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Dear Librarian:

**DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE AES HIGHGROVE POWER PLANT PROJECT,
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (06-AFC-2)**

On May 25, 2006, AES Corporation submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Highgrove Power Plant Project (HPP), in the City of Grand Terrace, San Bernardino County. The project location is adjacent to the boundary between Riverside County and San Bernardino County, and a proposed natural gas pipeline associated with the project is, in part, located in the City of Riverside traversing portions of Iowa Street, Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, and Canyon Crest Drive. At a Business Meeting on July 19, 2006, the Energy Commission accepted the application as complete and initiated the discovery and analysis phase of the application process for the Highgrove Project.

We are providing your library with a copy of the AFC at this time. Also enclosed with this cover letter is a copy of the June 28, 2006 supplemental information to the AFC, which provides clarification to the original proposed project. Please file this information with the original AFC, along with the attached letter.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Worl, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-1245, or by email at rworl@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Roger E. Johnson, Manager
Energy Facilities Siting and Compliance Office

Enclosure

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August 2, 2006

To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE AES HIGHGROVE POWER PLANT PROJECT, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (06-AFC-2)

On May 25, 2006, AES Corporation (the applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) for its proposed Highgrove power plant. A copy of this AFC was previously provided to this library. Enclosed with this cover letter is a copy of the June 28, 2006 supplemental information to the AFC. Staff at the California Energy Commission has reviewed these supplemental materials for data adequacy. On July 19, 2006, the Energy Commission decided that, with the supplemental information, the application is now complete. The Energy Commission staff has begun the data discovery and analysis phases of the licensing process. These phases will include a number of public workshops and hearings. An Informational Hearing and Site Visit will be scheduled for approximately 45 days from this date, and will be held near the proposed project site. A separate public notice of this event will be issued.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants 50 megawatts or 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, natural gas pipelines, etc. The Energy Commission's responsibilities are those of a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Over the next year, 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, if so, under what set of conditions. These workshops and hearings will provide the public and local, state, and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about and provide input on the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Angela Hockaday, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-3925, or by email at ahockada@energy.state.ca.us.

If you desire 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. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Robert Worl, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-8853, or by email at rworl@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highgrove>. You can also receive email notification of all project-related activities and availability of reports by subscribing to the Listserv on the website. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the AFC. Thank You.