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| 9                               | SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA   |   |
| 10                              | COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO   |   |
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| 12<br>13                        | CALIFORNIA SOLAR ENERGY<br>INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, INC., dba<br>CALIFORNIA SOLAR and STORAGE  | Case No. CGC-21-594911                            |
| 14                              | ASSOCIATION,  | STIPULATION                                       |
| 15<br>16                        | Petitioner and Plaintiff,<br>v.   | Hearing Date: October 21, 2021<br>Time: 9:30 A.M. |
| 17                              | CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE   | Dept: 302<br>Judge: Hon. Ethan P. Schulman        |
| 18<br>19                        | BOARD; and DAVID FOGT, in his official capacity as Registrar of Contractors; and DOES 1-20, inclusive,  |   |
| 20                              | Respondents and Defendants.   |   |
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WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, Respondent-Defendant Contractors State License Board acted to preclude the C-46 Solar license classification from installing Battery Energy Storage Systems, rescind all prior staff opinions to the contrary, and provide a 90-day grace period to educate the industry on its decision (the "July 27, 2021 decision");

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, Respondent-Defendant David Fogt, in his official capacity as Registrar of Contractors, issued industry bulletin numbered CSLB 21-14, entitled *CSLB Announces Contractor Classifications Authorized to Install Battery Energy Storage Systems*, and on September 2, 2021 he issued industry bulletin numbered CSLB 21-15, entitled *CSLB Holds Online BESS Workshop and Answers Frequently Asked BESS Questions* (collectively the "accompanying industry bulletins"):

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, Petitioner-Plaintiff California Solar Energy Industries Association, Inc., doing business as California Solar and Storage Association filed in this Court a Motion for Preliminary Injunction seeking to enjoin Respondents-Defendants from enforcing or otherwise implementing the July 27, 2021 decision and accompanying industry bulletins; and

WHEREAS, to avoid the need to litigate the Motion, Respondents-Defendants have determined to not enforce or implement the July 27, 2021 decision and accompanying industry bulletins until this action is finally resolved, and Petitioner-Plaintiff has agreed to withdraw its motion in exchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties, do hereby stipulate, through their counsel of record, as follows:

- 1. Respondents-Defendants stipulate to not enforce or implement the July 27, 2021 decision and accompanying industry bulletins numbered CSLB 21-14 and CSLB 21-15, until the above-captioned action, including any appeals, is resolved.
- 2. In exchange, Petitioner-Plaintiff agrees to withdraw without prejudice its pending Motion for Preliminary Injunction, scheduled for hearing in this Department on October 21, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.
- 3. This stipulation may be enforced by appropriate motion, including if necessary an ex parte application, of any Party.

| 1       | 4. This stipulation may be executed in counterparts transmitted by facsimile or email. |
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| 2       | SO STIPULATED:   |
| 3       | Dated: October 1, 2021   |
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| 6       | CARTER OTT STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL                         |
| 7       | Attorneys for Respondents-Defendants   |
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## DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

(Separate Mailings)

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Case No.:

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I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service with postage thereon fully prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On October 4, 2021, I served the attached **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND STIPULATION** by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with return receipt requested, and another true copy of the **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND STIPULATION** was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000, San Francisco, CA 94102-7004, addressed as follows:

Heather M. Minner Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP 396 Hayes Street San Francisco, CA 94102-4421

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 4, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

D. Garcia

Declarant

Signature

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