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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Commissioner Robert Pernell, Presiding Member Commissioner James Boyd, Associate Member California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, California 95814-5512 01-AFC-17

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Re:

Inland Empire Energy Center (Docket No. 01-AFC-17):

Status Report No. 8 -- Update

Dear Commissioners Pernell and Boyd:

Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC (IEEC) filed the eighth status report, covering actions through early March with the California Energy Commission (Commission or CEC) on March 6, 2003. We have since found an error in the Final Determination of Compliance from the South Coast Air Quality Management District ("District"). We had hoped to resolve this issue with the District in short order but find ourselves a month later with a solution we believe is acceptable to the District, but the District has yet to communicate its final acceptance to CEC Staff. We have been working with District staff and maintaining constant communication to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. We agreed with CEC Staff that upon resolution of this issue to the District's satisfaction, CEC Staff could complete the Final Staff Assessment ("FSA"). Once the District communicates its satisfaction of the resolution to CEC Staff, CEC Staff will be able to provide a new date for the FSA, and we will be able to request an appropriately timed prehearing conference and hearing schedule. We hope to be able to provide that information to the Committee shortly.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Major Williams, Hearing Officer

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