Solar Millennium LLC

Chevron

August 24, 2009

Ms. Melissa Jones
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Application for Certification, Palen Solar Power Project

Dear Ms. Jones:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Solar Millennium, LLC and Chevron Energy Solutions ("the Applicants") hereby submit this Application for Certification (AFC), seeking authority to construct and operate the Palen Solar Power Project (PSPP). The parabolic trough concentrating solar thermal power project consists of two nominal 250 MW solar powered electric generating facilities, which will be located near the City of Desert Center, in Riverside County.

The proposed Project is one of the "fast track" projects identified by the Secretary of the Interior for expedited review in order to be able to commence construction in 2010 and potentially be eligible for incentives offered under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This will require close adherence to the joint 12-month AFC/EIS schedule recently established between the CEC and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). To this end, the Applicants have sought to minimize potential environmental impacts through project siting and design. The AFC has been developed through close consultation with the BLM, and we understand that it will be reviewed under the joint CEC/BLM process, resulting in a joint CEQA/NEPA document. We would like to request individual licenses for the two plants included in the proposed Project.

As an officer, I hereby attest, under penalty of perjury, that the contents of this application are truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2009.

Josef Eichhammer
Chief Executive Officer
Solar Millennium, LLC

Dave Stone
Senior Vice President,
Chevron Energy Solutions