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**Linda M. Bullen**  
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August 30, 2016

Ms. Trisha Osborne  
Assistant Commission Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
1150 East William Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109

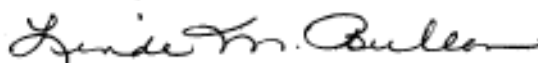
Re: Notice Of An Application By South Ridge Solar, LLC To A Federal Agency For Approval To Construct A Photovoltaic Solar Facility, 230 kV Transmission Lines And Ancillary Facilities Pursuant To The Utility Environmental Protection Act

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Enclosed herewith, please find the Notice Of An Application By South Ridge Solar, LLC To A Federal Agency For Approval To Construct A Photovoltaic Solar Facility, 230 kV Transmission Lines And Ancillary Facilities Pursuant To The Utility Environmental Protection Act. Also enclosed are a draft notice and check for \$200.00 for the filing fee.

If you have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 279-4040.

Best Regards,



Linda M. Bullen

Counsel for South Ridge Solar, LLC

1                                   **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

2   IN THE MATTER OF:  
3   Notice of an Application to a Federal Agency  
4   by South Ridge Solar, LLC for a Permit to  
5   Construct a Photovoltaic Solar Facility, 230 kV  
6   Transmission Lines and Ancillary Facilities  
7   Pursuant to the Utility Environmental  
8   Protection Act

Docket No. 16-\_\_\_\_\_

7                                   **NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION BY SOUTH RIDGE SOLAR, LLC TO A**  
8                                   **FEDERAL AGENCY FOR APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR**  
9                                   **FACILITY, 230 kV TRANSMISSION LINES AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES**  
10                                   **PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

11                                   **I.     INTRODUCTION**

12                                   Pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"), and the  
13                                   provisions of Chapter 704 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 703 of the  
14                                   Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), South Ridge Solar, LLC ("South Ridge") hereby files a  
15                                   Notice with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") that an application will  
16                                   be filed with a federal agency for a permit to construct a 200 megawatt ("MW") photovoltaic  
17                                   ("PV") solar energy generation project, 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission generation tie lines and  
18                                   other ancillary facilities on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management  
19                                   ("BLM") primarily in Nye County, with a small portion in Clark County, Nevada (the Project").

20                                   All correspondence related to this Notice should be sent to the undersigned counsel:

21   Linda M. Bullen  
22   Bullen Law, LLC  
23   8635 W. Sahara Ave. #454  
24   Las Vegas, Nevada 89117

25                                   The Project falls within the definition of a "utility facility" as set forth in NRS 704.860.  
26                                   An environmental review of the Project will be conducted, led by the BLM pursuant to the  
27                                   National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA"), 42 U.S.C § 4321 and an environmental  
28                                   impact statement ("EIS") will be prepared. No later than 30 days after the issuance of the final  
EIS, South Ridge will file the UEPA Application with the Commission pursuant to NRS

1 704.870(2)(b).

2 South Ridge requests that the Commission accept this Notice under UEPA as complying  
3 with the statutory and regulatory requirements set forth herein. Upon submission of a detailed  
4 application, South Ridge will seek approval from the Commission for a Permit to Construct  
5 ("PTC") the Project.

## 6 II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY NAC 703.421

7 The following Notice was prepared pursuant to NRS 704.870.2(a) and NAC 703.421.

- 8 **1. The name, address, and telephone number of the person who filed the application**  
9 **with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.1).**

10 The application to the BLM will be filed by:

11 Brian Kunz  
12 South Ridge Solar, LLC  
13 135 Main Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
14 San Francisco, CA 94105

- 15 **2. The date on which the application was filed with the appropriate federal agency**  
16 **(NAC 703.421.2).**

17 An SF299 application for the Project will be filed with the BLM in September 2016.

- 18 **3. A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.3).**

19 The Project location is located primarily in Nye County, Nevada, with a small portion  
20 located in Clark County, Nevada, on lands owned by the federal government and administered  
21 by the BLM.

