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Subject: Westlands Water District Comments to Staff Assessment for Starwood Power Plant (06-AFC-10)

Dear Mr. McFarlin,

The District recently received (November 10, 2007) the supplemental testimony of Mr. Dick Anderson and Ms. Somer Goulet that proposed modifying the source of water that is to be used by the Starwood Power Peaker Project. Originally, the Staff Assessment identified the use of the water from the upper semi confined aquifer. The most recent supplement identified the Applicant's preference for the use of water from a filter backwash station as the primary source of water for the project.

The District opposes the use of filter backwash water, as described in the Staff Assessment. Due to the superior quality of the backwash water, it is the District view that such water should be used for irrigation or other uses that are incidental to agricultural production.

Of the three proposed sources of water, the District supports the use of from the upper semi confined aquifer for the purposes described.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (559) 241-6241.

Sincerely,

Russ Freeman

Supervisor of Resources

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

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE STARWOOD POWER PLANT

Docket No. 06-AFC-10 PROOF OF SERVICE (Revised 3/16/07)

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I, <u>Terry Piotrowski</u>, declare that on <u>November 27, 2007</u>, I deposited copies of the attached <u>Letter on Westlands Water District Comments to Staff Assessment</u>, in the United States mail at <u>Sacramento</u>, <u>California</u> with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

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

Original Signed by
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