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September 28, 2015

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Re: Calpine's Request to Obtain and Implement County-Issued Demolition Permits to Abate Fire Damage to Structures at Geysers 16, 18, and 20

Dear Mr. Carlsen:

This letter responds to Calpine's request to obtain and implement county-issued demolition permits to abate fire damage to structures at Geysers 16, 18, and 20. The Geysers are located in Sonoma and Lake Counties.

In response to the recent wildfires in California, Governor Brown has proclaimed a state of emergency and has issued Executive Order B-33-15, which applies to fires that have affected counties including Lake County. The Executive Order provides that "[t]o the extent it is within their administrative authority, the boards, departments and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Natural Resources Agency shall expedite the granting of other authorizations, waivers or permits necessary for the removal, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous debris resulting from the fires, and for other actions necessary for the protection of public health and the environment."

I understand from Energy Commission staff and your legal counsel, that certain structures at Geysers 16, 18, and 20 were seriously damaged by the recent wildfires. I recognize that these fire-damaged structures can pose an immediate threat to public health and safety and that it is important for Calpine to act promptly to eliminate these threats. I therefore authorize Calpine to take steps to immediately obtain demolition permits from Sonoma and Lake Counties and proceed with demolition of these facilities

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as authorized and required by those permits. Calpine is expected to provide all documentation related to the demolition to the Energy Commission when the demolition is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Oglesby", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Robert P. Oglesby
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Karen Douglas, Energy Commission
Kourtney Vaccaro, Chief Counsel
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