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September 4, 2009

California Energy Commission
Attn: Docket No. 08-AFC-01
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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RE: Letter of Support
Avenal Power Center, LLC

Dear Commission Members:

The purpose of this letter is to express and establish the City of Avenal's unwavering support for the Avenal Energy Project; a 600-megawatt power plant proposed by Avenal Power Center, LLC.

Since the inception of the initial project in 2000, the City has and remains a committed supporter due to the following: the project is consistent with the City's land use plans and zoning; the "modern technology" design of the new facility would make the plant among the most efficient generators serving the California market; and, the facility would increase power availability to approximately 450,000 homes and businesses.

Avenal has been faced with some of the highest unemployment rates in the region. With little industrial or commercial development available in the area, job creation "has and remains" minimal. Avenal needs an industrial project that will create great job opportunities; provide the potential for spin-off industrial/commercial developments, thus, creating more jobs in the local area; provide an increase in sales and services; and, also provide a sizable increase in property tax and franchise revenues.

Avenal Power Center, LLC has established themselves as conscience environmental partners in areas of development. They have designed a modern and efficient power generating facility for Avenal in order to assist California in meeting its growing electrical power demands. The benefits of the project and the potential for future industrial and commercial development which may follow, would allow our community to grow, evolve and thrive.

Sincerely,

CITY OF AVENAL

Harlin G. Casida, Mayor

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September 1, 2009

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Re: Support for Avenal Power Center, LLC

Dear Commission Members:

The Kings County Board of Supervisors is pleased to add its support for the important siting of Avenal Power Center, LLC's Avenal Energy project.

Avenal has been confronted with several economic impacts, high unemployment and little tax base. Historically, the farming and oil industries have been Avenal's main industries. With the deterioration of surface water this year, this project will create significant property taxes, employ several hundred construction workers and provide excellent wages for those who operate on the plant.

In recent years, California's energy picture has been characterized by outages and other problems caused by an aging electric generation and transmission system. Producing 600-MW of clean electrical power, Avenal Power Center's Avenal Energy project will make a substantial contribution to California's energy needs, producing enough efficient, state-of-the-art generating capacity to power 450,000 homes and small businesses.

Avenal Power Center will take special precautions to address the potential impact of this essential infrastructure project on the environment. The project will be built away from residences and businesses employ state-of-the-art air-cooled generating equipment fueled by clean natural gas and reuse its process wastewater.

Kings County strongly supports Avenal Power Center, LLC as a beneficial addition to our community and its efforts to provide responsible energy for California and the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

Joe Neves, Chairman
Kings County Board of Supervisors

cc: Melissa Whitten, City Manager, City of Avenal



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Dear Sirs:


On behalf of Kings County Economic Development Corporation (Kings EDC), it gives me great pleasure to address the California Energy Commission about the important siting of Avenal Power Center, LLC's Avenal Energy project within the Avenal Industrial Park. Kings EDC facilitates the retention, expansion, and attraction of businesses within Kings County to increase employment among its citizens and the tax base of its local governments. We feel strongly that the Avenal Energy project will produce excellent gains in both areas.

Under the best of circumstances, Avenal has been challenged by high unemployment and little tax base. Farming and oil services have been its historical industries. Both have been on the wane and, currently, west side farms will receive no surface water this year. Now, more than ever, Avenal needs this industrial project which will create significant property taxes, will employ several hundred construction workers, and will provide excellent wages for those who operate the plant. In addition, this power plant will be the first industrial facility in the new industrial park, putting the park on the map as a viable location for businesses needing access to Interstate 5, midway between the Bay Area and Southern California.

Avenal Power Center, LLC has gone out of its way to be good custodians of the environment in which it will locate. Though first approved using a significant amount of water to cool the process, Avenal Power has chosen to use the latest air cooled technology using an insignificant amount of water. In addition, Avenal Power has been able to significantly reduce its stack emissions by utilizing the best available control technology (BACT) thereby doing its part to limit its impact on the San Joaquin Valley air basin. It has also agreed to accommodate local threatened wildlife and mitigate its impact on prime farmland.

Kings EDC feels it is critical to the wellbeing of California that the California Energy Commission continues to approve responsible power generation for an electrical grid that often experiences shortages. We feel strongly that Avenal Power Center, LLC will be a beneficial addition to the city of Avenal and Kings County and will be good neighbors to the residents of the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,



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President/CEO

Working For Business



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