

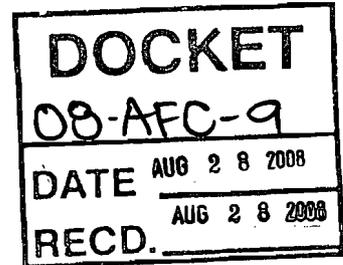
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Eldon Heaston, Executive Director

August 28, 2008

Mr. John Kessler
Project Manager
California Energy Commission
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**Re: Palmdale Hybrid Power Project Application for Certification
(CEC Docket 08-AFC-9)**

Dear Mr. Kessler:

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (District) received a Request for Agency Participation and Application for Certification for the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP) on August 18, 2008. In accordance with Rule 1306(B)(1), the District is hereby notifying you of its intent to participate in the PHPP proceedings. On a preliminary basis, the District concurs with the proponent's definition of applicable Best Available Control Technology (BACT) and finds that there is a substantial likelihood that the proposed facility can satisfy applicable District rules and regulations.

The District has reviewed this application for completeness as required by Rules 1302(B)(2) and 1306(C). The District hereby finds this application complete, as it contains the following discussion elements: alternative siting; Class I area visibility; determination of emissions including toxic and hazardous; BACT; ambient air quality impacts including health; and applicable district rules and regulations.

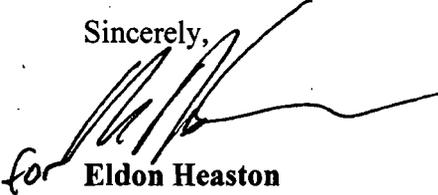
This letter also represents notification to USEPA Region IX and the Federal Land Manager that PHPP is a proposed major facility within 60 miles of a Class I Area (Cucamonga Wilderness Area and San Gabriel Wilderness Area), and that a Class I Area Visibility Analysis has been submitted, as required by 1302(B)(1)(a)(v). A copy of this analysis will be submitted to USEPA Region IX and the Federal Land Managers under a separate cover.

The District has reviewed the meteorological data submitted with the application that was used to perform the modeling evaluation for the project. The District has determined that the data set submitted contains at least one year of data that is adequate to evaluate the project.

The District is now performing the analysis necessary to issue a Preliminary Determination of Compliance for PHPP. The District will notify you of any issues or information that need clarification.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact William Weese, Air Quality Engineer, at (760) 245-1661, extension 1846.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eldon Heaston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eldon Heaston
Executive Director

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