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May 12, 2016

Ms. Karen Douglas, Commissioner, Presiding Member
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: SAFC 13-AFC-01 Alamitos Generating Station, City of Long Beach

Dear Ms. Douglas:

The City of Long Beach has been an active participant since at least 2012 in both local and regional discussions regarding the proposed modernization project for the existing Alamitos Generating Station. The City fully supports the concept of a modernized, clean Alamitos Energy Center, and has worked cooperatively with the Applicant for many months to address the City's local concerns. **This correspondence supersedes and replaces a letter from Scott Kinsey, City of Long Beach, dated May 4, 2016.** I regret any confusion the May 4, 2016 letter may have caused. Please consider the following comments as reflecting the position of the City of Long Beach as follows:

- Landscaping: The landscaping around the public-facing perimeter of the current AES site is an inconsistent and aged mix of plant species. The City requests that all perimeter and public-facing landscape areas be cleared and replaced with a comprehensively designed landscape plan for the entire site. Landscaping should consist of drought-tolerant California-native species of colorful, interesting and distinctive character, well suited and adapted to a coastal environment. Inclusion of low water requirement, large canopy trees is also highly encouraged.
- The applicant is also encouraged to consider on-site measures to increase landscaping. To the extent possible, on-site landscaping that is not accessible to the public, or viewable from the public right of way, has the potential to reduce the on-site heat island effect.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this project. Please forward any responses and future correspondence to:

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I may also be reached at 562-570-6428, or amy.bodek@longbeach.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Bodek", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

AMY J. BODEK, AICP
Director