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Large-scale Solar Association Lauds the Passage of Senate Bill 350

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Large-scale Solar Association congratulates Pro Tem de Leon, Speaker Atkins and the California legislature on the landmark passage of SB 350 (de Leon) and urges Governor Brown to sign the bill and continue his visionary leadership in the fight against climate change. The 50% Renewables Portfolio Standard included in the bill is a proven mechanism for growing the clean energy economy and is essential to the message we hope Governor Brown and Pro Tem de Leon will continue to share here in California and abroad -- there is clear evidence that the economy can prosper alongside bold climate action. California’s solar industry is ready to contribute to the achievement of these laudable new goals.

The 50% Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) will continue to generate much-needed job growth in some of the most disadvantaged communities in the state and build on the economic success of the existing 33% RPS standard. The solar industry is nearing completion of approximately 8,500 megawatts of clean energy throughout California, yielding $1.6 billion in tax revenue to the State and providing critical power to the grid in the face of extreme drought. With the passage of SB 350, industry is ready to build on this success in partnership with state agencies, utilities, local communities and conservation groups.

“Today, with the passage of SB 350, California moves once again to the forefront of the global clean energy renaissance. Utility-scale solar stands at the ready to provide zero emission, low cost power that will bring tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars to our economy,” said Shannon Eddy, executive director of the Large-scale Solar Association. “Fifteen years from now, we’ll look back upon this day as a courageous turning point in our quest for a sustainable, renewable energy future.”

About the Large-scale Solar Association
The Large-scale Solar Association (LSA) is a non-partisan, solar advocacy association whose purpose is to support utility-scale solar technologies through appropriate policy mechanisms. Member companies in the LSA represent leaders in the utility-scale solar industry who share a common understanding of and concern in the issues facing development of the solar industry. For more information, visit www.largescalesolar.org