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February 4, 2009

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**SUBJECT: BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT TRANSMISSION LINE MODIFICATIONS
(99-AFC-8C) – PARTIAL NOTICE TO PROCEED WHILE
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT REVIEWS PERMIT REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Hickey:

On January 28, 2009, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) received a Request for Partial Notice to Proceed for the Blythe Energy Project Transmission Line (BEPTL). Your request (see attached letter) is for Energy Commission consideration of a contingent Notice to Proceed that would allow you to begin construction on the eastern end of the project while the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) completes their review of your request for a construction permit to build the BEPTL across lands they manage.

Please make note that the Energy Commission's final decision states under Condition of Certification LAND-7, that you (the project owner) shall obtain a right-of-way grant from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) for the protection and operation of its facilities and as verification for this condition, you will provide the Compliance Project Manager proof of approval of the MWD right-of-way grant. It is understood from your request that through your communication with the MWD, the construction permit is forthcoming.

The Energy Commission is approving your request for a Partial Notice to Proceed, at your own risk, assuming that all other conditions are met prior to your anticipated start-of-construction date. The Notice to Proceed will be issued when all other pre-construction conditions are met and on the condition that no work is conducted on MWD-managed lands until the construction permit is received and a copy submitted to the Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

Mary Dyas
Compliance Project Managercc: Dockets
Penny Jennings Eckert, Ph.D. Tetra Tech EC, Inc.