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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
State Energy Resources
Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:)
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Ridgecrest Solar)
Power Project)

DOCKET No. 09-AFC-9
Petition to Extend Deadline
for Data Requests

RE: Petition to Extend Deadline for Data Requests

Kerncrest Audubon Society (KAS) Hereby petitions the Commission for an order to extend the due date for filing of data requests until June 17, 2010.

In accordance with the Energy Commission's regulations governing this proceeding, all requests for information must be submitted no later than 180 days from the date the Energy Commission determines an application for certification (AFC) is complete, "unless the committee allows requests for information at a later date for good cause shown." (Cal. Code Regs., tit 20, § 1716 subd. (e).) KAS believes there is good cause to extend this deadline as set forth below.

On September 1, 2009, the California Energy Commission received an AFC from Solar Millennium for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project. At a regularly scheduled business meeting on November 18, 2009, the Commission accepted the AFC as complete and appointed a Committee to preside over the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project Application for Certification proceedings. While the AFC was complete at the time, subsequently the basic project as described in the AFC has been altered substantially and information normally contained in an AFC remains to be completed at this late date. The public and other interested parties therefore remain unable to review and question information that could be critical to determining the scope and nature of mitigation.

Specifically, after submitting the AFC applicant redesigned and reconfigured the basic project footprint thus requiring additional environmental field surveys. Those surveys remain uncompleted at this time. The results of those surveys will likely lead to the need for further information that should be included in the records of the decision. Those surveys will not now be completed until after the existing deadline for submission of data requests has passed.

KAS understands the need for all parties to move expeditiously to process this AFC, however we also believe that the intent of the process is to provide public and other interested parties the information and time to understand all the impacts of the proposal so their concerns can be considered during the decision making process. To this end we request that the date for accepting data requests be extended until June 17, 2010 or two full weeks after applicant has submitted the completed surveys, whichever data is later.

Daniel G. Burnett
Member of the Board of Directors
Kerncrest Audubon Society

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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, Daniel G. Burnett, declare that on, 10 May 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached ***Petition to Extend Deadline for Data Requests***, dated 10 May 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: [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, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

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