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Gary Fay, Hearing Officer California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Docket No. 08-AFC-1 - Need for Response to Comments of Mr. Rob Simpson

Dear Mr. Fay:

At the December 2, 2009 Committee Conference on the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision ("PMPD"), Intervenor Rob Simpson made several comments regarding the PMPD. The Committee informed Mr. Simpson that his comments were late, as the November 10, 2009 notice for the Committee Conference on the PMPD directed the parties to file their initial comments on the PMPD no later than November 30, 2009. The Committee then granted Avenal Power Center, LLC ("Avenal Power") the option to respond to Mr. Simpson's comments.

Avenal Power has considered Mr. Simpson's comments based upon notes taken at the hearing and has concluded that they have already been adequately addressed in the record for this proceeding. Avenal Power therefore has no further comments at this time. Avenal Power thanks the Committee for the opportunity to respond to Mr. Simpson's comments.

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Very truly yours,

DOWNEY BRAND LLP

/S/

Nicholas H. Rabinowitsh

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE AVENAL ENERGY PROJECT

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I, Lois Navarrot, declare that on December 3, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached **Letter to Gary Fay Regarding Need for Response to Comments of Mr. Rob Simpson**. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/avenal. The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service List) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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	<u>/s/</u> Lois Navarrot		