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Mr. Jon C. Lambeck Manager of Operations Planning Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) 700 N. Alameda Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: Notice of Insignificant Project Change, Blythe Energy Project Transmission Line

Modifications; Docket No. 99-AFC-8C

Dear Mr. Lambeck:

Southern California Edison (SCE) has received your letter dated January 15, 2009 regarding Blythe Energy's Request for Approval of Third Insignificant Project Change (Change Request) submitted by Blythe Energy to the California Energy Commission (CEC) on December 1, 2008. Attached to your letter is a copy of MWD's letter to the CEC in which MWD recommends that the CEC forego approval of the Change Request due to ambiguities within the Change Request regarding the size and location of the laydown area and the substation expansion on MWD property at Julian Hinds. Your letter includes specific revisions to the Change Request proposed by MWD to clarify the expanded substation footprint and the laydown area. SCE appreciates MWD's efforts in preparing the proposed revisions.

SCE and Blythe Energy have reviewed MWD's proposed revisions to the Change Request and concur with MWD that such revisions remove the ambiguities identified in your letter and provide the clarity needed regarding the purpose and scope of the Change Request associated with the MWD property.

Blythe Energy has provided a separate response to MWD and the CEC on January 21, 2009 in which Blythe Energy informs MWD and the CEC that they also concur with the Change Request revisions proposed by MWD. Blythe Energy has incorporated MWD's proposed revisions into the Change Request and has re-submitted the Change Request to the CEC via its January 21, 2009 letter. A copy of Blythe Energy's letter is attached.

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I would like to thank MWD for working with SCE and Blythe Energy to expeditiously address MWD's concern regarding the Change Request. As indicated in your letter, it is my understanding that after your receipt of SCE's response herein and the Blythe Energy January 21, 2009 letter and re-submittal of the Change Request to the CEC, MWD will remove its opposition to the Change Request at the CEC. MWD's removal of its opposition is critical to the timely approval of the Change Request and the project schedule. SCE would appreciate MWD's removal of its opposition to the Change Request as soon as practicable.

Please call John Tucker of my staff at (626) 302-8623 if you have any further questions or concerns regarding the Change Request.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Lugo for

Attachment

Ms. Mary Dvas, California Energy Commission cc: Compliance Project Manager

Blythe Energy, LLC

January 21, 2009

Ms. Mary Dyas Project Compliance Manager California Energy Commission 1516 9th Street, MS 2000 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Blythe Energy Project Transmission Line (99-AFC-8C)

Metropolitan Water District Letters Regarding Insignificant Project Change Request #3

Dear Ms. Dyas:

On January 15, 2009, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) wrote a second letter to you, following up on a letter they wrote December 23, 2008. They requested a series of changes in our Insignificant Project Change Request #3 to clarify the proposed modifications on MWD property. We agree with the proposed changes and are pleased to provide a revised request (enclosed) with all the requested changes made. We trust that this will resolve any issues that the MWD may have had with our application, and that they will so indicate in writing, permitting the approval of this Insignificant Project Change #3.

Sincerely yours,

Gary L. Hickey

Project Manager, Blythe Energy, LLC

CC: John Tucker, Southern California Edison Ann Findley, Metropolitan Water District