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Commissioner Robert Weisenmiller, Chair Commissioner Karen Douglas, Committee Presiding Member California Energy Commission 1519 Ninth Street Sacramento, California 95814 **California Energy Commssion** 

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Re: Termination of Commission License - Beacon Solar Energy Project (08-AFC-02)

Dear Commissioners,

On August 25, 2010, Beacon Solar, LLC, a fully owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, received a Final Decision from the California Energy Commission (Commission) approving the construction and operation of the Beacon Solar Energy Project (BSEP), 08-AFC-02 (Commission License) for a 250 megawatt (MW) parabolic trough solar thermal project.

Subsequent to the CEC's approval of the BSEP in August 2010, Beacon Solar, LLC determined that solar photovoltaic (PV) technology might offer an attractive alternative over the parabolic trough solar thermal technology proposed in the BSEP Application for Certification and approved by the Commission. Beacon Solar, LLC has obtained a Conditional Use Permit from the Kern County Planning and Community Development Department and other necessary permits from relevant agencies to develop a 250 MW PV project, known as the Beacon Photovoltaic Project, on the same site as the BSEP. Kern County prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Beacon PV Project in November 2012. Since the project no longer contains any solar thermal component, Beacon Solar, LLC hereby requests that the Commission License be terminated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Gregory Schneck Vice President Beacon Solar, LLC