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## Notice of Data Response and Issues Resolution Staff Workshop for the Panoche Energy Center Project (06-AFC-5)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a Data Response and Issues Resolution workshop for the proposed Panoche Energy Center power plant project. The purpose is to discuss the applicant's responses to staff's data requests and to work toward resolving remaining issues. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the public and other interested parties to meet with staff. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007**  
**California Energy Commission Staff Workshop**  
**5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

City of Mendota  
Mendota Community Center  
195 Smoot Avenue  
Mendota, California 93640  
(Wheelchair Accessible)  
(Map Attached)

<b>DOCKET</b> <b>06-AFC-5</b>
DATE: JAN 19 2007
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### Purpose

The Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing Energy Investors Fund Panoche LLC's Application for Certification (AFC) for the proposed development of the Panoche Energy Center (PEC). Staff published Data Requests on December 8, 2006 for the following technical areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geological resources, land use, noise, socioeconomics, soil and water resources, visual resources (plume), and waste management. The staff workshop will focus on PEC's Data Responses and work toward resolving project issues. Following the workshop, staff will consider the comments it receives and publish a Preliminary Staff Assessment containing preliminary recommendations on the proposed project.

### Background

On August 2, 2006, Energy Investors Fund, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 400 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant, the Panoche Energy Center, in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. The facility site will be located on a 12.8-acre site within a 128-acre parcel. The site is approximately 12 miles southwest of the city of Mendota, 16 miles south-southwest of the city of Firebaugh and approximately 2 miles east of Interstate 5, adjacent to the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) existing Panoche Substation. The proposed site and substation are located south of West Panoche Road. The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications for thermal electric power plants, with

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a capacity of 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. On November 8, 2006, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete, which initiated Energy Commission staff's independent review of the proposed project.

## Public Participation

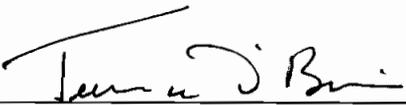
The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in the project review, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us). If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

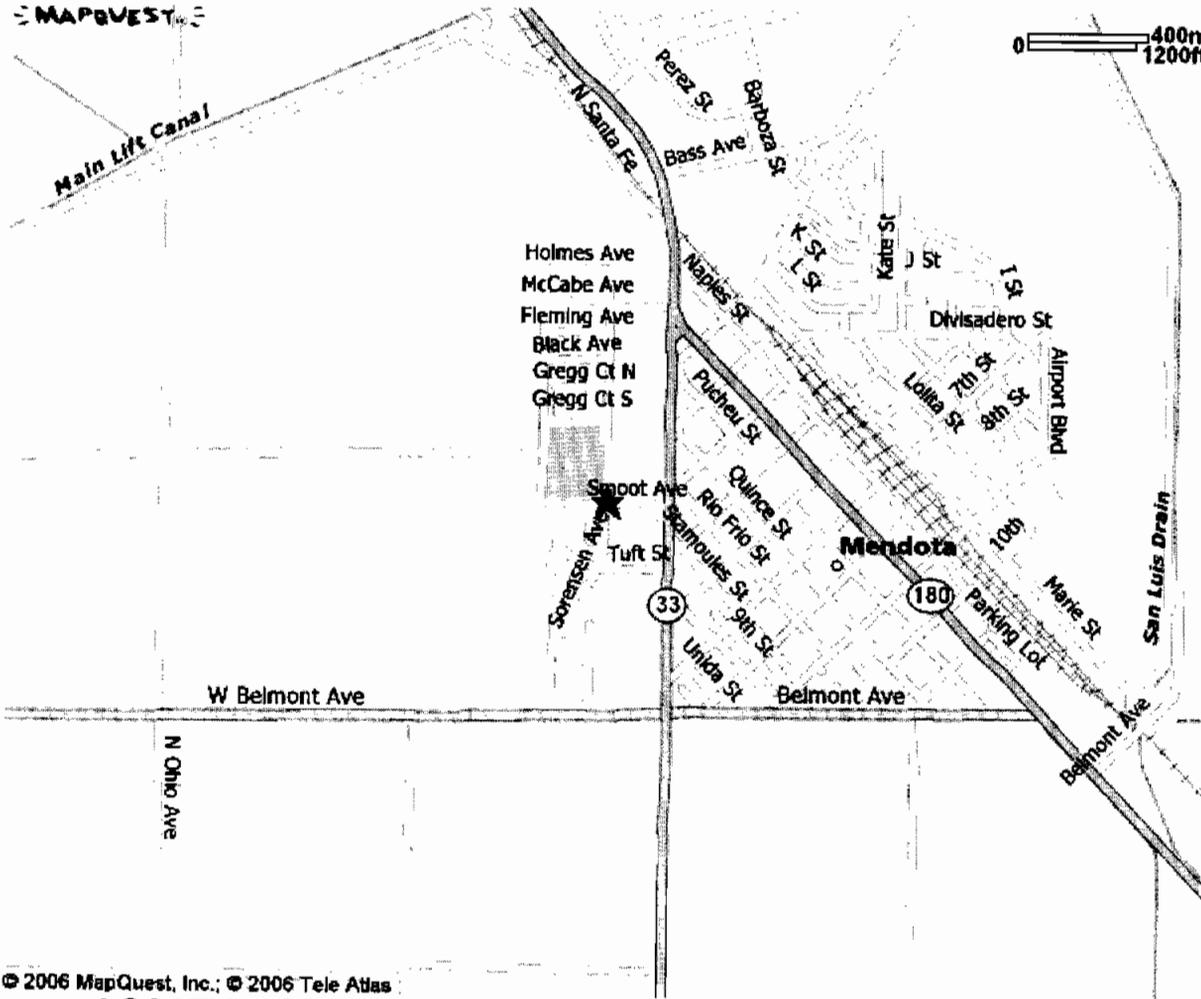
## Questions

General information, copies of the Application for Certification, staff's data requests, the applicant's data responses and other documents on the proposed project are available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/panoche/index.html>. Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us). For general information or technical questions on the subject matter, please contact James W. Reede, Jr., Project Manager, at (916) 653-1245 or by e-mail to [jreede@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jreede@energy.state.ca.us).

If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the Energy Commission staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this Notice.

Date: 1/19/07

  
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**LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES:**

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195 SMOOT AVENUE  
MENDOTA, CA. 93640**

**Energy Commission Workshop  
Wednesday, January 31, 2007  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE PANOCHÉ ENERGY  
CENTER

Docket No. 06-AFC-5  
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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Angela Hockaday, declare that on January 19, 2007, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Data Response and Issues Resolution Staff Workshop for the Panoche Energy Center Project (06-AFC-5), in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

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