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November 16, 2015

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Re: Calpine's Request to Obtain and Implement County-Issued Demolition Permit to Abate Fire Damage to Cooling Tower at Geysers 3

Dear Ms. Antonopoulos:

This letter responds to Calpine's request to obtain and implement a county-issued demolition permit to abate fire damage to the cooling tower at Geysers 3. The Geysers 3 is located in Sonoma County.

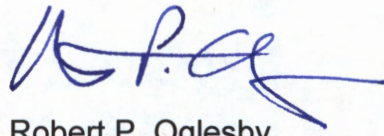
In response to the recent wildfires in California, Governor Brown has issued Executive Order B-36-15, which applies to wildfires that have damaged critical infrastructure, including power plants. The Executive Order provides in part that "[t]he Energy Commission shall expedite the processing of all applications or petitions for amendments to power plant certifications issued by the Energy Commission for the purpose of remediating any wildfire damage and to restore power plant operation by authorizing emergency construction activities including demolition, alteration, replacement, repair or reconstruction necessary for power plant operation."

I understand from Energy Commission staff and your legal counsel that the cooling tower at Geysers 3 was seriously damaged by the recent wildfires, and that Geysers received and accepted Sonoma County's condemnation order on November 5, 2015. I recognize that these fire-damaged structures can pose an immediate threat to public health and safety and that it is important for Calpine to act promptly to eliminate these threats. I therefore authorize Calpine to take steps to immediately obtain a demolition permit from Sonoma County and proceed with demolition of the cooling tower as authorized and required by the local permit. Calpine is expected to provide all

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documentation related to the demolition to the Energy Commission when the demolition is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.P. Oglesby", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert P. Oglesby
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Karen Douglas, Energy Commission
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