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Ms. Mary Dyas
 Compliance Project Manager
 California Energy Commission
 Siting, Transmission, & Environmental
 Protection (STEP) Division
 1516 Ninth Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Dyas;

This letter will serve as confirmation that Western Area Power Administration (Western) is aware, and concurs, with Blythe Energy's proposal to connect the Blythe-Julian Hinds 230-kV Transmission Line to the existing open bus Buck Boulevard Switchyard.

Instead of constructing a gas insulated substation adjacent to the existing switchyard, an additional transmission structure will be installed to facilitate the connection to Buck Boulevard Switchyard. The transmission line from Buck Boulevard that connects to Western's system is scheduled to be disconnected by May 21, 2010, so Western's and Blythe Energy's systems will be separate unconnected systems. Blythe Energy plans to connect to the SCE system by June 1, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact the Project Manager, Chuck McEndree, at (602) 605-2790.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Bates
 Engineering & Construction
 Manager

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