



FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION

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Ms. Jan C. Knight
Chief, Endangered Species Division
United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605
Sacramento, California 95825-1846

**SUBJECT: BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER
HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA**

Dear Ms. Knight:

Attached are three copies of a Biological Assessment for the Russell City Energy Center project in Hayward, California. This Biological Assessment addresses the Fish and Wildlife Service's comments on the Russell City Energy Center Application for Certification before the California Energy Commission, as expressed in your letter of August 21, 2001 to Mr. Calvin Fong of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We believe that the Biological Assessment addresses all of your concerns regarding the potential effect of the Russell City Energy Center on threatened or endangered species. With the mitigation measures proposed in the Biological Assessment, we believe that the project would not be likely to have significant adverse effects on the salt marsh harvest mouse, California clapper rail, California least tern, or western snowy plover.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me or Brett Hartman at (916) 928-0202.

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Sincerely,

Douglas M. Davy, Ph.D.
AFC Project Manager

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