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Subject: **SOLAR MILLENNIUM'S RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE PROPOSED  
REVISED SCHEDULE  
DOCKET NO. (09-AFC-9)**

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the original **SOLAR  
MILLENNIUM'S RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE PROPOSED REVISED SCHEDULE**,  
for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (09-AFC-9).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Mills".

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources  
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In the Matter of:

Application for Certification for the  
RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER  
PROJECT

**DOCKET NO. 09-AFC-9**

**SOLAR MILLENNIUM'S RESPONSE TO  
COMMITTEE PROPOSED REVISED  
SCHEDULE**

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On February 26, 2010, the Committee issued a Proposed Revised Schedule for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP) and invited the parties to submit comments. Solar Millennium provides the following comments and suggested revisions for Committee consideration. The primary goal of our revisions is to enhance the potential productivity of the Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DEIS) Workshops in order to resolve issues, narrow disputes, and foster communication between the parties. We strongly believe that productive workshops are the backbone of the Commission and NEPA process and will serve to reduce or eliminate the need for extensive testimony at evidentiary hearings. We believe that workshops are also more conducive to public participation than formal hearings and therefore our suggested revisions allow more time between the issuance of the SA/DEIS so that the parties can better prepare for the SA/DEIS Workshop(s).

Please revise the time for the SA/DEIS Workshop from 4/12-4/30 to 4/26-5/7. This would allow the parties the time necessary to fully review the lengthy SA/DEIS and prepare written comments for Staff to review prior to the workshop. It is our experience that if Staff has written comments, which include suggested revisions to Proposed Conditions of Certification, to review prior to the SA/DEIS Workshop the workshop can be so much more productive. If Staff has specific comments prior to the workshop, the time spent at the workshop can be devoted to actually resolving issues rather than just identifying them. We believe that holding the SA/DEIS Workshop later in April or earlier in May will allow parties the necessary time to fully review the SA/DEIS and prepare comments.

In order to facilitate the later SA/DEIS Workshop, please revise the time for the filing of testimony to 5/10, which would be after the SA/DEIS Workshop. Please revise the filing of the PreHearing Conference Statement to 5/17 in order to allow time for the resolution of issues in the Workshop to be incorporated into testimony and the PreHearing Conference Statements. Parties would then have the PreHearing Conference between 5/17 and 5/24 and the filing of rebuttal testimony could be moved to 5/27. With these revisions, the evidentiary hearings can remain as scheduled.

Solar Millennium supports the Committee's Proposed Revised Schedule and believes that with the revisions recommended above, the Committee can reach a Decision on the RSPP in time to support ARRA funding. Solar Millennium thanks the Committee for considering our comments at the February 24 Status Conference and will work cooperatively with the parties toward resolution of issues in order to minimize the disputes that would require extensive evidentiary hearings.

Dated: March 3, 2010

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**  
**For the *RIDGECREST SOLAR***  
***POWER PROJECT***

**Docket No. 09-AFC-9**

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I, Marie Mills, declare that on March 3, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached **SOLAR MILLENNIUM'S RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE PROPOSED REVISED SCHEDULE** dated **March 3, 2010**. 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:  
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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