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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Commissioner Robert Pernell, Presiding Member  
Commissioner James Boyd, Associate Member  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
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Re: Inland Empire Energy Center (Docket No. 01-AFC-17):  
Status Report No. 7

Dear Commissioners Pernell and Boyd:

Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC (IEEC) filed the sixth status report, covering actions through September 2002, with the California Energy Commission (Commission or CEC) on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002. Our efforts since then have focused on providing the additional information requested by Commission Staff during the Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop and finalizing all applicant actions necessary to facilitate issuance of the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast).

**Data Requests and Responses**

Currently, there are no outstanding data requests or responses.

**Issue Areas**

**Air Quality**

On December 18, 2002, the IEEC project team submitted supplemental visibility, regional haze and deposition modeling analyses in response to requests by the Federal Land Managers (FLMs). These supplemental analyses reflected a number of changes based on guidelines issued after the IEEC application was submitted to South Coast. IEEC's project team had a conference call with the FLMs to follow up the submittal on December 27, 2002, and the FLMs' technical consultant is currently reviewing the revised modeling. He has committed to providing his recommendation and technical memo by January 10, 2003. This will be followed

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by formal letters from the U. S. Forest Service and the National Park Service in mid- to late-January. We expect that South Coast will issue the FDOC this month.

Biology

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a letter in November concurring with the avoidance strategy that the IEEC project team had proposed.

Land Use

As part of IEEC's continuing efforts to explore the availability of public funds for Romoland School District activities, IEEC met with the Riverside County School Superintendent, David Long, on November 19, 2002.

Visual

IEEC's project team has evaluated the project screening options suggested by Commission Staff during the PSA workshop. IEEC also retained a local landscape architect, who is currently working for the County of Riverside in the project area, to assist with the screening evaluation. The architect identified reasonable potential revisions to the initial conceptual landscaping plan proposed by the IEEC. A report describing the analysis of the screening options put forward by Commission Staff and a revised conceptual landscaping plan was delivered to the Commission on December 23, 2002.

Conclusion

IEEC's project team continues to appreciate the diligent efforts of the Commission Staff in reviewing the IEEC project.

Very truly yours,



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**Energy Resources Conservation  
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I, Martha E. Lacy, declare that on January 9, 2003, I deposited copies of the attached **INLAND EMPIRE ENERGY CENTER (DOCKET NO. 01-AFC-17); STATUS REPORT NO. 7** in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to the following:

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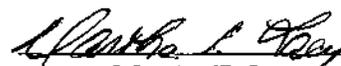
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