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Mr. Gerardo Rios
Chief, Permits Office (AIR 3)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP) Application for PSD Permit and Request for Endangered Species Act Consultation and Concurrence

Dear Mr. Rios:

AECOM Environment, on behalf of the City of Palmdale and Inland Energy, Inc., is submitting an application for a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit for the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP). The PHPP is a hybrid power plant consisting of combined-cycle power plant integrated with 50 megawatts (MW) of solar arrays for a combined nominal output of 570 MW. Enclosed please find three copies of the PSD Application, as directed by Ms. Shirley Rivera of your staff.

The City and Inland Energy anticipate that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will initiate consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, regarding potential impacts to listed species resulting from EPA's issuance of a PSD permit for the PHPP. We have enclosed three copies of a Draft¹ Biological Assessment for the Project to assist you with that consultation, which we anticipate will seek concurrence from the USFWS that the Project *may affect but is not likely to adversely affect* federally listed species.

We also have included CD's with electronic copies of the PSD Application, modeling files and the Draft Biological Assessment. An air quality impact analysis has been conducted to demonstrate that the PHPP will not cause or contribute to violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) during routine operations. The enclosed PSD Application includes the details of this impact analysis.

The City of Palmdale submitted its Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (CEC) on August 4, 2008, and was deemed Data Adequate on October 8, 2008. The Application for a Determination of Compliance (DOC) to the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management

¹ The document is a "Draft" since we consider it up to the agencies to finalize. However, from our standpoint, this is a Final document.

District has also been deemed complete, and the District issued its Preliminary DOC on February 12, 2009.

The contacts at these agencies for the PHPP include:

- ✚ Ms. Felicia Miller, Project Manager, CEC, 916-654-4640, fmiller@energy.state.ca.us
- ✚ Mr. Bret Banks, AVAQMD, 661-723-8070, bbanks@avaqmd.ca.gov
- ✚ Mr. Ray Bransfield, USFWS, 805-644-1766, Ray_Bransfield@fws.gov

At the request of Ms. Shirley Rivera of your staff, we are also sending a copy of the PSD permit application to the U.S. Forest Service for their review, as the Federal Land Manager of the San Gabriel and Cucamonga Wilderness Class I Areas. We will also verify if the National Park Service would like a copy of the application.

We request that EPA work with these other agencies to coordinate the timeline for permit approvals and requirements.

Please call me at (805) 388-3775 if you have any questions or need additional information. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely



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Attachments: PSD Application (3)
Draft Biological Assessment (3)
Compact Disk (CD) with documents and modeling files (3)

cc: Ms. Shirley Rivera, EPA
Ms. Felicia Miller, California Energy Commission (with 1 copy of the attachments)
Mr. Trent Procter, U.S. Forest Service (with 1 copy of the attachments)
Mr. Alan De Salvio, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
Ms. Laurie Lile, City Manager, Palmdale
Mr. Tom Barnett, Inland Energy, Inc.
Mr. Tony Penna, Inland Energy, Inc.
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
For the *PALMDALE HYBRID
POWER PROJECT***

**Docket No. 08-AFC-9

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Teraja` Golston , declare that on April 03, 2009 , I served and filed copies of the attached USEPA Submittal – PSA Permit & Request for Endangered Species Act Consulation (08-AFC-9) Palmdale . 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:

[<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palmdale/index.html>]. 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)

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X by personal delivery or by depositing in the United States mail at Sacramento, California 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

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

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

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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

Original Signature in Dockets
Teraja` Golston