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**CARLSBAD ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (07-AFC-06C) – NESTING
FALCONS ON THE ROOF OF ENCINA POWER STATION**

Dear Mr. Whatley,

Thank you for your inquiry dated June 25, 2020, regarding the use of Encina Power Station security cameras to view the nesting peregrine falcons.

Staff has carefully considered your request. Please note that the sole purpose of the cameras is to provide security for the facility and its personnel. The California Energy Commission (CEC) would not authorize the use of these cameras for any other purpose. Additionally, CEC has no authority to order the installation of new cameras, nor would it favor any measure requiring the project owner to do so to view the species, because it would be disruptive to the avian species in question.

The CEC-approved Designated Biologist (DB) continues to closely monitor the falcons and their activities. The monthly compliance report for June 2020 includes a biological resources report (Attachment D), which was prepared by the DB. Photograph No. 1 shows the location the American peregrine falcon pair was perching. On June 12, 2020, the DB observed a predated egg on the ground within the electrical transmission bay. The predated egg was consistent in size, shape, and color of the American peregrine falcon egg (Photograph 3). Over the past few monitoring visits, the DB did not observe additional nesting behaviors for the peregrine falcon pair; nor are any expected. Additionally, the DB did not observe fledglings during this nesting season, which is now largely concluded. While the falcons can be seen regularly foraging over and perching on the site, it is unexpected the pair of peregrine falcons would nest again as this behavior has never been documented before. Peregrine falcons only produce one clutch of eggs per nesting season.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (916) 698-7498, or via e-mail at anwar.ali@energy.ca.gov.

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