BEFORE THE NEVADA ENERGY DIRECTOR NEVADA STATE OFFICE OF ENERGY

In the Matter of the Application of:)
)
Copper Mountain 2, LLC)
Solar Photovoltaic Project)
Subsidiary of Sempra Generation)

AFN 11-1026SPV

February 22, 2012 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Director of the Nevada State Office of Energy ("Director") regarding the above application at the following date, time, and location:

> Friday March 16, 2012 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Nevada State Office of Energy 755 N. Roop Street, Suite 202 Carson City, NV 89701

To Participate via Telephone: Conference Dial-in Number: (641) 715-3200 Participant Access Code: 649969#

The hearing is being held pursuant to NRS 701A.360(5) to determine whether the Application filed by Copper Mountain 2, LLC with the Nevada State Office of Energy ("NSOE") for the construction of a solar PV facility, meets the tax abatement criteria established in NRS 701A.300 through 701A.390 and adopted regulation LCB File No. R094-10 and is, therefore, eligible to partial abatement of sales and use taxes and property tax as provided in NRS 701A.300 through 701A.390. The hearing shall be considered a contested case pursuant to NRS chapter 233B and shall be held and decided openly and publicly. Copper Mountain 2, LLC and all other eligible parties are entitled to present testimony of witnesses, to introduce evidence, and to cross-examine witnesses. Copper Mountain 2, LLC and other eligible parties may be represented by legal counsel of their choice.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the applicable but as yet uncodified regulations (presently known as LCB File No. R094-10), the following entities or people may participate in this hearing as a party: (1) The Director of NSOE; (2) The Chief of the Budget Division of the Nevada Department of Administration; (3) The Nevada Department of Taxation; (4) The Board of County Commissioners of the county in which the project or facility will be located; (5) The County Assessor of the county in which the project or facility will be located; (6) The County Treasurer of the county in which the project or facility will be located; and (7) The

Nevada Commission on Economic Development. Any person or entity that desires to participate as a party in the hearing of this matter must file with the Director a notice of its intention to participate in a form as described in Section 23 of LCB File No. R094-10.

If the person or entity is a **state entity**, it must file the notice of intent to participate in a form with the Director, Re: AFN 11-1026SPV by e-mail to at <u>lwalser@energy.nv.gov</u> and provide a copy of the notice of intent to participate in a form to the applicant's legal counsel, Scott Scherer<u>Scherer@hollandhart.com</u> no later than COB Wednesday February 29, 2012.

If the person or entity is or represents a **county, city, or township**, it must file the notice of intent in a form to participate with the Director, Re: AFN 11-1026SPV by e-mail to at <u>lwalser@energy.nv.gov</u> and provide a copy of the notice of intent to participate in a form to the applicant's legal counsel, Scott Scherer at <u>SScherer@hollandhart.com</u> no later than COB Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

The Director shall also allow public comment at a time appropriate to the conduct of the hearing.

To facilitate the expeditious and efficient consideration of Copper Mountain 2, LLC's application, the Director directs Copper Mountain 2, LLC and any party eligible to participate in the hearing to file any written testimony they would like the Director to consider to be received by the Director at <u>lwalser@energy.nv.gov</u> no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

The notice of intent to participate in a form and all written testimonies will be made available on the Director's website.

Copies of the public records related to Copper Mountain 2, LLC's application are available upon request to the Director by fax at (775) 687-1869, by e-mail addressed to <u>lwalser@energy.nv.gov</u>, or by mail addressed to: Nevada State Office of Energy, 755 North Roop Street, Suite 202, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the hearing should notify the Director in writing by mail addressed to: Nevada State Office of Energy, 755 North Roop Street, Suite 202, Carson City, NV 89701, by fax at (775) 687-1869, or by e-mail addressed to www.user@energy.nv.gov, no later than 7 business days prior to the hearing.

By the Director of the Nevada State Office of Energy,

Stacey Crowley Stacey Crowley

Stacey Crowley **Dated**: Carson City, Nevada February 22, 2011

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