- 22 **4. A general description of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.4).**

23 This Proposed Facility is an up to 200 MW solar PV electric generating facility located  
24 on federally owned lands administered by the BLM in Nye and Clark Counties, Nevada. The  
25 solar field will interconnect with Valley Electric Association's Innovation Substation via a 230  
26 kV generation-tie line.

- 27 **5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State**  
28 **Clearinghouse within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**  
**(NAC 703.421.5).**

A copy of this Notice has been submitted to the Regulatory Operations Staff of the

1 Commission, the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection, Nevada State  
2 Clearinghouse, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of  
3 Environmental Protection, the Clark and Nye County Clerks and others. See Certificate of  
4 Service attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5 **6. Proof that a public notice of this application was given to persons residing in the**  
6 **municipalities entitled to receive notice by the publication of a summary of the**  
7 **application in newspapers published and distributed in the area in which the utility**  
8 **facility is proposed to be located (NRS 704.870(4)(B)).**

9 A copy of the Affidavit of Publication of the public notice of this application is attached  
10 hereto as Exhibit B. A copy of the draft notice pursuant to NAC 703.162 is attached hereto as  
11 Exhibit C.

12 **7. Proof of Compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife Energy Cost**  
13 **Recovery Fund Program (NRS 701.600-640).**


14 NRS 701.610 provides that a person who files an application with the Federal  
15 government for a lease or easement for a right-of-way for an energy development project or an  
16 application with the Commission or any county in the state of Nevada relating to the construction  
17 of an energy development project must file a notice of the energy development project with the  
18 Nevada Department of Wildlife ("NDOW").

19 The required notice to NDOW pursuant to NRS 701.610 was filed on August 24, 2016.  
20 See NDOW Application for Energy Projects Fund for the Recovery of Costs attached hereto as  
21 Exhibit D.

### 22 III. CONCLUSION

23 South Ridge will submit its UEPA Application within thirty days of the conclusion of the  
24 federal environmental review process. At that time, it will request that the Commission issue to  
25 it a UEPA Permit to construct the proposed Project pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b).

26 Respectfully submitted on August 30, 2016.

27 Linda M. Bullen  
  
28 Bullen Law, LLC  
Attorney for South Ridge Solar, LLC

**EXHIBIT A**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 30, 2016 a true and correct copy of the **NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO A FEDERAL AGENCY BY SOUTH RIDGE SOLAR, LLC FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR FACILITY, 230 kV TRANSMISSION LINES AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES** was served as indicated on the following parties:

Via Electronic Mail:

Staff Counsel Support  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
1150 E. William Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109  
pucn.sc@puc.nv.gov

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
Tammy Cordova, Staff Counsel  
1150 E. William Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109  
tcordova@puc.nv.gov

Office of the Attorney General  
Bureau of Consumer Protection  
Mr. Eric Witkoski, Chief Deputy A. G.  
100 North Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717  
ewitkoski@ag.nv.gov

Nevada State Clearinghouse  
Nevada Division of State Lands  
Skip Canfield  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5003  
Carson City, NV 89701-5246  
nevadaclearinghouse@lands.nv.gov

Nevada Department of Conservation and  
Natural Resources  
Leo Drozdoff, Director  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 1003  
Carson City, Nevada 89701  
ldrozdoff@dcnr.nv.gov

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Dave Emme, Administrator  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249  
demme@ndep.nv.gov

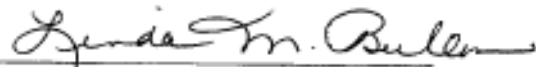
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
Louise Uttinger  
1150 E. William Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109  
uttinger@puc.nv.gov

Clark County Clerk  
Diana Alba  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155  
clerkem@ClarkCountyNV.gov

Nye County Clerk  
Sandra Merlino  
101 Radar Rd.  
Tonopah, NV 89049  
smerlino@co.nye.nv.us

Via Hand Delivery:  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
Shayla Hooker, Legal Secretary  
9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

DATED: August 30, 2016



Linda M. Bullen

## **EXHIBIT B**

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)  
COUNTY OF CLARK) SS:

