December 17, 2009

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Mr. Rod Jones  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Subject: Lodi Energy Center (08-AFC-10)  
Letter from the City of Lodi Regarding Removal of Condition VIS-2

Dear Mr. Jones:

Attached please find one original and 12 copies of a letter received from the City of Lodi, regarding the removal of condition VIS-2, dated December 17, 2009.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at (916) 286-0249 or Andrea Grenier at (916) 780-1171.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Madams  
AFC Project Manager

Attachment

cc: A. Grenier  
E. Warner/NCPA
December 17, 2009

Mr. Rod Jones
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California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Removal of Condition VIS-2 Requiring a Landscape Buffer for the Lodi Energy Center Project.

Dear Mr. Jones:

We understand the California Energy Commission is considering imposing a rapid growth tree landscape buffer as a condition of approving the Lodi Energy Center located at 1275 North Thornton Road, Lodi, California. The City of Lodi supports the Northern California Power Agency’s request to have the condition removed because a significant portion of the viewshed the CEC condition proposes to protect will border a planned City solar farm. Trees along that buffer would cast shade upon the solar panels and significantly reduce their efficiency. Moreover, a significant city goal in constructing the solar farm is to market Lodi as a green technology friendly city to potential employers looking for business sites in the green technology sector. A landscape buffer would reduce or eliminate the visibility of the solar farm from I-5 thus significantly impacting its potential to achieve the intended marketing effect.

For the above reasons, the City of Lodi supports NCPA’s efforts to remove condition VIS-2.

Sincerely,

BLAIRE KING
City Manager

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cc: Ed Warner, NCPA
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE Lodi Energy Center

DOCKET NO. 08-AFC-10

PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 2/17/09)

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, MaryFinn, declare that on December 17, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Lodi Energy Center (08-AFC-10), Letter from the City of Lodi Regarding Removal of Condition VIS-2. 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/lo-di]. 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:

(Check all that Apply)

FOR SERVICE TO ALL OTHER PARTIES:

___ X sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

___ X by personal delivery or by depositing in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed as provided on the Proof of Service list above to those addresses NOT marked “email preferred.”

AND

FOR FILING WITH THE ENERGY COMMISSION:

___ X sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

OR

___ __ depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Mary Finn