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Dear Librarian:

DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT PHASE II (02-AFC-1)

The enclosed Final Staff Assessment (FSA) contains the California Energy Commission staff's final environmental, engineering, and public health and safety evaluation of the Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II). Please make this FSA available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the FSA or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "electricity energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject. Please retain the enclosed letter to the public behind the front cover of the FSA.

The Energy Commission's siting process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation in our review process, the Commission distributes copies of staff documents such as the FSA to public libraries in communities near the proposed project and in major cities throughout the state.

Thank you for your cooperation. Inquiries about the project should be directed to Bill Pfanner, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4206 or by e-mail at bpfanner@energy.state.ca.us or Evelyn Johnson, Siting Project Secretary, at (916) 653-1640 or by e-mail at ejohnson@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger E. Johnson".

ROGER E. JOHNSON
Siting and Compliance Office Manager

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To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT PHASE II
FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT**

The enclosed Final Staff Assessment (FSA) contains the California Energy Commission staff's final environmental, engineering, and public health and safety evaluation of the Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II).

The BEP II AFC was filed with the California Energy Commission on February 19, 2002. The project AFC was amended in May to relocate the BEP II structures to the adjacent parcel and amended again in July of 2002 to reconfigure the evaporation ponds. The project is located adjacent to the operating Blythe Energy Project I (BEP I) that was approved by the Energy Commission on March 21, 2001.

BEP II is a nominally rated 520 MW combined-cycle power plant consisting of two Siemens Westinghouse V84.3a 170 MW combustion turbine generators (CTGs), one (1) 180 MW steam turbine generator, and supporting equipment. BEP II may utilize some existing facilities at the BEP I site including the Control/Administration and Maintenance Buildings. Other BEP I facilities that are proposed to be expanded to serve BEP II include the groundwater supply, water treatment systems, fire protection facilities and site access roads. Natural gas will be supplied to the BEP II plant by the natural gas pipeline constructed as part of the approved and operating BEP I project.

The Energy Commission should conduct public hearings on the FSA in the summer of 2005.

If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Ms. Margaret Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at: pao@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Bill Pfanner, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4206 or by email at bpfanner@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcase/blythe2/index/html.

Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the FSA. Thank You.