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August 28, 2009

The Honorable Jenny Oropeza
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Oropeza:

On March 19, 2009, Watson Cogeneration Company submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Watson Cogeneration Steam and Electric Reliability Project, a nominal 85 megawatts (MW) addition to the existing 385 MW cogeneration facility in the City of Carson, in Los Angeles County. On June 29, 2009, Watson Cogeneration Company filed an AFC Data Adequacy Supplement to the AFC to satisfy the California Energy Commission's informational requirements.

On July 29, 2009, the California Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete and staff has now begun the data discovery and analysis phase of the project's 12-month licensing process. Over the coming months, the California Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the Watson Cogeneration Steam and Electric Reliability Project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions should approval 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 first event is the combined Informational Hearing and Site Visit scheduled for September 3, 2009 at Carson Civic Center located at 801 Carson Street, Carson, California 90745. This event has been separately noticed. The Informational Hearing and Site Visit will be followed by the California Energy Commission staff's Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop to be scheduled for a later date. The California Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings separately at least 10 days prior to each meeting.

We are available to brief you and your staff on the California Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the Watson Cogeneration Company application. Please contact Chris Marxen, Assistant Executive Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at (916) 654-4942, if you would like a briefing. If your constituents would like to participate in the California Energy Commission's review of the project, they should contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228 or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us.

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

Sincerely,

MELISSA JONES
Executive Director

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE **WATSON COGENERATION
STEAM AND ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY
PROJECT**

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I, Teraja' Golston, declare that on September 1, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached, Elected Official Letter to Jenny Oropeza, Warren T. Furutani, Don Knabe, and Jim Dear, dated August 28, 2009. 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:

[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/watson].

The documents have 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:

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

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