BULLEN LAW LLC  
STE 454  
8635 W SAHARA AVE  
LAS VEGAS NV 89117

Account # 124204  
Ad Number 0000855757

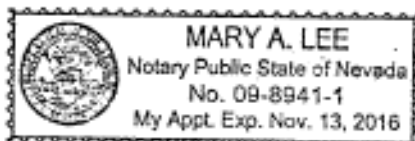
Eileen Gallagher, being 1st duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Legal Clerk for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and the Las Vegas Sun, daily newspapers regularly issued, published and circulated in the City of Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada, and that the advertisement, a true copy attached for, was continuously published in said Las Vegas Review-Journal and / or Las Vegas Sun in 1 edition(s) of said newspaper issued from 08/25/2016 to 08/25/2016, on the following days:

08 / 25 / 16

*Eileen Gallagher*  
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 25th day of August, 2016

Notary *Mary Lee*



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR FACILITY, 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES UNDER THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

South Ridge Solar, LLC (the "South Ridge") is submitting pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"), a notice (the "Notice") to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the "Commission") for authority and a permit to construct an up to 200 megawatt ("MW") photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 230 kilovolt ("KV") transmission line and ancillary facilities (the "Proposed Facility") under Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 704, Sections 704 to 708, and Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 704, Sections 415 to 427. The Proposed Facility will be located on federally-owned lands in Nye and Clark Counties, Nevada.

The contents of the Notice will include, but are not limited to:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person who will file the application with the appropriate federal agency.
2. The date on which the application will be filed with the appropriate federal agency.
3. A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility.
4. A general description of the proposed utility facility.
5. Proof that a copy of the Notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
6. Proof that a public notice of the Notice was given to the persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice by the publication of a summary of the application in newspapers published and distributed in the area in which the utility facility is proposed to be located.
7. Proof of compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife Energy Cost Recovery Fund Program.

A copy of the Notice will be available on the Commission's Website following the filing of the Notice and Application by South Ridge. Additional information about the UEPA process and a person's right to participate in the process can be found in NRS and NAC Chapters 704 and 708.

PUB August 25, 2016  
Las Vegas Journal



## **EXHIBIT C**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**  
**DRAFT NOTICE**  
**(Applications, Tariff Filings, Complaints, and Petitions)**

Pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") 703.162, the Commission requires that a draft notice be included with all applications, tariff filings, complaints and petitions. Please complete and include **ONE COPY** of this form with your filing. (Completion of this form may require the use of more than one page.)

A title that generally describes the relief requested (see NAC 703.160(4)(a)):

**Notice Of An Application By South Ridge Solar, LLC To A Federal Agency For Approval To Construct A Photovoltaic Solar Facility, 230 kV Transmission Lines And Ancillary Facilities Pursuant To The Utility Environmental Protection Act**

The name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner or the name of the agent for the applicant, complainant or petitioner (see NAC 703.160(4)(b)):

**The applicant is South Ridge Solar, LLC ("South Ridge").  
Linda M. Bullen of Bullen Law, LLC is legal counsel for the applicant.**

A brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding, including, without limitation, a clear and concise introductory statement that summarizes the relief requested or the type of proceeding scheduled **AND** the effect of the relief or proceeding upon consumers (see NAC 703.160(4)(c)):

**The filing is a notice of an application by South Ridge to a federal agency for approval to construct a photovoltaic solar facility, 230 kV transmission lines and ancillary facilities. This filing has no effect on consumers.**

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") 704.069(1)<sup>1</sup>:

**A consumer session is not required.**

If the draft notice pertains to a tariff filing, please include the tariff number **AND** the section number(s) or schedule number(s) being revised.

**The draft notice does not pertain to a tariff filing.**

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<sup>1</sup> NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:

1. The Commission shall conduct a consumer session to solicit comments from the public in any matter pending before the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.061 to 704.110 inclusive, in which:
  - (a) A public utility has filed a general rate application, an application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale or an application to clear its deferred accounts; and
  - (b) The changes proposed in the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue, as certified by the applicant, in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant's annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less.

