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>>> < MICHAEL.CARROLL@LW.com> 1/29/2009 3:16 PM >>> I thought I had input from everyone on our team, but I was wrong. This version reflects some relatively minor changes. Please disregard the version that I sent earlier today and use this one instead. Thanks.

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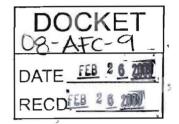
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CEC Data Request 22 Proposed Scope of Response

In response to Data Request 22, the Applicant proposes to provide additional information on which to assess the potential presence and locations of buried archaeological sites in the proposed project area for the purpose of gauging whether the construction and operation of the proposed project could impact such resources. The proposed study includes a review of the extant literatures for archaeology, geoarchaeology, and Quaternary science, and an assessment, based on this review, of what is currently known about the incidence of buried archaeological deposits in the portion of Antelope Valley that includes the proposed project area. The review will utilize materials pertinent to the study at the cultural resources records and curation facility at Edwards Air Force Base, and will also include reference to aerial photographs. The study will focus on the landscape contexts for archaeological resources that are characteristically found in the portion of the Antelope Valley that includes the proposed power plant site area as shown in the attached figure.

Although the study will focus on the geomorphological and archaeological history of the proposed power plant site, the scope of the study will be broader in scale in order to develop an understanding of the regional context (including the landforms and drainages) that played a role in the geomorphological and geoarchaeological history of the proposed project area.

Applicant will prepare and submit, under confidential cover, an assessment of what is currently known about the buried landforms on which PHPP components will be located, a discussion of the incidence of buried archaeological deposits in this portion of Antelope Valley, and a summary of geologists' and archaeologists' understanding of the prehistoric utilization of the project area. The fewer archaeological data that are available, the more emphasis will be given to the historical geomorphology of the project area to provide a more substantive context for interpreting the possible presence of buried archaeological deposits. Where the data are available, emphasis will be on the distribution, depths, and kinds of buried archaeological deposits that have been found, and their stratigraphic context.

