

## Jefferson Union High School District Sets Solar Precedent for Secondary Schools in Bay Area

### District Commits to 1.7 MW Solar Power System Across Five Schools with UPC Solar

**Chicago, IL, January 23, 2008** – UPC Solar, a leading solar power development company, today announced an agreement to build solar photovoltaic systems at all five high schools in the Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD). The solar power systems represent 1,702 kW of installed capacity.

“This is certainly a win for our district,” asserted Michael Crilly, Superintendent, JUHSD. “We will realize savings and make a bold statement to the young people enrolled in our schools that the future is going to be different. This project is both practical and symbolic.”

The project will be designed, installed, owned and operated by UPC Solar under a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Jefferson Union High School District. The systems will provide approximately 85% of each school’s total annual electricity requirements and 100% of the most expensive “peak demand” requirements. Importantly, the projects will avoid annual greenhouse gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by 3,735,884 pounds, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions by 1,291 pounds and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by 192 pounds.

“Without a business model like the one offered by UPC Solar, JUHSD would not have even entertained the thought of powering the entire district with solar energy,” commented Steve Fuentes, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, JUHSD. “The cost would have been completely beyond our reach.”

“The JUHSD administration has demonstrated significant leadership to their students, faculty and the entire Bay Area by moving forward with this important green initiative,” noted Morten Sissener, President and CEO, UPC Solar. “We are pleased to enable the District to save money on electricity and improve the environment without committing any capital expenditures.”

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### About UPC Solar

UPC Solar designs, builds, finances, owns and operates solar power systems, including selling solar electricity to commercial, educational, utility and government entities under long-term power purchase agreements. UPC works with select suppliers, partners and capital providers to develop competitive solar projects including distributed roof-top applications, large ground mount solar farms and utility-scale projects. UPC Solar’s PPA enables distributed generation customers to buy solar electricity at competitive prices with little or no capital expense, improve the environment and become a green corporate citizen. In addition, UPC Solar’s PPA enables customers to purchase solar electricity, instead of buying a solar power system, at guaranteed prices for twenty years. UPC has a deep history in renewable energy with 750 MW of renewable energy operational and another 3,000 MW of renewable energy in development worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.upcsolar.com](http://www.upcsolar.com).

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