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City of Palmdale
Palmdale Hybrid Power Project
Vic. LA-14-64.67

Mr. John Kessler
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project Supplement to the Application for Certification (08-AFC-9). The proposed project is located east of State Route 14 (SR-14) Antelope Valley Freeway along Avenue M. Based on the information received, we have the following comments:

A Caltrans Encroachment Permit will be needed for any work to be performed within the State Right-of-way. If new electric transmission lines will be needed over a State freeway, a temporary closure of State Highways will be needed requiring Caltrans' coordination with responsible departments.

We recommend that project related truck trips on State highways be limited to off-peak commute periods. Transport of over-size or over-weight vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans Transportation Permit. We request that the contractor avoid platooning of truck trips on mainline freeways, on freeway ramps and at freeway ramp intersections. The distribution of inbound project related alternative fuel truck trips would be useful in determining potential traffic impacts to the State Highway System.

If you have any questions, you may reach me at (213) 897-6696 and please refer to our record number 081107/CS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elmer Alvarez".

ELMER ALVAREZ
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