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President Michael R. Peevey  
Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon  
Commissioner Mike P. Florio  
Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval  
Commissioner Mark J. Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: A.10-11-002 - SVTC Solar's PV Manufacturing Development Facility (MDF)

Dear Commissioners:

It has come to my attention that Stanford's interest in partnering with SVTC Solar has been called into question because our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is considered stale. Let me assure you that Stanford's commitment to working with SVTC Solar has not waned. I continue to be excited by the prospect of having a PV MDF located nearby in Silicon Valley and the opportunities it will provide for the region and the state. Once the facility is up and running, I am looking forward to collaborating with SVTC Solar to develop and implement educational programs at the PV MDF to support the workforce needs of California's photovoltaic industry. I hope to be able to take my students to SVTC during the Fall Quarter of 2012 when I teach my course. I am also hoping to use the facilities at SVTC for a new project I have started on making tandem solar cells that have organic solar cells on top of silicon solar cells.

I encourage your support of President Peevey's Alternate Decision in A.10-11-002 approving funding for SVTC Solar's PV MDF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. McGehee".

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