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Exhibit A

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 08-AFC-8A

The Application for Certification for the
Hydrogen Energy California Project

**DECLARATION OF EDWARD KOSARIEFF IN SUPPORT OF JOINT RESPONSE
OBJECTING TO APPLICANT’S REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION**

I, EDWARD KOSARIEFF, declare as follows:

1. I currently live in Buttonwillow, California. I have resided at this address for approximately 26 years.
2. I am a member of Concerned Neighbors of HECA. I joined this group after learning about the proposed Hydrogen Energy California project (“HECA”). I have attended almost all of the workshops for this proposed project.
3. My residence in Buttonwillow is also a farm where I grow food for production and consumption. I currently grow the following crops: table grapes, cherries, almonds and pistachios. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the HECA project I have been unable to change the cropping format at my farm; crop formations generally have a 15 – 25 year span. In recent years, the price of forage crops has dropped significantly. Under normal circumstances, I would transition to crops that are more economically viable, but with the uncertainty related to the outcome of the HECA project, I am unable to make that significant long term financial investment and have been stuck in this position for over 6 years now.
4. The uncertainty of the HECA project also has me concerned about the valuation of my land and my farm. I often worry about the impacts of an operational HECA plant on the commodities that I grow. For example, I worry that food processors might become unwilling to process my commodities due to pollution concerns related to HECA.
5. My two sons (ages 20 and 35) have worked tremendously hard over the years to help me develop this farm. Developing this land has always been about creating a family farm and legacy for my children. The uncertainty of what will happen with the HECA project

makes me worry about what will happen to their ability to farm here and their livelihoods if HECA becomes operational.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: 5-18-15
At: Buttonwillow, California

Signed: Edward Kosariff
EDWARD KOSARIFF