

Text from an Email sent by Michael E. Tousley on February 20, 2018 to the service list.

To the Parties in CGG #16-0042-NMP:

On February 9, 2018, I issued an order stating that I would be conducting a site visit on February 20, 2018, at 3 P.M.

On February 16, 2018, both Orchard Road Solar I, LLC (“ORS”), and Richard Spitalny, Robert and Karen Galloway, Daniel McKeen, and Neil and Thomas Russell (collectively, the “Neighbors”) filed proposed agendas for today’s site visit.

This morning, ORS filed an objection to the Neighbors meeting at the site two hours before the site visit and staking five large tarps on the site. ORS also objects to the number of stops as “unreasonably duplicative of evidence already in the record.”

As I stated in the February 9, 2018, Order, the purpose of the site visit “is to provide me with the opportunity to form a physical, contextual understanding of the evidence that was admitted into the record during the evidentiary hearings that were held on August 29 and 29, 2017.” No new or duplicative evidence will be admitted into the record at the site visit.

In order to gain a physical, contextual understanding of the evidence in the record, as well as to resolve ORS’s concern about the impression made by the tarps, my request is that ORS place poles with brightly colored flags at the four corners of the proposed Project site. The flag poles should be the height of the proposed array at their highest point. If ORS is unable to install these flag poles before the site visit, I would ask that it permit the Neighbors to install the tarps as they propose. If ORS can install the flagpoles by 1 P.M. this afternoon, then I would ask the Neighbors not to install the tarps.

I plan to meet the parties at 3 P.M. on Orchard Road as proposed by ORS. If the weather allows for it, I will then walk the site and drive to the other locations proposed by the Neighbors.

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Hearing Officer
Public Utility Commission

From: PUC - Clerk

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 7:58 AM

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Subject: FW: CPG #16-0042-NMP - 2018-02-20 ORS Ltr to PUC re Site Visit