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RE: **Application for Confidential Designation of Response to Data Request A152 Geoarchaeological Report Hydrogen Energy California Power Plant Docket No. 08-AFC-8A**

Dear Mr. Carroll:

The California Energy Commission is in receipt of an Application for Confidential Designation t submitted on behalf of Hydrogen Energy California Power Plant (“Applicant”). The Application seeks confidential designation for the following document:

Response to Data Request A152 Geoarchaeological Report

The application states:

. . . The submitted record contains sensitive information related to paleontological, archaeological or historical objects, structures, landscapes, resources, sacred places, or sites of concern. . . . If the information in the submitted record is released to the public, there is a risk that the information could be used to loot, vandalize, or otherwise damage the sensitive cultural, archaeological, historical and/or paleontological resources.

A properly filed application for confidentiality shall be granted under the California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(a)(3)(A), “if the applicant makes a reasonable claim that the Public Records Act or other provision of law authorizes the Energy Commission to keep the record confidential.”

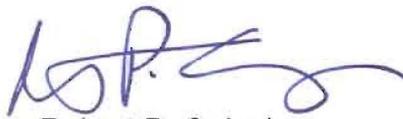
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The California Public Records Act provides for the nondisclosure of archaeological site information and reports. Gov. Code, sec. 6254.10. The Public Records Act also recognizes the confidentiality principles of federal law. (Gov. Code, sec. 6254(k).) The Archaeological Resources Protection Act establishes a clear, national legal policy that all types of archaeological, paleontological, and cultural resource site locations must be kept confidential in order to preserve them. (16 U.S.C. sec. 470hh.) Non-disclosure of cultural resources, such as the location information that you have submitted is expressly in the public interest. Therefore, Applicant's confidentiality application seeking confidentiality of cultural resource site location information contained within the Geoarchaeological Report is granted in its entirety. Resource site location data will be kept confidential for an indefinite period.

Any subsequent submittals related to archaeological resources can be deemed confidential as specified in this letter without the need for a new application under California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 2505(a)(1)(G) and 2505(a)(4), if you file a certification under penalty of perjury that the new information is substantially similar to the information granted confidentiality by this determination.

Be advised that persons may petition to inspect or copy records that I have designated as confidential. The procedures and criteria for filing, reviewing, and acting upon such petitions are set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2506. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jared Babula, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 651-1462.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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