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Subject: RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 11-0824-8, CASE 09-AFC-9

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the original of RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 11-0824-8 for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (09-AFC-9).

Sincerely,

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In the Matter of:

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RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT
0824-8

RESPONSE TO ORDER No. 11-
0824-8

Kerncrest Audubon Society appreciates the opportunity to comment once again on Solar Trust of America's Motion for Order Affirming Application of Jurisdictional Waiver in accordance with Order No. 11-0824-8.

It is our opinion that the issue has been decided by the California Legislature's passing of Senate Bill 226 on Friday, September 9, 2011 granting previously certified projects permission to convert from solar thermal to photovoltaic power generation without having to file a new application. We believe that if the legislators had considered the Energy Commission to have optional jurisdiction over projects converted from solar thermal to photovoltaic technology, as posed by the applicant, the Legislature would not have felt it necessary to introduce and pass this bill.

Further, by exercising their authority to legislate the matter, we think the legislators made it clear that they did not intend the Commission to have authority to decide on the issue of jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Burnett
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