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AGENCY INFORMATION LETTER
FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (04-AFC-1)
FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT

Please find enclosed an electronic copy of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) for the San Francisco Electric Reliability Project (SFERP). The FSA was published on February 17, 2006. Agencies, organizations and members of the public are encouraged to participate in the FSA review process. Written comments are appreciated by March 27, 2006. You may also present your views at the FSA workshop that will be held on Monday, March 6th, 2006, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro Street, San Francisco.

The FSA contains the California Energy Commission staff's independent evaluation of the SFERP Application for Certification (04-AFC-1). The FSA examines engineering, environmental, public health and safety aspects of SFERP, based on the information provided by the applicant (the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) and other sources available at the time the FSA was prepared. The FSA contains analyses similar to those normally contained in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and it addresses any agency and public comments received on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA).

The FSA is not the decision document for these proceedings, nor does it contain findings of the Energy Commission related to environmental impacts or the project's compliance with local/state/federal legal requirements. The FSA will serve as staff's testimony in evidentiary hearings to be held by the Committee of two Commissioners who are hearing this case. The Committee will consider the recommendations presented by staff, the applicant, all parties, government agencies, and the public prior to proposing its decision. The full Energy Commission will make the final decision, including findings, after the Committee's publication of its proposed decision.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications for thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, access roads, and water pipelines. As the lead agency under CEQA, the Energy Commission encourages your continued participation in resolving issues of concern.

Please direct your questions to Bill Pfanner, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4206, or by e-mail at bpfanner@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Ms. Margret Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California,

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at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at pao@energy.state.ca.us.

The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC and supplements, the FSA and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sanfrancisco>.

If you need reasonable accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz of the Administrative Services Division at (916) 654-5146 or via email at lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us.

Please contact us if you would like to receive a paper copy of this information.

Sincerely,

2/27/06
Date



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