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Comments re Draft EIS for Hydrogen Energy California Project, EIS-0431

Please accept the included comments to the California Energy Commission regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hydrogen Energy California Project, EIS-0431, Docket #08-AFC-8A.

Thank you.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-14
Docket No. 8-AFC-8A
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
Submitted via mail and email to docket@energy.ca.gov

Re: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hydrogen
Energy California Project, EIS-0431

California Energy Commissioners and Staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for the Hydrogen Energy California ("HECA") coal gasification power/fertilizer plant project, located near Buttonwillow in Kern County.

Paramount Farming Company ("Paramount") and its related entities farm and process almonds, pistachios, pomegranates and citrus in Kern County.

Paramount is concerned about the potential air quality, water quality and supply, and traffic impacts associated with the HECA project, and encourages the California Energy Commission ("Commission"), in its consideration and review of this project to look carefully and thoroughly at these issues and adopt all feasible mitigation to minimize the impacts on local residents and the community. In addition, Paramount supports the mitigation measures recommended for by the Kern County Board of Supervisors in its August 8, 2013 letter to the Commission.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

William D. Phillimore
Executive Vice President