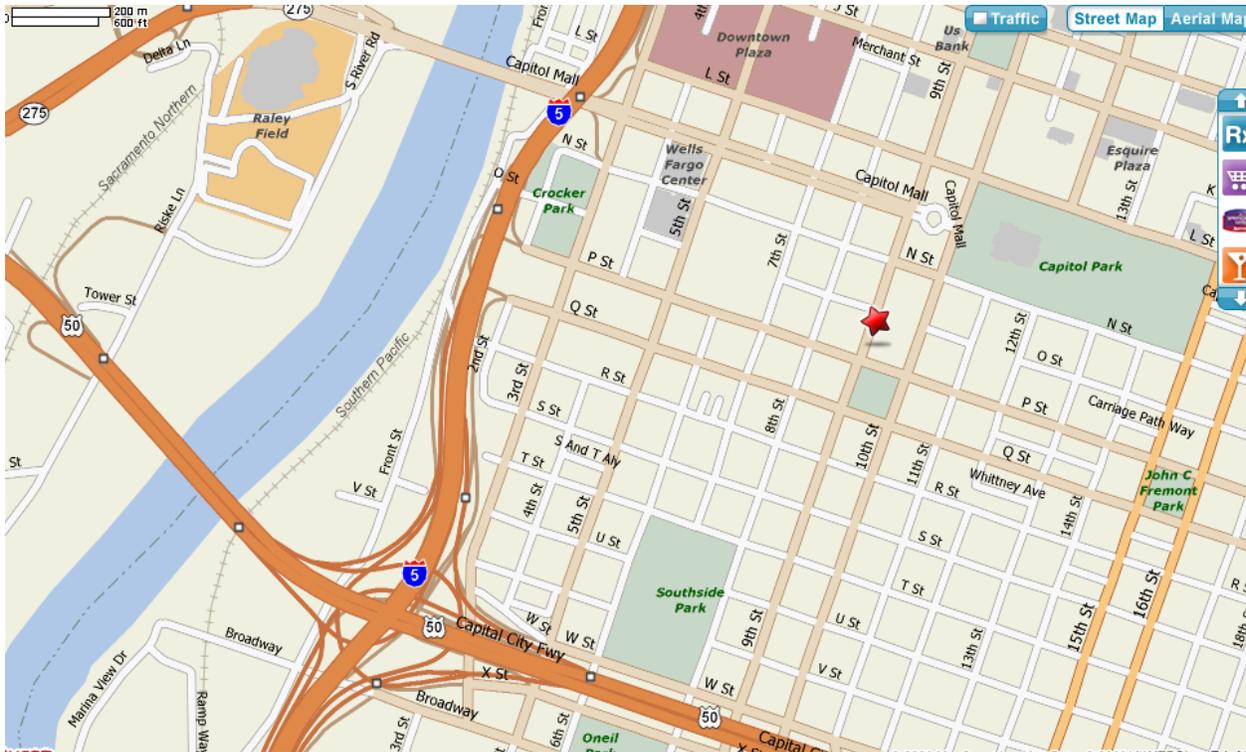
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***APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE  
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**Docket No. 11-AFC-02**

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