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**03-AFC-2C**

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Ms. Barbara McBride  
Director of Environmental, Health and Safety  
Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility  
4160 Dublin Blvd. Ste. 100  
Dublin, CA 94568

**SUBJECT: LOS ESTEROS CRITICAL ENERGY FACILITY (03-AFC-2C)  
APPROVAL OF FACILITY DESIGN GENERAL ARRANGMENT CHANGES**

Dear Ms. McBride:

The Energy Commission's staff has reviewed your design change request dated October 6, 2010. Your request required facilities design staff to evaluate design changes for possible approval prior to the start of construction. Staff has determined that the changes in the facility design general arrangement document you submitted do not constitute a substantive change in design or performance requirements for the power plant.

No changes would be required to the Conditions of Certification in the Commission Decision. Therefore, it will not be necessary for you to file a petition for a project change under §1769 of the Commission's Siting Regulations. As set forth in the Commission Decision, the project will be built, and operated in conformance with the existing Conditions of Certification and most recent building code requirements.

You may not commence construction activities until all preconstruction Conditions of Certification have been approved; you have the required design plan approvals and secured all required permits. Additionally, we will require that you update the Facility Design Table 1: Major Structures and Equipment List in the GEN-2 Verification.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (916) 653-0062.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack W. Caswell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

JACK W. CASWELL  
Compliance Program Manager  
Siting, Transmission and  
Environmental Protection Division

cc: Mitch Weinberg, Director of Business