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Chief Dave Nissen
San Diego Rural Fire Protection District
14024 Peaceful Valley Ranch Road
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RE: Potential Fire District Emergency Medical Response Needs for the Proposed Pio Pico Energy Center Project (11-AFC-01)

Dear Chief Nissen,

Pio Pico Energy Center, LLC is seeking a license from the California Energy Commission to construct and operate a power generation facility, the Pio Pico Energy Center (PPEC or proposed project), within the unincorporated area of Otay Mesa in San Diego County. The proposed project is a simple-cycle power generation plant with three General Electric LMS 100 natural gas-fired combustion turbine generators. The total net generating capacity would be 300 megawatts (MW). The project site is located in the southeast corner of the Alta Road and Calzada de la Fuente intersection within the Otay Mesa Business Park and adjacent to the existing Otay Mesa Generating Project. Primary site access is from Calzada de la Fuente on the north side of the site. A map of the project site is enclosed.

To assess impacts of the proposed project on emergency medical services, Energy Commission staff requests information on existing emergency medical resources and services in the project area and the estimated need for additional services if the project is approved.

From our review of the project's Application for Certification (AFC), we understand that the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) coordinates emergency medical response and transportation with American Medical Responses (AMR). We also understand that RFPD has several aid agreements with other nearby jurisdictions: an Automatic Aid agreement with the cities of Chula Vista and San Diego and a County Mutual Aid Agreement with the cities of Chula Vista and San Diego, and the County of San Diego.

The AFC also states that a new fire/sheriff facility is planned at the intersection of Enrico Fermi Drive and Lone Star Road and would be funded through the Community Facilities District number 09-1 Special Tax. Should the project be licensed by the Energy Commission, the District tax rate would be applied to the project site by the San Diego County Assessor. In addition to the Special Tax, RFPD requires new developments to be assessed a Fire Mitigation Fee (\$0.46 per square foot of covered and enclosed, non-residential space). The calculated fees would be based on the final design for construction, and would be assessed prior to issuance of the project building permit. We have a few questions in addition to the enclosed needs assessment form:

1. Please state which agency or entity would be the first responder to medical emergencies at the project site.
2. Under what conditions or situations would other agencies or entities respond in place of the designated first responder to medical emergencies at the project site?
3. Does either the Automatic Aid agreement or County Mutual Aid Agreement include provisions for emergency medical response? If so, please list and describe the provisions.
4. When will the new fire/sheriff station (planned at the intersection of Enrico Fermi Drive and Lone Star Road) become operational?

The project applicant's entire AFC is available at the Energy Commission's website: <<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/piopico/documents/applicant/afc/>>. Section 5.10 Socioeconomics would be the most pertinent section to review, as well as Section 5.14 Hazardous Materials Handling, and Section 5.17 Worker Safety.

Please provide your responses to the above questions and the needs assessment form and include any comments you may have regarding emergency medical response for the proposed project by August 18, 2011. Send your responses to my attention (my contact information is below). If you have questions regarding the proposed project or this request please contact Lisa Worrall of my staff at (916) 654-4545 or by e-mail at: lworrall@energy.state.ca.us. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Map showing the approximate location of the project site (from the AFC)
Emergency Medical Response Needs Assessment Form

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