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Re: 09-AFC-7 Palen Solar Power Project

Dear Docket Clerk:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY ISSUES STATEMENT THREE. Please process the document and provide us with a conformed copy in the envelope enclosed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jason W. Holder

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Energy Resources Conservation  
and Development Commission**

In the Matter of:

The Application for Certification for the  
Palen Solar Power Plant Project

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

**CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY  
ISSUES STATEMENT THREE**

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California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”) submits this issues statement pursuant to the Committee’s August 30, 2010, Notice of Mandatory Status Conference for the Palen Solar Power Project (“Project”).

On September 1, 2010, Energy Commission Staff distributed a portion of its Revised Staff Assessment (“RSA”) for the Project. CURE is currently reviewing Part 1 of the RSA.

Notably, Part 1 of the RSA does not include Staff’s analysis in several resource areas, including Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Land Use, Visual Resources and Soil & Water Resources. The analysis in these resource areas will be covered in Part 2 of the RSA. Until that analysis is released, CURE cannot identify whether any obstacles would hinder completion of this proceeding by December, 2010.

In its issue statement for this Status Conference, Staff recommended bifurcated evidentiary hearings for Parts 1 and 2 of the RSA. CURE does not oppose Staff’s recommendation, as long as the adopted schedule allows sufficient time to review and, if necessary, prepare testimony on Part 2 of the RSA. CURE has reviewed the schedule proposed by Staff and, based on information currently available and in the spirit of cooperation, concurs with Staff’s proposed schedule.

Dated: September 8, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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