## **EXHIBIT D**

**BULLEN LAW, LLC**

8635 W. SAHARA AVE. #454 LAS VEGAS NV 89117 702.279.4040

August 24, 2016

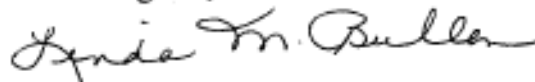
John C. Tull, PhD  
Wildlife Staff Specialist  
Nevada Department of Wildlife  
1100 Valley Rd., Reno, NV 89512

Re: Application for Energy Projects "Fund for the Recovery of Costs"  
South Ridge Solar Project

Dear Mr. Tull:

Enclosed with this letter are the Application for Energy Projects "Fund for the Recovery of Costs" and Check No. 15927 in the amount of \$10,000 for the South Ridge Solar Project for the establishment of the NDOW cost recovery account for that project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Linda M. Bullen  
Attorney for South Ridge Solar, LLC



# Application for Energy Projects "Fund for the Recovery of Costs"

Nevada Revised Statutes 701.600-640  
Nevada Administrative Code 701.800-820

Applicant:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Project Name South Ridge Solar

Applicant South Ridge Solar, LLC

Mailing Address 135 Main Street, 6th Floor

City San Francisco State CA Zip Code 94015

Name of Contact Melanie Falls Phone 415-730-3724 Email melanie.falls@firstsolar.com

Name of Responsible Corporate Officer/Agency Rep. Brian Kunz Title V.P. Project Development

### Project Type

Solar  Wind  Geothermal  Fossil Fuel  Biomass  Fuel Pipeline  Power Transmission

Net Maximum Generation Capacity 200 MW Estimated Voltage (power transmission) \_\_\_\_\_ kV

Proposed Project Size (acres) 2,250 Proposed Transmission Length (miles) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Length of Fuel Lines/Pipelines (miles) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Infrastructure (e.g., evaporation/holding ponds or tanks, recharge stations; estimated acres) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed County Location (also attach project map) Primarily Nye County with a small portion in Clark County

Project Description The project is an up to 200 MW photovoltaic electric generating station which will be constructed on federal land administered by the BLM. The solar facility will interconnect with Valley Electric Association's Innovation Substation via a 230 kV generation tie-line.

Estimated Project Schedule/Timeline Not yet determined.

