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July 14, 2009

RE: Solar Energy Study Areas and the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for
Solar Energy Development

Dear Ms. Resseguie:

The Solar Energy Industries Association commends the Department of Interior's work to-date on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Development, and has a keen interest in the recently-announced Solar Energy Study Areas.

SEIA represents over 900 member companies, many of which are or plan to pursue projects within the six-state region of the PEIS. Considerable effort will go into crafting comments that represent the views of the solar industry. Therefore, SEIA respectfully requests that the deadline for comments on the Solar Energy Study Areas be extended 45 days beyond the original deadline to September 13, 2009.

If granted, the additional time will allow SEIA to garner consensus among industry participants and provide the Bureau of Land Management with reasoned input as it considers the scope and location of these Solar Energy Study Areas. The solar industry is eager to see the PEIS completed in a timely fashion. However, evaluating the announced study areas is an important interim step and is worth the additional time and analysis at this juncture.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rhone A. Resch". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Rhone A. Resch
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