

BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION For the RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT

Docket No. 09-AFC-9

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, <u>Elizabeth Copley</u>, declare that on <u>July 14, 2010</u>, I served and filed copies of the attached <u>Ridgecrest Solar Power Project</u> (<u>Docket No. 09-AFC-9</u>) <u>Clarification</u>: Request to <u>Modify AFC</u> and <u>POD Milestones</u>. 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].

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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RE: Ridgecrest Solar Power Project - BLM Serial Number: CACA - 49016; AFC - Docket No. 09-AFC-9

Dear Mr. Villalobos, Mr. Solorio and Ms. Vaccaro:

Solar Millennium would like to amend its request of June 30th. We previously requested a "suspension" of our application for the Ridgecrest Solar Project. Some people have interpreted the word "suspension" to mean "complete halt to all activities." That is not our intent. In order to avoid confusion, we believe it best to withdraw our request for a "suspension" and instead request a modification of AFC and POD milestones to allow for the intensive biological study that is necessary for this site. Solar Millennium will continue a selected number of actions, principally the Mojave Ground Squirrel (MGS) biology connectivity study. The project has met a number of approval milestones and the agencies have undertaken considerable analysis and produced draft environmental documents. Our request and plan is to continue to achieve POD and AFC milestones, and maintain an active SF-299 application, as the biological data becomes available.

Solar Millennium requests the opportunity to meet with staff to address future milestones and scope of the proposed MGS study.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James H Caldwell, Jr.

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