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Subject: Updates on Upcoming CPUC Technical Workshop on Bird Nesting Issues related to transmission construction

Everyone:

Thank you for confirming your attendance as panelists at the CPUC Workshop on **Transmission Construction and Bird Nesting Issues-Problems and Solutions**. As you all are now aware, the workshop had to be postponed from June to August 2012 in order to accommodate the Department of Fish and Game very busy schedule. Of the four

dates in August (9, 10, 22, & 30), the date that almost everyone can attend is **August 30, 2012 from 9:30 am till 3:45 pm**. An agenda is attached along with directions to the CPUC. The workshop will be located on the 1st floor in the Golden Gate Training Room. As indicated on the attached agenda, there will be a call-in phone number for non-panel members, which is **800-550-8104 and passcode 290-4984#**.

As discussed with most of you already, the CPUC would like the panelist to provide a **15 minute Power Point presentation** on the following **3** topics using as examples Sunrise, Tehachapi, Colorado-Devers-Valley (DPV2), El Dorado-Ivanpah, and any appropriate PG&E project:

- 1. Problems and issues resulting from transmission construction during bird nesting season** (examples - problems with implementing laws, mitigation measure language, ineffective nest management plans, not using deterrents, and no advance planning for the season).
- 2. Solutions to these problems that have been implemented prior to and during construction for these transmission projects** (examples – using nesting plans that address deterrence, survey protocols, and buffer restrictions; timing of construction).
- 3. Additional solutions for existing and future projects to address bird nesting issues that will insure compliance with the relevant laws and timely construction** (examples – mitigation or nesting plan language changes, improvements to applicant measures, more or different deterrence implementation, or modification of the relevant laws and regulations).

The Power Points need to be submitted to myself (bcb@cpuc.ca.gov) and Susan Lee (slee@aspenerg.com) by August 20, 2012. We would like to upload all Power Points on one laptop for the panelists' presentations. Given staffing issues, the CPUC would like to offer assistance to any agency in preparing their slides. If interested in any help, please contact Susan Lee or Fritts Golden (fgolden@aspenerg.com) at 415-955-4775. Also, if either the utilities or the agencies would like to have a conference call on the presentation topics, we can arrange a date and time prior to the deadline for Power Point submittals.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the workshop. I can be reached at work at 415-703-2068 or my cell at 510-685-1634. My email is bcb@cpuc.ca.gov.

Best Regards,

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Hello Everyone:

The CPUC is planning to conduct a one day technical workshop in June 2012 on bird nesting issues related to transmission construction. As you are all probably aware, recent transmission construction has created a number of bird nesting issues. These projects have included Sunrise, Tehachapi, Devers-Palo Verde #2, and Eldorado-Ivanpah.

We are considering two potential dates **June 21st or June 25th from approximately 10 AM till 4 PM. The workshop will be conducted at a CPUC training room at 505 Van Ness Ave in San Francisco.** The CPUC would like representatives from SCE, SDG&E, PG&E, DFG, USFWS, USFS, and BLM to participate in portions of the presentation as well as panel discussions.

While there will be interested parties and support staff in the audience, we would like a core group of representatives (3) from each entity listed above to participate as panelist in addressing the following key items:

- Relevant bird nesting federal and state laws
- Bird nesting problems and issues that have arisen on recent transmission construction
- Solutions to nesting issues that have been developed on these transmission projects
- Additional solutions for existing and future transmission work

- Going forward – Consistent and feasible steps that should be taken for all transmission projects in the future

I have included people on this email that I know have knowledge of this issue, but I will need help in identifying all the right people for the panel that can represent this issue from a regulatory, legal, and biological perspective.

I would appreciate a response to the proposed dates and names for each group that will participate in the panel discussions by May 22, 2012. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

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