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Pursuant to Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 1207 and 1712, the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo (“ECOSLO”) petitions to intervene in these proceedings.

According to Section 1207

(a) Any person may file with the Docket Unit or the presiding committee member a petition to intervene in any proceeding. The petition shall set forth the grounds for the intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, the extent to which the petitioner desires to participate in the proceedings, and the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner.

(b) In a power plant siting case, the petition shall be filed no later than the Prehearing Conference or 30 days prior to the first hearing held pursuant to

sections 1725, 1748, or 1944 of this Chapter, whichever is earlier, subject to the exception in subsection (c) below. The petitioner shall also serve the petition upon the Applicant.

Pursuant to section 1207(c), the “presiding member may grant leave to intervene to any petitioner to the extent he deems reasonable and relevant”

ECOSLO is a San Luis Obispo non-profit membership organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the natural environment through community-based action, advocacy and education. ECOSLO supports and strives to create resilient, healthy natural systems and life styles in San Luis Obispo County by promoting renewable energy, energy conservation and efficiency, sustainable agriculture, green building and sustainable economic development, protection of agricultural lands and open space, social equity, environmental justice and protection of our natural environment.

One of ECOSLO’s areas of focus is environmental education. ECOSLO assists the public with a range of technical and educational services, such as public speaking engagements, organized workshops, tree planting, outreach and networking support, and community advocacy consultation. ECOSLO offers information on current issues, county wide environmental services, plus a lending library of books, tapes, and videos at its downtown walk-in Environmental Center.

ECOSLO is also committed to conservation and restoration of important habitats. In partnership with the City of San Luis Obispo, ECOSLO's stewardship programs, Natural San Luis and SLO Stewards, provide advisory and support services to the City on issues such as protection of San Luis Obispo Creek, establishment of a Greenbelt around the city, annexations,

trail maintenance, and habitat restoration. SLO Stewards hosts weekly volunteer trail renovation projects to prevent erosion, restore creek beds, and protect the native habitat.

To promote community sustainability, ECOSLO participates in efforts to promote safe bike lanes, ride-share programs, and improved public transportation.

ECOSLO also focuses on responsible land use planning, pollution cleanup, and sustainable development in San Luis Obispo County and the Central Coast region. ECOSLO pioneered progressive recycling practices in SLO County by establishing the county's first recycling center; publishing recycled product guides and conducting school outreach programs.

The Carrizo Energy Solar Farm affects ECOSLO and its members' long-term environmental interests by harming sensitive and protected wildlife species and plant communities through habitat degradation and fragmentation. ECOSLO is particularly concerned about this project's potential biological impacts because it is to be located in an area that contains a very high concentration of sensitive and protected wildlife species. ECOSLO is also concerned about the project's potential groundwater, air quality and land use impacts.

ECOSLO's petition is timely because neither a Pre-hearing Conference nor a hearing pursuant to sections 1725, 1748, or 1944 has been scheduled.

ECOSLO wishes to participate fully in all phases of this proceeding. All communication with ECOSLO should be directed to ECOSLO's counsel, Babak Naficy, at the address provided below.

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For all the foregoing reasons, ECOSLO respectfully urges the Commission to grant its petition to intervene in this proceeding and allow it to participate as a party.

Dated: November 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Babak Naficy, declare that on November 14, 2008, I deposited the original signed copy of the attached PETITION TO INTERVENE BY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER OF SAN LUIS OBISPO in the United States mail in San Luis Obispo, California, with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to:

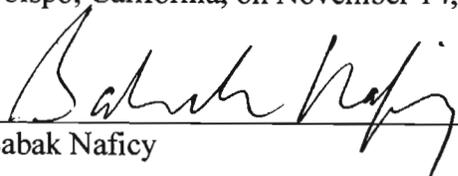
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I, Babak Naficy, declare that on November 14, 2008, transmission via electronic mail of the attached PETITION TO INTERVENE BY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER OF SAN LUIS OBISPO was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.6, and 1210. Electronic copies were sent to all those identified on the list below.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at San Luis Obispo, California, on November 14, 2008.


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