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Mr. Steve Munro
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California Energy Commission MS -2000
1516 Ninth Street
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SUBJECT: High Desert Power Project
Docket No. 97-AFC-1,
Request for Modification to Air Quality Condition AQ-33

Dear Mr. Munro:

Condition of Certification AQ-33 of the Commission Decision for the High Desert Power Project (HDPP) requires the project owner to surrender to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) sufficient valid Emission Reduction Credits (ERCs) before the start of construction of any part of the project for which this equipment is intended to be used. HDPP requests this condition be changed to defer the date of the surrender of the ERCs to the MDAQMD to be prior to the first regulated emissions from the project.

Precedence has been set with the MDAQMD for the Blythe Energy Power Plant Project for this change in condition. Concurrently, HDPP is requesting a change to the MDAQMD permit conditions on which AQ-33 is based to similarly defer the date of surrender of the ERCs. Thus, the requested change to AQ-33 will reflect the modified MDAQMD permit conditions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (714) 433-7714.

Sincerely,

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