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**RE: GEYSERS CALISTOGA, UNIT 19 (81-AFC-01C) AUTHORIZING
COOLING TOWER FILL REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

Dear Ms. McBride:

On May 13, 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC) received an inquiry from Calpine regarding the cooling tower fill replacement project at the Geysers Calistoga, Unit 19. Work will involve the west tower only. Fill replacement involves replacing the existing deteriorated fill material with new fill, replacement of the existing wooden hot water deck with fire resistant fiberglass decking (RFP), and replacement of the hot water basin on both sides of the tower with RFP material. Finally, the existing abandoned cooling tower deluge piping will be removed.

Staff has reviewed the proposed activities and determined that the activities are not within the scope of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769, and therefore do not require approval of a post-certification petition. This is because the proposed activities will not change the project design, operation or performance requirements in the Final Commission Decision. The project owner is expected to adhere to all applicable conditions of certification in the Final Commission Decision, and any applicable conditions imposed along with amendments to the Final Commission Decision.

The fill replacement, decking, and piping removal activities require DCBO oversight for plan review and/or inspections. No work can proceed on the above noted activities until the CEC assigns a DCBO.

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You are hereby authorized to proceed with your activities as outlined above, pending a DCBO work authorization approval. Should the scope of the above-noted activities change, please contact us as this may change our decision that the activities do not require approval of a post-certification amendment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eric Veerkamp, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 661-8458 or via e-mail at eric.veerkamp@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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