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Subject: **SOLAR MILLENNIUM'S REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF
REVISED SCHEDULING ORDER
RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT
DOCKET NO. (09-AFC-9)**

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the original of **SOLAR MILLENNIUM'S REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF REVISED SCHEDULING ORDER**, for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (09-AFC-9).

Sincerely,



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Energy Resources
Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:

Application for Certification for the
RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER
PROJECT

DOCKET NO. 09-AFC-9

**SOLAR MILLENNIUM'S REQUEST FOR
MODIFICATION OF REVISED
SCHEDULING ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 1716.5 of the Commission Regulations¹ Solar Millennium LLC (Solar Millennium) hereby requests a modification to the Revised Scheduling Order issued by the Committee on August 26, 2010. In that Order, the Committee approved a two-year suspension of Application For Certification (AFC) Proceedings for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP). The purpose of the suspension was to allow the Staff and parties to work with Solar Millennium to develop a two-year study for the Mojave Ground Squirrel (MGS). Solar Millennium participated in a Workshop to discuss the scope of the study in November 2010.

Additionally, Solar Millennium is aware that the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Planning Process (DRECP) is considering the general vicinity around and including the RSPP site. Solar Millennium supports the planning effort undertaken by the DRECP and is participating through its industry associations. The DRECP is undertaking various environmental studies that will develop valuable information that would guide the siting of renewable projects such as the RSPP. Since the DRECP would directly affect the RSPP site and vicinity, Solar Millennium believes it would be prudent to suspend these AFC Proceedings to allow more informed decision making when the DRECP is finalized.

In light of these facts, Solar Millennium filed a letter on January 21, 2011 in which it attempted to communicate its decision not to perform the MGS study. At this time, Solar Millennium requests that the Committee modify the current Revised Scheduling Order acknowledging that Solar Millennium is not conducting the MGS study but instead would like to wait for the outcome of the DRECP and to use this as the basis for determining how to proceed with the RSPP AFC Proceedings. To that end Solar Millennium requests the Committee continue the suspension of the RSPP for a period of 18 months but not require

¹ 20 CCR Section 1716.5

the MGS Study. Solar Millennium proposes to inform the Committee of the Status of the DRECP and its effect on the RSPP on a quarterly basis during the suspension.

Dated: March 23, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

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For the *RIDGECREST SOLAR
POWER PROJECT***

Docket No. 09-AFC-9

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I, Marie Mills, declare that on March 24, 2011, I served and filed copies of the attached **SOLAR MILLENNIUM'S REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF REVISED SCHEDULING ORDER**, dated March 23, 2011. 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/ridgecrest_solar].**

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