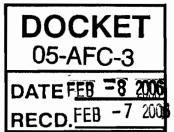
## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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TO: AGENCY DISTRIBUTION LIST

## REQUEST FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE SUN VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (05-AFC-3)

On December 13, 2005, your agency was sent a copy of the Sun Valley Energy Project Application for Certification (AFC) with a request for your agency's comments. Enclosed is a supplement to that AFC which was submitted by Valle del Sol Energy, LLC, on January 13, 2006.

On February 1, 2006, the Energy Commission determined the AFC to be data adequate, and staff has begun the data discovery and the analysis phases of the project review, scheduled to take approximately 12 months. During this time, staff will conduct a detailed examination of the project's potential for environmental and engineering impacts and compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards. As part of our review process, the staff of the Energy Commission works closely with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards are met and incorporated into the final decision of the Commission. Your agency now has the opportunity to assist Energy Commission staff in identifying significant issues and any additional information necessary for proper analysis and resolution of these issues.

To ensure a timely review of the AFC, we request your cooperation by completing your review and issuing any <u>draft and final</u> notices, findings, opinions (such as those contained in a final Determination of Compliance, wastewater discharge requirements, biological opinions, and land use recommendations) <u>within 120 and 180 days</u>, respectively, from the date the Energy Commission determines the application to be complete. Please provide your agency's preliminary and final determinations and opinions to us by Thursday, June 1, 2006 (120 days) and Monday, July 31, 2006 (180 days), respectively.

## **Energy Commission Siting Process**

Over the next several months, the Energy Commission will conduct public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and, if so, under what set of conditions. These events 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. Each public workshop or hearing will be publicly noticed 10 to 14 days prior to the scheduled date. We encourage your agency to participate in these proceedings.

If you have questions on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Robert Worl, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-8853, or by E-mail at rworl@energy.ca.gov. The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available via the Energy Commission's Internet page at <a href="http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley">http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley</a>.

Sincerely,

Roger E. Johnson, Manager Siting and Compliance Office

Systems Assessment and Facilities Siting Division

Enclosure: Sun Valley Energy Project Data Adequacy Supplement