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**RE: RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (Docket No. 09-AFC-9)
Commission Hearing on February 13, 2012**

Dear Honorable Members of the Energy Commission:

The Urban Counties Caucus (UCC), which represents the twelve most populous counties in the state, joins the comments made by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) in its brief opposing Applicant's Motion for Order Affirming Application of Jurisdictional Waiver for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (Docket No. 09-AFC-9).

UCC strongly opposes the request for an order determining that a developer has the ability to ask for the project to be under the Commission's jurisdiction. This would in effect remove the local government's ability to permit the project and would have huge implications on local control for counties. We would also note that photovoltaic facilities are specifically excluded from the Commission's jurisdiction and that this jurisdiction is instead placed in local land use authorities.

Due to the far reaching effects of this order, and the fact that it would impede on a local government's local control over a project, UCC is strongly opposed to this motion and would request that the Energy Commission deny this request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (916) 327-7531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jolena L. Voorhis".

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For the *RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT*

Docket No. 09-AFC-9
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I, Jolena Voorhis, declare that on January 18, 2012, I served and filed copies of the attached URBAN COUNTIES CAUCUS LETTER OPPOSING MOTION FOR ORDER AFFIRMING APPLICATION OF JURISDICTIONAL WAIVER FOR THE RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT, dated January 18, 2012. The original documents filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest/index.html].

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California 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.


