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**TO: AGENCY DISTRIBUTION LIST**

REQUEST FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE STAFF ASSESSMENT PART 1 FOR THE RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER (01-AFC-7C) AMENDMENT PETITION NO. 1

On November 17, 2006, the Russell City Energy Company, LLC filed a petition with the California Energy Commission seeking approval to modify the Commission Decision for the Russell City Energy Center (RCEC). The petition contains several modifications, the most notable being the relocation of the project facilities approximately 1,300 feet northwest of the original location. The remaining modifications describe the physical make-up of the new location. The 600 megawatt project certified by the Energy Commission on September 11, 2002, is expected to begin construction the second quarter in 2008. The facility will be located in the City of Hayward, in Alameda County.

THE STAFF ASSESSMENT (SA) PART 1

Part 1 of the SA contains the Energy Commission staff's evaluation of the following technical areas:

biological resources	facility design
geology and paleontology	hazardous materials
noise and vibration	power plant efficiency
power plant reliability	socioeconomic resources
soil and water resources	transmission line safety and nuisance
transmission system engineering	worker safety/fire protection

A public workshop on Part 1 will be held on April 9, 2007 in Hayward. This workshop has been separately noticed. Public local, State, and federal agencies are encouraged to participate in this workshop.

Part 1 of the SA includes those technical areas that involve little change from staff's analysis of the original RCEC. The remaining technical areas will be included in Part 2 because: 1) additional information is required from the project owner; 2) agency comment is required; 3) issues need to be resolved with a local agency; and 4) staff resource limitation in certain technical areas prevented completion of the analyses.

Part 2 will include:

Air Quality	Alternatives
Cultural Resources	Land Use
Public Health	Traffic and Transportation
Visual Resources	Waste Management

AGENCY PARTICIPATION

We request that you provide any written comments you may have regarding the disclosure of potential issues of concern by April 20, 2007. Please provide your comments to Lance Shaw, the Energy Commission's Compliance Project Manager at (916) 653-1227, or e-mail: lshaw@energy.state.ca.us.

Your participation in the proceeding is encouraged and will consist of identifying and working to resolve issues of concern to your agency. It is the Energy Commission's intention to issue a decision in 2007. If you have questions or would like additional information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review process, please contact Lance Shaw.

The status of the project, copies of notices and other relevant documents will be placed on the Energy Commission's web site at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity/index.html>.

Enclosed is a CD of Part 1 of the Staff Assessment for the Russell City Energy Center, Amendment No. 1. If you desire a paper copy of the petition, please contact Lance Shaw.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Roger E. Johnson in black ink, followed by the word "for" in a smaller, less distinct script.

ROGER E. JOHNSON, Manager
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