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SUN VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (05-AFC-3)

NOTICE OF RECEIPT

On December 1, 2005, Valle del Sol Energy, LLC, (VSE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy (EME), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a simple-cycle (peaking) power plant, the Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP), near Romoland, in unincorporated Riverside County. On January 13, 2006, VSE submitted a supplement to the AFC to satisfy Energy Commission information requirements. On February 1, 2006, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC with supplemental information as complete, and our staff has begun the discovery and analysis phases of the project's 12-month licensing process.

## **Project Description**

The proposed SVEP would be a nominal 500 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant, to be located at 29500 Rouse Road, near Romoland. The SVEP is designed as a peaking facility to meet electric generation load during periods of high demand. The proposed project would use recycled water for cooling and other power plant processes and would connect to the Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical transmission grid at SCE's Valley Substation via a 600-foot long, 115 kilovolt transmission line.

## Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all 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 and natural gas and water pipelines. The Energy Commission's responsibilities are those of the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act.

## **Public Participation**

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. An Informational Hearing and Site Visit will be held on February 27, 2006. The assigned committee of two commissioners will provide details on the time and location in a separate mailing. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10-14 days prior to the meeting.

If you want information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Margret Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can

also be contacted via email at <u>pao@energy.state.ca.us</u>. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Robert Worl, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-8853, or by e-mail at <u>rworl@energy.state.ca.us</u>. The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley/index.html</u>

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the project site and 500 feet of the transmission and water lines. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Angela Hockaday, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-3925, or by e-mail at <u>ahockada@energy.state.ca.us</u>.

## Availability of the AFC Document

Copies of the AFC and Supplement are available for public inspection at the following Riverside County Public Libraries:

Cesar E. Chavez Library 163 East San Jacinto Avenue Perris, CA 92570 Riverside Main Library 3581 Mission Inn Avenue Riverside, CA 92501

Sun City Library 26982 Cherry Hills Boulevard Sun City, CA 92586

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

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