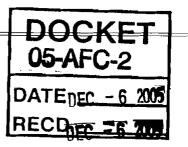
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Mayor David Perez City of Industry 15651 East Stafford Street City of Industry, CA 91744

Dear Mayor Perez:

Walnut Creek Energy, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission on November 22, 2005 seeking approval to construct and operate a simple-cycle power plant in the City of Industry. The proposed Walnut Creek Energy Park (WCEP), to be located at 911 Bixby Drive, would be a nominal 500 megawatt (MW) peaking facility designed to meet electric generation load during periods of high demand.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. The Energy Commission's responsibilities are those of a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), except the Energy Commission's analysis includes several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

The AFC is currently being reviewed to determine if it contains the information required by Energy Commission regulations. When the application is deemed data adequate (which may occur as early as January 4, 2006), the Energy Commission will start the discovery and analysis phases of our review of the WCEP. Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the WCEP should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide the public and local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10-14 days prior to the meeting.

As part of our review process, the staff of the Energy Commission works closely with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards are met and incorporated into the final decision of the Energy Commission. To achieve this objective, the Energy Commission may make specific requests of the City of Industry for review and comment at various points in the certification process. Under Energy Commission guidelines, local agencies may seek reimbursement for

costs incurred in responding to these requests, although requests for comments during the data adequacy phase are not reimbursable.

If your constituents would like to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, they should contact Margret Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. If you or your staff have technical or project schedule questions, or if you would like additional information on reimbursement or on how the City may participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Eric Knight, Project Manager, at (916) 653-1850, or by email at eknight@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek/index.html

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