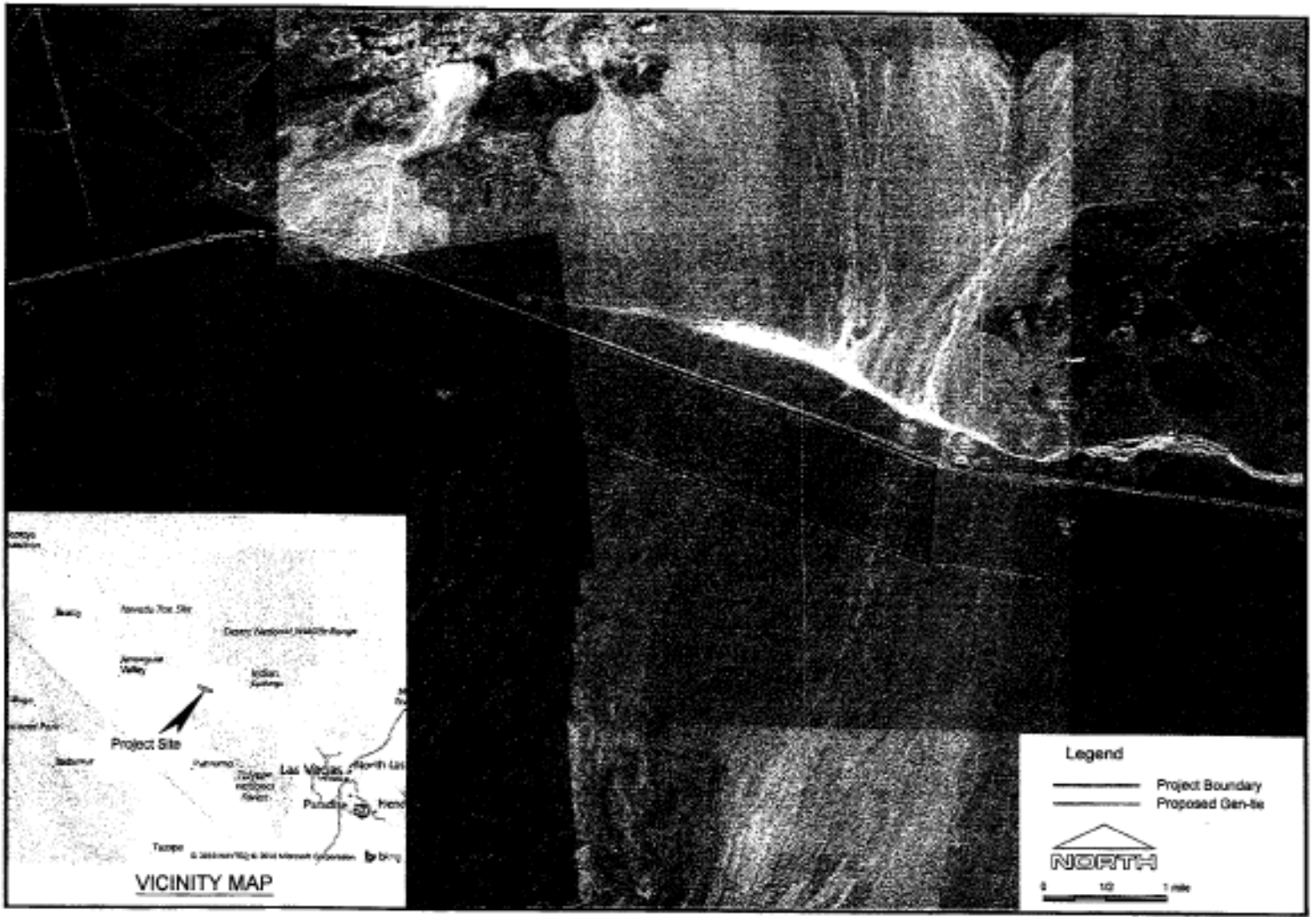
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BD  
Applicant Signature *Brian Kunz* Date August 27, 2016

Enclose initial payment made out to **Nevada Department of Wildlife.**

- Remit **\$5,000** for fuel pipelines less than 50 miles in length, power transmission projects greater than 50kV and less than 50 miles in length, or geothermal production projects.
- Remit **\$10,000** for fuel pipelines more than 50 miles in length, power transmission projects greater than 50kV and more than 50 miles in length, or solar, wind, fossil fuel or other energy production projects.

Submit payment with application and maps to:

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Habitat Division  
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120  
Reno, NV 89511 USA



SOUTH RIDGE  
SITE MAP



First Solar Development, LLC  
 135, Main Street, 6th floor  
 San Francisco, CA # 94106  
 Tel - (415)935 # 2500  
 Fax - (415)935 # 2501  
 www.firstsolar.com

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
 1100 Valley Rd  
 Reno NV 89512

Check	
Document / Date	2000047207 / 08/11/2016
Our accounting clerk	
Telephone	
Fax	
Your account with us 1008721	

**FIRST SOLAR DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600  
 TEMPE, AZ 85281



August 11, 2016

\*\*\*\* 'TEN THOUSAND USD' and '00'/100 '

\*\*\*\*\*10,000.00\*  
 US Dollar

PAY

DATE AMOUNT

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
 1100 Valley Rd  
 Reno NV 89512

TWO (2) SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR AMOUNTS OVER \$100,000.00

TO THE ORDER OF

*Bryan Schuler*  
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

FOR

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FIRST SOLAR DEVELOPMENT, INC. TEMPE, AZ 85281

Document	Invoice number	Invoice date	Gross amount	Cash discount	Payment amount	Curr
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Sum total				0.00	10,000.00	

Payment document 2000047207	Check number 15927	Date 08/11/2016	Currency USD	Payment amount *****10,000.00*
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