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Subject: RE: AL 4193-E ABEC Bidart

Great. Thanks.

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Hi Shannon,

I will follow up and let you know.

Thanks,

Meredith

**From:** O'Rourke, Shannon [mailto:Shannon.O'Rourke@cpuc.ca.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2013 12:58 PM  
**To:** Allen, Meredith  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** AL 4193-E ABEC Bidart

Hi Meredith,

Looks like [Red] is out this week, so wanted to check in with you on the CalBio AL (4193-E). The developer reached out to us this week and basically said that there are some critical milestones that depend on cash outlays that need to be met in the next couple weeks in order for the project to be eligible for critical financing. Since this AL was just filed in February, clearly they would need to move forward with these steps in the absence of final CPUC review and issued resolution.

Since we have yet to review the AL this information on timing is news to us. When PG&E did the project viability assessment for this project was the team aware of these issues and the sensitivity of timing for this project to be in service in order to be viable?

Given the timing, it would be great to get feedback on this in the next day or so.

Thanks,

Shannon

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**From:** Neil Black [<mailto:nblack@calbioenergy.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 2:58 PM  
**To:** Douglas, Paul; O'Rourke, Shannon  
**Cc:** Ross Buckenham  
**Subject:** Follow up to today's call

Paul, Thank you for the call and Shannon good to meet you.

We have two PPAs with PG&E in front of the Commission:

1. ABEC Bidart Stockdale LLC (1,400 MWh/yr) is built and will be commercially online over the next 1 to 2 weeks. We self-financed this project.

2. ABEC Bidart Old River LLC (11,000 - 13,000 MWh/yr) has critical debt and equity support. The project needs to be placed in service by the end of this year to receive the 1603 U.S. Treasury grant that is essential for its financing. We are expecting the revised debt commitment letter this week with anticipated debt financial close around 4/15 to 4/21. Equity close would be simultaneous.

To achieve the end of year 1603 deadline there are three critical path items:

A. The interconnection. The schedule we have in place with PG&E has the initial synchronization and pre-parallel inspection taking place on November 1. However, they need a 30% Letter of Credit by Monday, April 1 to hold the date. We were planning on moving forward with this date and will now reassess. We have already spoken to them about pushing out the LoC date. But, they filled us in, pushing the LoC date out could push out the schedule. This would become a 1603 risk.

B. Equipment ordering. The vital near-term equipment order is the engine. This may need be simultaneous to the financial close or maybe earlier.

C. Permitting. Immediately upon financial close we would finalize our engineering drawings and then take the project for a permit from the Water Board and County. The Water Board permit, for example, is a defined and rapid process, but it needs to be done before the lagoon digester construction begins, which has a long lead time. With a 4/15-21 financial close we are on track.

Best regards,

Neil

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**Subject:** RE: Setting up a call

Sure. Shannon O'Rourke is the analyst handling the PPA and is out of the office for a couple of days. When she is back in the office she will work w/ you to schedule a meeting.

Thanks Neil.

Paul

**From:** Neil Black [<mailto:nblack@calbioenergy.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 2:57 PM

**To:** Douglas, Paul

**Subject:** Setting up a call

Paul,

I hope this finds you well. I want to know if you have a few minutes for a call to discuss our two PPAs and the process by which they are reviewed at the commission.

Best regards,

Neil

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