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For the reason's stated in K Road Calico Solar LLC's¹ ("Calico's") September 1,

2011 Answer to Verified Complaint to Revoke Certification and its September 28, 2011 Hearing Statement, BNSF's Complaint is wholly lacking in merit and should be dismissed. There is no reason to postpone either the evidentiary hearing scheduled for October 3, 2011 or the parties' responses to the September 28, 2011 Staff Assessment and further delay resolution of BNSF's meritless allegations, as requested by BNSF in its September 29, 2011 Request to Continue Hearing, Dated October 3, 2011 and Response to Staff Assessment of BNSF's Verified Complaint to Revoke Certification" ("Request").

In its Request, BNSF asks the Committee for a continuance of the two imminent deadlines in light of Mr. O'Shea's September 29, 2011 letter advising the Commission that Stirling Energy Systems ("SES") has filed for bankruptcy. The fact that SES filed for bankruptcy on September 22, 2011 is wholly irrelevant to the factual allegations in this

¹ As provided in a notice to all parties filed on August 31, 2011, Calico recently changed its name from Calico Solar, LLC to K Road Calico Solar LLC.

proceeding. BNSF's allegations are that there were material false statements made to the Commission *in the past* during certification and amendment proceedings. Nothing in the Complaint, subsequent pleadings by the parties, or any Committee Order in this proceeding suggest that the current business situation for SES is in any way relevant to BNSF's allegations regarding Calico's prior statements to the Commission. The recent development of SES's bankruptcy therefore should not impact BNSF's response to the Staff Assessment, nor its preparation for the October 3, 2011 hearing. There is no reason for either to be continued to a later date.

Calico respectfully requests that BNSF's Request is denied, and that both the September 30, 2011 deadline for BNSF, Mr. Jackson, and Calico to respond to the Staff Assessment and the October 3, 2011 hearing remain in place.

Date: September 29, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Margaret Pavao, declare that on September 29, 2011, I served and filed copies of the attached Opposition to BNSF's Request to Continue Hearing, Dated October 3, 2011 and Response to Staff Assessment of BNSF's Verified Complaint to Revoke Certification, dated September 29, 2011. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulations, 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/calicosolar/compliance/index.html]**.

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