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DATA REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Owens,

Pursuant to Title 20, section 1716(b), of the California Code of Regulations Western Watersheds Project hereby submits this set of data requests relating to Biological Resources and the Solar Millennium Ridgecrest Solar Power Project. The requested information is necessary to: (1) more fully understand the project; (2) assess whether the project will be constructed and operated in compliance with all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards; (3) assess whether the project will result in significant environmental impacts; and (4) assess potential mitigation measures.

Data Request 1: Provide the Desert Tortoise Field Survey Data Sheet, Data Sheet for Live Tortoise, Health Profile Form for Desert Tortoise, or any other field notes and photographs relating to seven desert tortoises observed on the Solar Millennium Ridgecrest Solar Power Project site that were labeled as of “unknown age” and identified as RDLJ001, RDLXX001, RDLX002, RDLX003, RDLY001, RDLY002, and RDLY003 on page 4-19 of Attachment 4 of the September 2009 Solar Millennium Ridgecrest Solar Power Project Desert Tortoise Technical Report.

Data Request 2: Provide copies of field notes from Dr. Phil Leitner relating to his assessment of Mohave ground squirrel habitat on the proposed Ridgecrest Solar Power Project site.

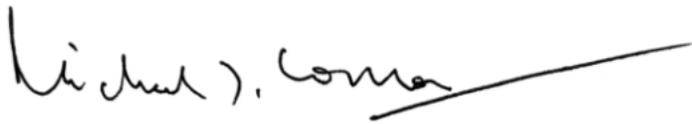
Data Request 3: Provide the methodology used to develop the maps produced in the September 2009 Mohave Ground Squirrel Habitat Assessment.

Data Request 4: Provide any guidelines or guidance that the California Energy Commission and/or the California Department of Fish and Game provided regarding mitigation for impacts to burrowing owls on the proposed Ridgecrest Solar Power Project site that differs from that specified in the 1993 California Burrowing Owl Consortium Guidelines.

Pursuant to section 1716(f) of the Energy Commission's regulations, written responses to these requests are due within 30 days. Western Watersheds Project reserves the right to submit additional data requests on any topics that require further information.

Dated: May 17, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Richard Connor, declare that on, 5/17/10, I served and filed copies of the attached DATA REQUEST, dated 5/14/10. 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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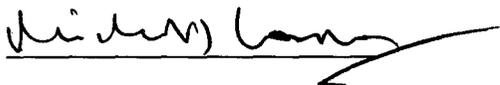
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.





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