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The Honorable Dean Florez
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5061
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Dear Senator Florez:

On November 17,2006, Starwood Power-Midway, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 120-megawatt, simple-cycle power plant, the Starwood Power Project, in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. The Starwood facility 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.

On January 3, 2007, the AFC for the Starwood Power Project was deemed data adequate by the California Energy Commission, and our staff will now begin the discovery and analysis phases of our permitting process. Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the Starwood Power Project 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 proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 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 Starwood application. Please contact Michael Smith, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at (916) 654-4942, 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.

The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/starwood. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director