

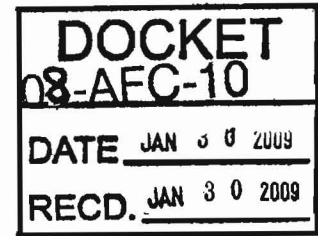
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January 30, 2009

The Honorable Ken Vogel
County Supervisor, District 4
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
222 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202



Dear Supervisor Vogel:

On September 10, 2008, Northern California Power Agency (NCPA, applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop a nominal 255 megawatt (MW) combined cycle natural gas-fired power generation facility in the city of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California. The proposed Lodi Energy Center (LEC or proposed project) would be owned and operated by NCPA. On October 24, 2008, NCPA filed an AFC Data Adequacy Supplement B to satisfy the Energy Commission's informational requirements.

On November 20, 2008, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC with the supplemental information as complete. The staff of the Energy Commission has now begun the data discovery and analysis phases of the project's 12-month licensing process.

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the LEC project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions approval should be granted. These workshops and hearings will provide the public and local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about and provide input on the proposed project. The public and agencies will receive notice at least 10 days prior to the meetings.

On January 15, 2009, an Informational Hearing and Site Visit occurred in Lodi with the Energy Commission Sting Committee, NCPA and Energy Commission staff. The purpose of the informational hearing and site visit were to introduce the project and Energy Commission's review process to the public and receive comments from residents and interested persons. The week of February 23, 2009, Energy Commission staff will hold a Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop regarding the proposed project. The time and location of the workshop have not been determined at this moment, but will be included in the public notice for the meeting.

We are available to brief you and your staff on the Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the NCPA application. If you would like a briefing, please contact Chris Marxen, Assistant Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at

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(916) 654-4942. If your constituents would like to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, they should contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Elena Miller, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228.

The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/lodi/index.html>. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Jones', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

MELISSA JONES
Executive Director