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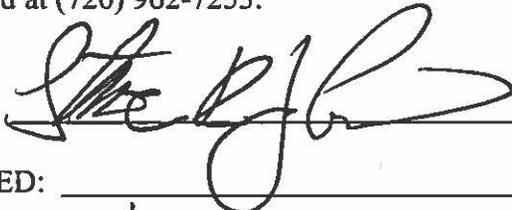
SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment Determination for the Sterling Solar 1 Photovoltaic Interconnection Project, Mohave County, Arizona

TO: Steve Johnson, Acting Senior Vice President and Regional Manager

Sterling Solar, LLC, has submitted a transmission interconnection request to Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to interconnect their proposed Sterling Solar 1 Photovoltaic Interconnection Project to WAPA's existing Black Mesa-Topock and North Havasu-Topock 230-kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission system in Mohave County, Arizona. WAPA proposes to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental effects of the Sterling Solar 1 Photovoltaic Interconnection Project based on the provisions in 10 CFR 1021 of the Department of Energy National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures since this action fits within category C7 (Contracts, policies, and marketing and allocations plans for electric power) of Appendix C to Subpart D of part 1021. Category C7 applies to this action because the proposal entails an interconnection of new generation that is less than 50 average megawatts.

In accordance with my responsibilities under Section 3.b. of the Department of Energy Policy 451.1, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Program, I have determined that it is appropriate to prepare an environmental assessment to analyze the effects of the proposed project. Andrew M. Montañó will be the NEPA Document Manager for the EA and may be reached at (720) 962-7253.

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