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(SOLAR MILLENNIUM) RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT; 09-AFC-9

It is understood that during a hearing conducted in Ridgecrest on Thursday, June 24, 2010, someone not representing the City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Plant stated that all wastewater effluent was committed and was not available as a coolant for the proposed Ridgecrest Solar Power Project. Although a small portion of the present day wastewater effluent is used to irrigate a golf course on the China Lake Naval Base, it is incorrect to say that all effluent is presently committed. And, certainly, no commitments have been made for the use of wastewater effluent from a proposed treatment plant currently in design.

An average 2.56 MGD of effluent is currently produced (WDO = 3.6 MGD maximum). Of this, 366 KGD is provided to irrigate the China Lake Naval Base golf course (a maximum of 670 KGD may be provided pursuant to the MOA between the City and the Base). It is anticipated that the new plant will produce 3.0 MGD, with expansion capacity up to 4.5 MGD. There have been inquiries from Solar Millennium, the Indian Wells Valley Water District, and Searles Valley Minerals, but no offers have been made.

During the years the City has been in contact with Solar Millennium and other solar power plant developers, the City has shown an eagerness to see a Solar Power

Project approved, constructed and successful. Towards that end, the City of Ridgecrest stands ready to negotiate the sale of its wastewater treatment plant effluent.

Cordially,

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