

## CE Obsidian Energy LLC

## **A Limited Liability Company**

March 10, 2009

California Energy Commission Energy Facilities Siting Division 1516 Ninth Street, MS 2000 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Attn.: Mr. Dale Rundquist

Compliance Project Manager

RE: Salton Sea Geothermal Unit #6

Application for Certification (02-AFC-02)

Application for Certification Amendment (02-AFC-02C; 11May05)

Request by CE Obsidian, LLC for Amendment Petition For Project Modifications

## Dear Dale:

Please find attached our request to modify the above referenced Application for Certification (02-AFC-02) and subsequent Amendment (02-AFC-02C; 11May05) in the form of an Amendment Petition. As previously discussed with California Energy Commission (CEC) management and staff, the intent of CE Obsidian Energy, LLC (CEOE) is to amend the currently effective license to allow for the construction of three smaller geothermal plants that will produce a combined total of 159 MW net (nominal) of clean, renewable energy. The "Amended Project" will consist of three single flash 53 MW net (nominal) individual units (referred to by CEOE internally as Black Rock 1, 2, and 3). Consistent with the scoping meeting held on November, 2008, between CEOE and CEC, the attached Amendment Petition has been structured to describe the differences between the original and amended projects. Additionally, the Petition describes anticipated changes in potential impacts and associated, proposed mitigation measures as well as appropriate changes to the original Conditions of Certification.

We appreciate all the CEC support that you and your staff provided in advancement of this Amendment Petition. We feel this document will facilitate moving this project forward and will serve as a valuable tool in the future development of the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area.

We look forward to working with you in the coming months to bring this AFC amendment process to a successful conclusion. The amended project will enable the advancement of the objectives of California's Renewable Portfolio Standard and enhance Southern California's environment for future generations.

Best regards,

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