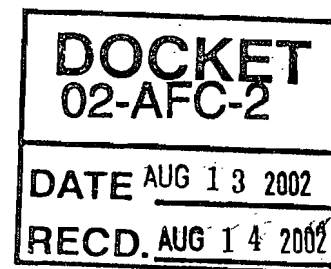


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Dick Thomas, Geothermal Officer  
California Department of Conservation  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources  
801 K Street, MS 20-20  
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Salton Sea Geothermal Unit 6 Project (02-AFC-2)

Dear Mr. Thomas,

On August 7, 2002, I wrote to ask your assistance in review of the Salton Sea Geothermal Unit 6 Project application to determine whether the proposed site is capable of providing geothermal resources in commercial quantities. In that letter, I indicated that the hearing on this issue would be held at the Commission's regularly scheduled Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2002, beginning at 10:00 AM. After further discussion and review of our siting regulations, we have determined that we must wait to consider the geothermal resource sufficiency issue until after the application is formally accepted and a committee is assigned to hear proceedings in the case.

We now expect that determination of geothermal resource sufficiency will be considered at the time of the Informational Hearing and Site Visit, which we expect to be held within 30 days of the determination that the project is data adequate. This hearing will be held at a location, near the project site, that has not yet been determined.

I apologize for any confusion that this and the previous letter may have caused. Questions regarding this request may be directed to Robert Worl at (916) 651-8853, or via email at [rworl@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:rworl@energy.state.ca.us). I appreciate whatever assistance you and your staff are able to provide us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Kennedy".

KEVIN M. KENNEDY  
Energy Facilities Siting Program Manager

cc: Mike Woods, El Centro Office, Division of Oil, Gas, & Geothermal Resources  
Jeff Hansen, MidAmerican Energy Holding Company