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**PETITION TO INTERVENE BY**  
**THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

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Pursuant to sections 1207 and 1712 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, the Center for Biological Diversity petitions to intervene in this proceeding.

The Center for Biological Diversity is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect imperiled species and their habitats through science, policy and environmental law. For more than a decade, the Center for Biological Diversity has worked to conserve and recover the threatened desert tortoise and its habitat in the California deserts and throughout its range. The Center has advocated for protections for the desert tortoise and other imperiled species in the California deserts on public and private lands in order to reduce impacts to the desert tortoise and its habitat and other imperiled species from development, vehicles, predation, and other threats in the California deserts. The Center for Biological Diversity has also participated in the approval process for many site-specific projects and in the planning processes for public lands throughout the California Desert Conservation Area (“CDCA”).

The Center for Biological Diversity provided scoping comments on this project to the California Energy Commission and the Bureau of Land Management on December

23, 2009. The project at issue in this matter will directly impact many desert resources including, but not limited to, the threatened desert tortoise and its habitat, the state threatened Mohave ground squirrel, other imperiled plants and wildlife, and scarce water resources.

The interests of the board, staff, and members of the Center for Biological Diversity are directly affected by the project at issue in this matter. These immediate interests include, but are not limited to, the survival and recovery of the threatened desert tortoise, the survival and recovery of the threatened Mohave ground squirrel, the preservation of habitat for these threatened species, conservation of other wildlife species found in this area including burrowing owls and golden eagles and conservation and protection of water resources.

The Center for Biological Diversity wishes to participate fully in all phases of this proceeding. Filings should be served on Lisa Belenky and Ileene Anderson at the addresses listed below. Email service is preferred.

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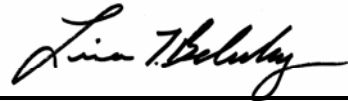
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This petition to intervene is timely filed because the last day to file is April 17, 2010. 20 CCR § 1207(b); *see* Notice of Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearing (Dated: April 8, 2010).

For the foregoing reasons, the Center for Biological Diversity respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene in this proceeding, and allow the Center for Biological Diversity to participate as a party.

Dated: April 15, 2010

Respectfully submitted,



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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Irene Anderson, declare that on, 4/15/2010, I served and filed copies of the attached, petition to intervene. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar\\_millennium\\_ridgecrest](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest)].

The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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