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The Honorable Commissioner Boyd
California Energy Commission
1516 9th St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Commissioner Boyd:

On behalf of the Solar Alliance, I would like to express deep concern about Solar Trust of America's Motion for Order Affirming Application of Jurisdictional Waiver for the Ridgecrest Solar Project (Docket 09-AFC-9). The Solar Alliance is a national alliance of solar photovoltaic manufacturers, integrators, and financiers dedicated to accelerating the deployment of solar electric power in the United States by promoting cost-effective state-based policies. The majority of our members do business in California, and many have offices and headquarters in California.

In particular, we are concerned that the above mentioned Motion seeks to establish CEC jurisdiction over the Ridgecrest project, even in the case of the project converting from a solar thermal power generation project to a solar photovoltaic project. We find that this request is a significant change in jurisdiction in California over the siting and permitting of PV projects. We would like clarity on the jurisdiction and process, as there could be broad implications of this request.

Given such significance, we believe that such a change is more appropriate for consideration in a deliberate policy process involving the CEC, other state agencies involved in the siting process, and local jurisdictions that are typically involved in siting and permitting PV projects. We do not believe the Motion represents such a deliberate process.

If you have any questions or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-385-7240. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Sara Birmingham
Director of Western Policy, The Solar Alliance

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Commissioner Boyd,

Attached is a response to the Solar Trust of America's Motion for Order Affirming Application of Jurisdictional Waiver for the Ridgecrest Solar Project (Docket 09-AFC-9), filed by the Solar Alliance. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Best Regards,

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