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El Segundo Energy Center Petition to Amend (00-AFC-14C)
Robert Oglesby, Executive Director
Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: El Segundo Energy Center (00-AFC-014C)
Conditions of Certification CUL 1 - 8: Final Cultural Resource Monitoring Report
Application for Confidential Designation of Cultural Resources Data

Dear Mr. Oglesby and Ms. Dyas:

El Segundo Energy Center LLC ("**ESEC LLC**") submits this Application for Designation of Confidential Records ("**Application**") with respect to the attached, final Cultural Resource Monitoring Report for the El Segundo Energy Center Project, El Segundo, California, dated February 28, 2014, prepared by John Minch and Associates, Inc. and enclosed in Attachment A hereto (the "**Confidential Information**"). The Confidential Information pertains to cultural resources located at and in the vicinity of the El Segundo Energy Center project to remove former Units 1 and 2, and replace them with new Units 5 through 8 (00-AFC-14C) (the "**Project**"). California Energy Commission ("**CEC**") Conditions of Certification CUL 1 through 8 for the Project (the "**Cultural COCs**") require ESEC LLC to submit a cultural resources report following completion of the Project's ground disturbing activities. Accordingly, ESEC LLC submits this Application in satisfaction thereof. ESEC LLC's Application for Certification of the Project and the Cultural COCs addressed paleontological resources in detail.

ESEC LLC hereby requests confidential designation of the attached Confidential Information under Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 2505. ESEC LLC understands that, pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations sections 2505(a)(2) and (a)(3)(B), the attached information will not be publicly disclosed while this Application for Confidential Designation, or any appeal of the Commission's determination regarding this Application, remains pending.

ESEC LLC provides the following information in support of its Application:

(a) Description/Separation of the Confidential Records.

Attachment A, which is marked "Confidential," is the subject of this Application and pertains to cultural resources in and around the Project area that were located during ESEC LLC's construction of the Project and related facilities. This information includes confidential data, photographs and maps of cultural resource sites, confidential results of field observations and archival research related to those cultural resources.

(b) Specific Indication of Those Parts of the Record to be Kept Confidential.

Applicant requests that the Commission designate the attached Confidential Information as confidential in its entirety. A summary of the cultural resources in and around the Project area, and an analysis of the Project's impacts to those resources are presented in the enclosed Attachment A.

(c) The Length of Time the Record Should be Kept Confidential.

The Confidential Information in Attachment A should be kept confidential permanently. The information contained therein assists in identifying potential locations of culturally sensitive resources in the Project area. Consequently, any disclosure of this information could heighten the risk of unauthorized excavation of such resources, and/or unauthorized removal of the same from locations of potential resources referenced in the report. This concern would still exist with respect to the general Project location, even after the conclusion of this compliance phase of the Project.

(d) Provisions of Law Allowing the Commission to Keep the Record Confidential: Disclosure of the Information is Against the Public Interest.

As previously noted, the Confidential Information assists in identifying cultural resources present in and around the Project site. The Commission may designate a record as confidential and require that it not be publicly disclosed if the California Public Records Act provides for that record to be treated as confidential, and if the party giving the Commission custody of such record provides certain information about that record. (20 CCR §2505(a)(1).) The Public Records Act protects the confidentiality of any records that are exempted from disclosure under provisions of the California Evidence Code relating to privilege, including Evidence Code section 1040. (Govt. Code §6254(k).) Evidence Code section 1040 sets forth a privilege that entitles public entities to refuse to disclose official information acquired in confidence by a public employee in the course of his or her duties, when disclosure of the information is against the public interest because there is a need to preserve the confidentiality of the information that outweighs the need for disclosure in the interest of justice. This privilege applies here to protect the Confidential Information from disclosure in order to guard against potential unauthorized excavation or removal of cultural resources.

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(e) *Aggregation and Masking of the Confidential Information.*

The Confidential Information cannot be masked or aggregated without rendering it useless because, as discussed above, the Cultural Resources Report discloses the exact types and locations of cultural resources and the actions undertaken to locate, study and preserve them.

(f) *The Submitted Record Is Presently Confidential.*

Consultant has not disclosed the cultural resources information to anyone other than its employees, affiliate employees, consultants, and attorneys assisting Applicant with efforts related to compliance with the CEC's Cultural COCs. Furthermore, Applicant has not released any of the information contained in Attachment A to any member of the general public, and has prohibited its employees, affiliate employees, consultants and attorneys from releasing to the public any portion of such information at any time.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this Application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. As an attorney for ESEC LLC, I am authorized to make the above certification and to submit this Application on behalf of ESEC LLC.

Dated: March 3, 2014

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Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A
FINAL CULTURAL RESOURCE MONITORING REPORT
FOR THE EL SEGUNDO ENERGY CENTER PROJECT
dated February 28, 2014,
Prepared by John Minch and Associates, Inc.

(See attached.)