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Ms. Jerri Scott, Compliance Project Manager
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SMUD Cosumnes Power Plant Environmental Impact Noise Informal Complaint

Dear Ms. Scott:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule today to discuss with me the California Energy Commission's Informal Dispute Resolution Procedure and Investigation process as it pertains to SMUD's Cosumnes Power Plant (CPP) scheduled to commence operation by March 2006. I am one of many Herald community residents living close to CPP who are **very** concerned about substantial noise pollution this facility has generated since November 2005. We are even more concerned about the noise pollution this facility will generate 24 hours a day, 7 days per week once CPP comes on line permanently. Even though CPP management including Mr. Bob Nelson, Superintendent/Project Development and Mr. Kevin Hudson, Senior Project Manager, have assured the community that this condition is within noise pollution guidelines included in the initial Environmental Impact Report we are **very** concerned that this facility will dramatically impact our quality of life. In reality an EIR document does not generate any noise the community must endure, but I can assure you CPP generates substantial noise. I compare their noise to be similar to the noise generated by a jet plane flying overhead. The jet noise is substantial but only lasts for a few seconds as it flies over; however, CPP will be as intense on a 24/7 basis and unacceptable for all of local residents.

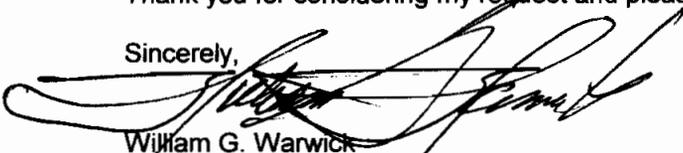
As an example of CPP's miscalculations, they and **CH2MHILL**, a private environmental consulting firm, created a Noise Emission Contours map (presumably in the EIR) that identified geographic concentric circles around CPP with noise impacts in decibels ranging from 60 dBA at the plant site to 40dBA at the outer perimeter circle. They designated two regions within this map as R1 with a range of 60-55dBA and R2 with a range of 55-40dBA. Apparently they assumed there would be no noise impact outside the R2 region and, therefore, no need to inform residents outside the R2 area of testing including "steam blows" they planned to conduct. I live outside of the R1 and R2 areas. In late November my wife and I were awakened by a sustained 'jet' noise described above and we immediately knew we had a noise pollution problem with CPP. I went over the CPP facility and discussed my concerns with Mr. Hudson who told me that CPP had informed local residents within the R1 and R2 areas by mail of the "steam blows" but decided it was not necessary to notify residents outside these areas. Later that day Mr. Hudson hand delivered the "steam blow" notification to us. Since then we have received other notifications from Bob Nelson urging residents to 'be patient' during CPP's commissioning process.

About a week after my visit to Mr. Hudson I called him and requested that CPP conduct a scientific noise survey at my residence and he declined saying that CPP would conduct a final noise survey prior to the start-up of the power plant and another one after the plant was commissioned to confirm their compliance with California Energy Commission EIR noise standards.

We are quite displeased with CPP's studies and effort to mitigate noise pollution in our community and urge the California Energy Commission to mandate legally binding scientific noise surveys be conducted by an impartial environmental entity prior to the start-up of CPP. We do not want our quality of life and property values to be diminished in any way.

Thank you for considering my request and please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



William G. Warwick

Cc: Don Nottoli, District 5 County Supervisor

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