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**DOCKET** 

09-AFC-9

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California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re:

Docket No. 09-AFC-9

In the Matter of Application for Certification for the Ridgecrest Solar

**Energy Project** 

Dear Commission:

Enclosed for filing please find a letter from the Kings County Board of Supervisors in response to the Proposed Commission Decision Affirming the Warren-Alquist Act Section 25502.3 Applies to Photovoltaic Electrical Generating Facilities dated December 5, 2011.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure

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December 13, 2011

James D. Boyd Vice Chair and Presiding Member California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re:

Docket No. 09-AFC-9

In the Matter of Application for Certification for the Ridgecrest Solar Energy Project, response to December 5, 2011 Proposed Commission

Decision

To the Honorable James D. Boyd:

On behalf of the County of Kings, we respectfully submit this letter in opposition to the Solar Trust's Motion for Order Affirming Application of Jurisdictional Waiver regarding the Ridgecrest Solar Power Plant Project and in opposition to the Proposed Commission Decision Affirming the Warren-Alquist Act Section 25502.3 Applies to Photovoltaic Electrical Generating Facilities.

On September 15, 2011, the Kings County Community Development Agency submitted a letter opposing the California Energy Commission accepting jurisdiction over the Ridgecrest Solar Project. For all the reasons listed in the September 15, 2011 letter attached, we respectfully oppose Solar Trust's motion for a jurisdictional waiver.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Respectfully,

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Chairman,

Kings County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Greg Gatzka, Kings County Community Development Agency

Enc.

#### DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, <u>Maricela De La Rosa</u> declare that on <u>December 13, 2011</u>, I served and filed copies of the <u>letter to California Energy Commission</u>, dated <u>December 13, 2011</u>. 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:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar\_millennium\_ridgecrest/index.html].

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

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	by depositing an original and 12 paper copies in the mail with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, as follows:
	CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION – DOCKET UNIT Attn: Docket No. 09-AFC-9 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512 docket@energy.state.ca.us
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X	Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:
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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.

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MARICELA DE LA ROSA



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# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION For the RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT

Docket No. 09-AFC-9 PROOF OF SERVICE (Revised 12/05/2011)

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