August 31, 2009

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

Re: Application for Certification, Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP)

Dear Ms. Jones:

Pursuant to the provisions of Division 2 of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Solar Millennium, LLC (the "Applicant") hereby submits this Application for Certification (AFC), seeking authority to construct and operate the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP). The parabolic trough concentrating solar thermal power project consists of one nominal 250 MW solar powered electric generating facility, which will be located approximately 5 miles southwest of the City of Ridgecrest, in Kern 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 Applicant has sought to minimize all 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.

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 31st day of August, 2009.

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