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INLAND EMPIRE ENERGY CENTER (01-AFC-17C) UNIT 2 COLD LAY-UP

Dear Mr. Escobedo:

On March 1, 2017, Inland Empire Energy Center Unit 2 went into cold layup that is expected to continue until February 28, 2018. This letter requests information for the California Energy Commission staff based on the May 26, 2017 conference call between Energy Commission staff, Inland Empire staff, and General Electric staff. As discussed, Energy Commission staff does not feel that the Inland Empire needs to file an amendment due to the cold layup (temporary removal from service) of Unit 2. However, staff does require an update to the Contingency Closure Plan required by COM-13, "Unplanned Temporary Closure/On-Site Contingency Plan," in the General Conditions of the Inland Empire Final Decision. In the plan, please explain the actions that would be taken by the project owner if the decision is made to shut down Unit 2 permanently. The pertinent section is as follows:

"The project owner in consultation with the [compliance project manager] CPM, will update the on-site contingency plan as necessary. The CPM may require revisions to the on-site contingency plan over the life of the project."

"For closure of more than 90 days, unless other arrangements are agreed to by the CPM, the plan shall provide for removal of hazardous materials and hazardous wastes, draining of all chemicals from storage tanks and other equipment and the safe shutdown of all equipment."

"If the CPM determines that an unplanned temporary closure is likely to be permanent or for more than twelve months, a closure plan consistent with the requirements for a planned closure shall be developed and submitted to the CPM within 90 days of the CPM's determination (or other period of time agreed to by the CPM)."

In regards to the actions taken to cold layup Unit 2, staff was informed that the fuel lines to Unit 2 will remain connected, that water has been drained from the cooling tower pond and from the heat recovery steam generator. To further our understanding of what exactly has been done, staff requests a letter explaining the specific steps taken at

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Inland Empire to put Unit 2 into cold layup, such as tanks and reservoirs drained, cabinets de-energized, consumables removed or relocated within the site, reports discontinued, and any other actions taken by facility staff.

Inland Empire intends to make a decision prior to March 1, 2018 regarding whether to bring Unit 2 back into service. Should the decision be made not to bring Unit 2 back into service, please submit a closure plan for Unit 2, which is required 1 year prior to permanent closure by COM-14 by March 1, 2018 to the Energy Commission CPM.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 653-8236 or contact me at john.heiser@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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