BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. Rulemaking 11-05-005

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NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION BY FIRST SOLAR

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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, First Solar

respectfully reports of the following ex parte communication related to the above-captioned

matter.

On June 19, Rachel McMahon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, met with Matthew

Tisdale, Advisor to Commissioner Florio, for approximately 30 minutes. The meeting took place

at the Commission's offices at 505 Van Ness, San Francisco, CA, starting at 11:30 am and

concluded at approximately 12:00 NOON.

The primary topic of discussion was Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Simon's Proposed

Decision Setting Compliance Rules for the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program (PD). In the

meeting, First Solar expressed support for the interpretation in the PD of Public Utilities Code §

399.21 (a)(6), to allow load-serving entities 36 months to retire Category 3 RECs, irrespective of

the compliance period in which the RECs were generated or acquired.

No written materials were provided by First Solar.

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Respectfully submitted,

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