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Dec 10, 2008

Mary Nichols  
Chairperson, California Air Resources Board  
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Sacramento, CA 95812

**Re: Renewable Energy in the AB 32 Scoping Plan**

Dear Chairperson Nichols and Honorable Board Members,

On behalf of the Solar Alliance, I would like to thank you for your recognition of the importance of carbon emission reductions from voluntary renewable power purchases at the meeting on November 20, 2008. We request that the Scoping Plan be revised to include this recognition.

The Solar Alliance is a national association of solar photovoltaic manufacturers, installers, integrators, and financiers dedicated to accelerating the development of solar power in the United States. Our members have a strong commitment to assisting in the adoption and implementation of sound state-based policies and programs that will accelerate the movement towards a low-carbon economy.

The transition to a low-carbon economy is essential to maintaining the economic well-being, public health, natural resources and environment in California. A critical element in that transition is maintaining and stimulating the development and use of zero-carbon, renewable energy technologies such as solar by numerous sectors of our economy.

We feel that potential emissions reduction measures under AB 32 should seek to increase, not hinder, citizen participation in our clean energy future. Therefore we recommend setting aside carbon allowances on behalf of voluntary renewable power purchases.

Allocating and retiring allowances associated with voluntary renewable power purchases will ensure that customers who invest in solar energy contribute to real emission reductions. This will offer an important tool for

customers such as local governments and business to contribute to lowering carbon emissions under the cap in California.

Thank you for your willingness to listen to and work with interested parties throughout this complex process, and for all of the hard work that you and your staff have done. The AB 32 effort is monumental, and we recognize the challenges that are faced as California takes a national leadership role in climate change policy and debate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sara Birmingham".

Sara Birmingham  
Director of Western Policy