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The Honorable Jeffery Denham  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 3076  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Denham:

On May 11, 2009, the Turlock Irrigation District (TID), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Almond 2 Power Plant (A2PP) Project, a nominal 174 megawatts (MW) natural-gas fired simple-cycle peaking facility, in Ceres, Stanislaus County. On July 9, 2009, TID filed an AFC Data Adequacy Supplement to the AFC to satisfy the Energy Commission's informational requirements.

On July 1, 2009, the 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 Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether A2PP 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 July 30, 2009. The Informational Hearing and Site Visit will be followed by the Energy Commission staff's Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop that is to be scheduled at a later date. The 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 Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the TID 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 Energy Commission's review of the project, they should contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Elena Miller, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228.

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

Sincerely,

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