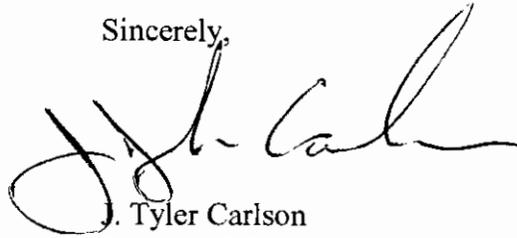


If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Holt at (602) 605-2592 or Ms. Alison Jarrett at 602-605-2434.

Sincerely,



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Re: Cancellation of Western's Environmental Assessment for Interconnecting the Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California.

Dear Mr. Wood:

In March 2005, the Western Area Power Administration (Western), a power-marketing agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), notified you of its intentions to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for interconnecting a new Blythe II Energy Project (BEP II) power plant in Riverside County, California, to Western's transmission system at Western's Buck Boulevard Substation. Western proposed to mesh its EA review process with the California Energy Commission's (Commission) Facility Certification Process to eliminate duplication between the state and Federal processes, thus making it easier for the public to follow one process instead of two. The Commission's staff issued its Final Staff Assessment on April 29, 2005. The Final Staff Assessment served as Western's Draft EA. The Commission approved with conditions the Blythe II Energy Project in a decision issued in December 2005.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Western's involvement in this project and related activities has been terminated per discussions with Mr. Robert Looper, a representative of Caithness Energy, the developer of the Blythe II Energy Project. Therefore, Western has cancelled its EA and plans no further environmental review for the project.

If Western's involvement in this project should be renewed in the future, Western will inform you of the action and will consult with you at that time.

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