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John Rogers, Superintendent

January 13, 2009

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
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Dear Mr. Kessler,

The purpose of this letter is to clarify several points in my letter written to the Commission on December 15, 2008.

First, this Superintendent of the Atascadero Unified School Districts supports the thorough, accurate, and comprehensive review procedures required by law on any project that is in the jurisdiction of any State or Federal Agency, Board or Commission. The citizens rely on these entities to perform these review actions to protect the health and safety of all. This includes the solar projects proposed at Carrisa Plains where we have students and employees housed at Carrisa Plains School. The review process is necessary.

We support energy conservation and the development and use of alternative energy, as we all share in the environmental benefits associated with many of these technologies, including solar, alternative fuels, geothermal, wind, and others.

We support the exploration of educational benefits that may be derived by our students from cooperation and collaboration with industry partners to develop increasingly relevant Science, Technology, and Math curriculum applications using local industry practitioners as members of Advisory Committees.

AUSRA Corporation is applying for a permit to develop and operate a plant in the Carrisa Plains area, within our school district. We have met with their representatives several times to discuss the potential educational benefits that may accrue to our students. These discussions continue within the context of the District's Career Technical Education program through its Solar Advisory Committee, as the development of activities, programs, curriculum, and articulation between K-12, community college, and higher education take time to develop. We are currently operating with the support of a P-16 collaboration grant, with a three year timeline.

DEDICATED TO STUDENTS ~ COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

Carrisa Plains School • Creston Elementary • Monterey Road Elementary • San Benito Road Elementary
San Gabriel Road Elementary • Santa Margarita Elementary • Santa Rosa Academic Academy
Atascadero Fine Arts Academy • Atascadero Junior High School • Atascadero High School
Del Rio Continuation High School • West Mall Alternative School • Atascadero Adult School

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AUSRA personnel participate as one of 11 members on this Committee, providing their insights from an industry perspective. AUSRA has been very cooperative with the District in providing information on needed industry employment skills, math, science, and technology applications, and potential educational activities. All of these things are worthy of exploration and discussion, and we will continue. But this should not in any way be construed as anything except what it is; seeking educational benefits with willing industry partners. We do not propose that any part of the review process be abbreviated because of this and, in fact, expect it will be especially rigorous since the AUSRA project is in proximity to our school. We support the review process.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Rogers', written in a cursive style.

JOHN ROGERS
District Superintendent

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *CARRIZO ENERGY*
SOLAR FARM PROJECT

Docket No. 07-AFC-8

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