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Ms. Angela Hockaday California Energy Commission Docket Unit, MS-4 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: EDISON MISSION ENERGY'S STATUS REPORT NUMBER 5 DOCKET NO. (05-AFC-3) DOCKET 05-AFC-3 DATE FEB 0 6 2008 RECD. FEB 0 6 2008

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission are one original and 12 (Twelve) copies of the **EDISON MISSION ENERGY'S STATUS REPORT NUMBER 5**, for the Sun Valley Energy Project (05-AFC-3).

Sincerely,

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#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

# Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 05 AFC-03

Application for Certification for the Sun Valley Energy Project

EDISON MISSION ENERGY'S STATUS REPORT NUMBER 5

In accordance with the Siting Committee Scheduling Order dated March 6, 2006, Edison Mission Energy (EME) hereby files its Status Report Number 5 to inform the Committee of the progress that is being made with the licensing of the Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP). EME is poised to resume the certification process that has been delayed for several months pending the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD's) rulemaking regarding the Priority Reserve Program for emission reduction credits. There is a strong need for the peaking power that the SVEP will provide to maintain system reliability in California and also to provide the load-following capability necessary to support achievement of the Renewables Portfolio Standard. EME looks forward to working with CEC Staff to complete the SVEP's certification.

# Air Quality

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) completed a Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) for the SVEP on January 19, 2007, and the CEC issued a Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) on May 16, 2007. The SCAQMD did not issue a Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC), however, and the FDOC is required for the CEC process to proceed and Staff to issue the Final Staff Assessment. Since the PSA was issued, the CEC certification process has been halted pending the 1309.1 rulemaking, which establishes and implements the Priority Reserve Program. The SVEP plans to acquire some of the required emissions reduction credits through the Priority Reserve. The SCAQMD amended Rule 1309.1 on August 3, 2007. Since that time, the SCAQMD has been revising the PDOC to make it consistent with the amended rule and

has asked EME for additional information and analyses, which EME provided on October 15, 2007.

Rather than proceeding directly to an FDOC as EME requested, the SCAQMD released its Notice of Intention to issue reissue the PDOC as revised, on February 5, 2008. The Revised PDOC has thus resolved the air quality permitting issues having to do with the rule amendment process, and the CEC certification process can continue as soon as SCAQMD issues the FDOC. EME looks forward to working closely with Staff over the next few days to evaluate the revised PDOC and incorporate any changes reflected in the revised PDOC and FDOC into the Final Staff Assessment.

EME is also working diligently to secure emission reduction credits to offset the SVEP's emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). EME's progress to date on securing ERCs is described in the revised PDOC.

## US Army Corps of Engineers

Staff requested that EME conduct additional consultations with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the jurisdictional status of drainage features that the non-reclaimable wastewater pipeline will cross and the potential that pipeline construction would require a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. EME accompanied representatives of the USACE on a visit to the project site on October 19, 2007. Subsequent to that site visit, EME received a jurisdictional determination from the USACE, dated January 7, 2008, stating that the SVEP would not affect wetlands or waters of the United States and that the USACE would not require that EME obtain for a Section 404 permit for the project. This letter was docketed on January 7, 2008.

#### Riverside County

EME has filed an application with Riverside County to enable the County to issue an advisory Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and the County has issued the advisory CUP, including proposed Conditions of Certification.

#### Conclusion

Staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) on May 16, 2007. EME submitted comments on the PSA before the May 31, 2007 Staff Assessment Workshop. EME and Staff discussed these comments at the workshop and were able to resolve the outstanding issues and concerns. EME subsequently docketed revised comments on the PSA that detail the resolution of several key issues and describe the specifics of agreements reached between EME and Staff at the workshop regarding Conditions of Certification. The revised comments also include responses to information requests that Staff posed at the workshop.

No additional pending or outstanding information requests have been posed by Staff or other parties to which EME has not responded. While waiting for SCAQMD action on the Priority Reserve and the PDOC, EME and Staff have reached agreement on most, if not all, of the Conditions of Certification. EME looks forward to working with Staff to incorporate any changes reflected in the revised PDOC and FDOC into the Staff Assessment, a timely publication of the Final Staff Assessment, and the completion of the certification process.

Dated: February 6, 2008

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# BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE SUN VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT (SVEP)

DOCKET NO. 05-AFC-3
PROOF OF SERVICE LIST
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# **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Marguerite Cosens, declare that on February 6, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Edison Mission Energy's Status Report Number 5, for the Sun Valley Energy Park (05-AFC-03) in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above. Transmission via electronic mail was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.