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Commissioner and Presiding Member
Eastshore AFC Committee
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-32
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: <u>Eastshore Energy Center (06-AFC-6) Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearing</u>

Dear Commissioner Byron:

The County of Alameda ("the County") respectfully requests the Eastshore AFC Committee ("the Committee") continue the Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearing in the above-referenced matter presently set for November 19, 2007 and December 17-18, 2007, respectfully, in light of the timing of the filling of the Final Staff Assessment ("FSA"). The timing of the Staff's filling has deprived the County's agencies of adequate time to conduct a thorough analysis and prepare a prehearing conference statement. The County makes this request by letter, rather than by motion, as the Committee has not yet issued an order on the County's petition for intervention.

Please recognize that due to the historic irregularity of Commission licensing of thermal power plants in Alameda County, the County does not employ staff dedicated solely to energy plant issues. As such, preparing a prehearing conference statement on such short notice that reflects a thorough review of the FSA in time for the November 19, 2007 Prehearing Conference would be very difficult.

Therefore, the County respectfully requests an additional four weeks for the filing of its prehearing conference statement, and the adjustment of the prehearing conference and evidentiary hearing dates accordingly. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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