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Subject: **RICE SOLAR ENERGY, LLC'S ISSUE STATEMENT FOR THE
MAY 4, 2010 STATUS CONFERENCE
DOCKET NO. (09-AFC-10)**

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the original copy of the **RICE SOLAR ENERGY, LLC'S ISSUE STATEMENT FOR THE MAY 4, 2010 STATUS CONFERENCE**, for the Rice Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-10).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Mills".

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Energy Resources
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In the Matter of:

Application for Certification for the
RICE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

DOCKET NO: 09-AFC-10

**RICE SOLAR ENERGY, LLC's ISSUE
STATEMENT FOR THE MAY 4, 2010
STATUS CONFERENCE**

In order to provide recommendations to the Committee concerning the processing of the Rice Solar Energy Project (RSEP) Application for Certification (AFC), Rice Solar Energy, LLC (RSE), has prepared this issue statement that we believe would be helpful to discuss at the upcoming May 4, 2010, Status Conference.

RSE's request for Status Conferences with the Committee was intended to provide a forum for resolving issues that might otherwise prevent the RSEP's certification from being processed expeditiously in order to reach a Decision within a time frame that would allow for RSE to obtain ARRA funding.

Without abandoning the proposed interconnection by way of the Western Area Power Administration Transmission System, RSE is considering and proposes to offer a second option for transmission interconnection for evaluation by Staff. This option will be described and analysed in a Supplement to the AFC. RSE has already undertaken protocol level biological and cultural resources surveys over most of the prospective optional route. The offering of this option is necessary in order to accommodate the specific delivery requirements into the CalSO System pursuant to RSE's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). This alternate transmission route will allow a direct connection to Southern California Edison's (SCE) Colorado River Substation and will need environmental and LORS review by Staff.

RSE is currently working on developing a full and complete AFC Supplement describing the transmission option and anticipates filing within 4 weeks. Understanding that Staff will need time to review and incorporate the new information into the Staff Assessment/Draft

Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DEIS), RSE requests that the SA/DEIS be published in early July and evidentiary hearings scheduled in September or October.

Solar Reserve, LLC looks forward to a productive Status Conference on May 4, 2010 and will be prepared to discuss procedural and substantive questions the Committee may pose.

Dated: April 27, 2010

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *RICE SOLAR ENERGY POWER
PLANT PROJECT***

Docket No. 09-AFC-10

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I, Marie Mills, declare that on April 27, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached, **RICE SOLAR ENERGY, LLC'S ISSUES STATEMENT FOR THE MAY 4, 2010 STATUS CONFERENCE**. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, 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/ricesolar>].

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