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Dear Librarian:

DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE LARKSPUR ENERGY PROJECT EMERGENCY PERMITTING PROPOSAL (01-EP-1)

On March 8, 2001, the Wildflower Energy, LP (Wildflower) filed an emergency permitting application for the Larkspur Energy Project (Larkspur). Wildflower Energy LP proposes to construct a simple-cycle, dual-fueled peaking electric generation facility consisting of two GE LM6000 gas turbine engines generating 90 MW. The Larkspur Energy Facility will be located at the corner of Harvest Road and Otay Mesa Road, in the City of San Diego, in San Diego County.

This project is being considered outside of the Energy Commission's normal power plant permitting process. Under Public Resources Code section 25705, if the legislature or the Governor declares a state of energy emergency, the Commission has emergency authority to order the construction and use of generating facilities under terms and conditions it specifies to protect the public interest. This authority can be invoked only if the Legislature or Governor declares a state of emergency and the Energy Commission determines that all reasonable conservation, allocation, and service restriction measures may not alleviate an energy supply emergency. The Governor declared a state of emergency on January 17, 2001. On February 8, and March 7, 2001, the Governor issued several executive orders and declared that all reasonable conservation, allocation, and service restriction measures may not alleviate an energy supply emergency.

In Executive Order D-26-01 and Executive Order D-28-01, the Governor ordered the Energy Commission to expedite the processing of applications for peaking and renewable power plants that can be on line by September 30, 2001. The Governor also declared that these projects are emergency projects under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4), and are thereby exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A summary of the emergency permitting process, including the proposed schedule, and a checklist showing the information required in an application, can be found on the web at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers/documents/index.html>. A copy of this summary is attached.

For more information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, by email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. For information regarding sites in Northern California, call (877) 602-4747, and for sites in Southern California, call (800) 273-4459. If you require special accommodations to attend a workshop, please call Robert Sifuentes at (916) 654-5004, at least five days before a workshop. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Bob Eller, Siting Project Manager, in

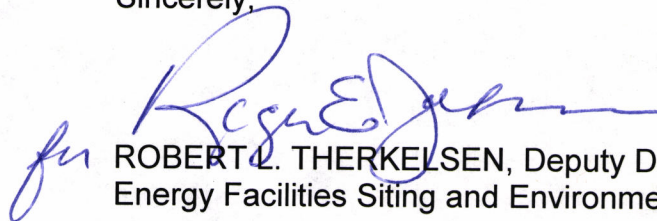
notices and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

The Energy Commission's siting process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation in our review process, the Energy Commission distributes copies of any applications to libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno and Eureka, as well as to public libraries in communities near the proposed project. The application and later documents in this case are also available at the Commission's web site at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers.

Please make this application available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the application or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "electricity energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject. We have also included a notice announcing that this application is available at this library that we ask you to post at an appropriate spot in the library.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Eller, Siting Project Manager, at either (916) 651-8835, or by e-mail at beller@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "for Robert L. Therkelson".

ROBERT L. THERKELSEN, Deputy Director for
Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection

Enclosures

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To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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The Energy Commission will hold a single public hearing in the local community five to ten days after the application is accepted as complete. This hearing will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. A notice for this hearing will be mailed, but anyone interested in attending is encouraged to check the project web site. The web site includes instructions for signing up for the project's email list-server.

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AVAILABILITY OF THE APPLICATION

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the following libraries:

South Chula Vista Library
389 Orange
Chula Vista, CA 91911

City of Chula Vista Library
Civic Center-Main
365 F Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Otay Mesa Branch
3003 Coronado Ave
San Diego, CA 92154

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka. In addition, copies are being distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the application. Thank You.