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The Honorable James Battin
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3067
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Battin:

On December 1, 2005, Valle del Sol Energy, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 500 megawatt simple-cycle power plant. The Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP) is located near Romoland, in unincorporated Riverside County. The SVEP is designed as a peaking facility to meet electric generation load during periods of high demand, which generally occur during daytime hours, and more frequently during the summer than other portions of the year.

The AFC is currently under review to determine if it contains the information required by Energy Commission regulations. Once the application is deemed data adequate, the Energy Commission will start the discovery and analysis phases of the review of the SVEP. Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the SVEP should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide the public and local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the SVEP. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10-14 days prior to the meeting.

We are available to brief you and your staff on the Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the SVEP application. Please contact Terrence O'Brien, Deputy Director, Systems Assessment and Facility Siting Division, at (916) 654-3924, if you would like a briefing. If your constituents would like to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project they should contact Margret Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228.

Further, the status of this project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available at:
http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley/index.html

Sincerely,

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