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**Subject: Request for Confidential Designation  
Confidential Paleontological Resources Technical Report  
Sun Valley Energy Project (05-AFC-3)**

Dear Mr. Blevins,

Edison Mission Energy, is the owner of the Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP). Edison Mission Energy requests that the attached information be designated confidential pursuant to 20 CCR Section 2505. This information is being supplied to the California Energy Commission (CEC) as Appendix 8.8.A to the Application for Certification docketed on December 1, 2005.

In support of its application for confidential designation, Edison Mission Energy provides the following information:

APPLICANT: Edison Mission Energy  
ADDRESS: 18101 Von Karman Ave., Suite 1700  
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*1(a). Title, date and description (including number of pages) of the record for which you request confidential designation.*

Application for Certification, Sun Valley Energy Project, December 2005, Appendix 8.8.A, Paleontological Resources Location Data and Map.

*1(b). Specify the part(s) of the record for which you request confidential designation.*

Appendix 8.8.A, Paleontological Resources Location Data and Map.

2. *State and justify the length of time the Commission should keep the record confidential.*

Appendix 8.8.A should be kept confidential indefinitely to protect potential paleontological resources sites. If the descriptions of the locations of the sites are released to the public domain, there is a risk of looting.

3(a). *State the provisions of the Public Records Act or other law that allows the Commission to keep the record confidential, and explain why the provision(s) apply to the record.*

Appendix 8.8.A specifically identifies areas of potential paleontological significance. It is thus protected under Government Code Sections 6254 (e) and 6254(k). Protection provided is analogous to that given to Native American sacred places under Section 6254 (r) of the Government Code.

3(b). *Discuss the public interest in nondisclosure of the record. If the record contains trade secrets or its disclosure would otherwise cause loss of a competitive advantage, please also state how it would be lost, the value of the information to the applicant, and the ease or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others.*

The public interest will be served by nondisclosure by preventing looting of the paleontological resources sites described Appendix 8.8.A. Such looting would preclude scientific study of the sites to gain data about the paleontological resources area.

4. *State whether the record may be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions (including but not limited to the identity of the applicant). State the degree of aggregation or masking required. If the data cannot be disclosed even if aggregated or masked, explain why.*

Edison Mission Energy believes the CEC staff will require the specific information contained in Appendix 8.8.A to properly perform its analysis. Aggregation of information would hinder a complete CEC analysis. However, Edison Mission Energy believes the CEC can incorporate a generalized summary of information contained in Appendix 8.8.A to properly state the basis for its analysis without disclosing information specific enough to facilitate looting.

5. *State how the record is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has ever been disclosed to a person other than an employee of the applicant. If it has, explain the circumstances under which disclosure occurred.*

Edison Mission Energy has not disclosed any of the subject information to anyone other than its employees, attorneys, and consultants working in the Sun Valley Energy Project. Moreover, this information has not been disclosed to persons employed by or working for Edison Mission Energy except on a "need-to-know" basis. Edison Mission Energy is marking this information "Confidential" and is instituting a policy that it be segregated from other Sun Valley Energy Project files and that access to it be restricted to a designated confidential information manager within Edison Mission Energy or its attorneys/consultants.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of the applicant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Galati", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott A. Galati  
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