

## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT  
FOR THE SUN VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT**

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 nominal 500 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired simple cycle (peaking) power plant, the Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP), in western Riverside County, south of Romoland. The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) determined the application to be data adequate on February 1, 2006.

The power plant is under the Energy Commission's siting authority. The power plant certification process examines engineering, environmental, public health, and safety aspects of power plant proposals and contains analyses pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). When issuing a license, the Energy Commission is the lead state agency under CEQA, and its process is functionally equivalent to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). After a 30-day public comment period on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) and receipt of a Final Determination of Compliance from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, staff will prepare its testimony in the form of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA).

The PSA contains the Energy Commission staff's draft environmental and engineering evaluation of the project. We will conduct a public workshop on the PSA on Thursday, May 31, 2007. This workshop will be separately noticed. The public and local, State, and federal agencies are encouraged to participate. Based on this workshop, comments received on the PSA, and additional information that will be gathered, we will revise the PSA and issue a FSA. Please provide any written comments to Robert Worl, Siting Project Manager, by **Monday, June 18, 2007**.

The PSA and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's website at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley> and in printed format upon request. If you would like a copy of the PSA, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the California Energy Commission, Attention: Dora Gomez, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-15, Sacramento, CA 95814-5512, phone (916) 653-1608, or by email to [dgomez@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:dgomez@energy.state.ca.us).

Persons wanting information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project should contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email to [PAO@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:PAO@energy.state.ca.us).

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Robert Worl, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 651-8853 or by email at [rworl@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:rworl@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission's Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by email to [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

DATE: 5/14/07

  
Roger E. Johnson  
Siting and Compliance Office Manager

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**Please send me a copy of the California Energy Commission staff's Preliminary Staff Assessment for the Sun Valley Energy Project, Application for Certification (05-AFC-3).**

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