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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT
FOR THE PANOCHÉ ENERGY CENTER PROJECT**

On August 2, 2006, Energy Investors Fund, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 400 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant, the Panoche Energy Center, in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. The facility site will be located on a 12.8-acre site within a 128-acre parcel. The site is approximately 12 miles southwest of the city of Mendota, 16 miles south-southwest of the city of Firebaugh and approximately 2 miles east of Interstate 5, adjacent to the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) existing Panoche Substation. The proposed site and substation are located south of West Panoche Road.

The Final Staff Assessment (FSA) contains the Energy Commission staff's final environmental and engineering evaluation of the project. Any written comments should be submitted by **October 5, 2007**. The FSA is **not** the Energy Commission's final decision on the proposed PEC project. The Energy Commission's Committee assigned to the project will conduct one or more hearings to consider and weigh the testimony or comments or recommendations of all interested parties, including Energy Commission staff, the applicant, intervenors, public, and other local, state and federal agencies. The Committee will then issue the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) for consideration by the full Energy Commission. The public, intervenors, local, state and federal agencies are encouraged to participate in these hearings. The Energy Commission will issue notices at least 10 days prior to these hearings. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Dora Gomez, Project Secretary, at (916) 653-1608.

This document is available on the Commission's website below. If you would like a paper copy or a CD of the FSA, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to California Energy Commission, Attention: Dora Gomez, 1516-9th Street, MS-15, Sacramento, CA 95814, phone (916) 653-1608. If you prefer, you may e-mail your request to dgomez@energy.state.ca.us. Your request should include the name of the project (PEC) and your complete name and address.

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.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to James W. Reede, Jr., Ed.D, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 653-1245 or by email at jreede@energy.state.ca.us. The FSA and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/panoche. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

DATE: 9/14/07


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**Please send me a copy of the California Energy Commission staff's
Final Staff Assessment for the Panoche Energy Center Project, Application
for Certification (06-AFC-5).**

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