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TO: AGENCY DISTRIBUTION LIST

REQUEST FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE AES HIGHGROVE POWER PLANT PROJECT, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (06-AFC-2)

On June 2, 2006, your agency was sent a copy of the AES Corporation Application for Certification (AFC) for the Highgrove Power Plant Project (HPP) in the City of Grand Terrace, San Bernardino County with a request for your agency's comments. Enclosed is a supplement providing additional information to that AFC which was submitted by AES on June 28, and July 14, 2006.

On July 19, 2006, the Energy Commission determined the AFC to be data adequate, and staff has begun the discovery and analysis phases of the approximately 12-month project review process. During this time, staff will conduct a detailed examination of the project's potential for environmental, public health, and engineering impacts and compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards. 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 analyzed and incorporated into the final decision of the Energy Commission. Your agency now has the opportunity to assist the Energy Commission staff in analysis and resolution of any identified issues.

To insure a timely review of the AFC, we request your cooperation by completing your review and issuing any **draft and final notices**, findings, opinions (such as those contained in a final Determination of Compliance, wastewater discharge requirements, biological opinions and land use recommendations) **within 120 and 180 days**, respectively, from the date the Energy Commission determined the application to be complete. Please provide your agency's preliminary and final determinations and opinions to us by **November 17, 2006** (122 days) and **January 18, 2007** (180 days), respectively.

Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

Over the next several months, the Energy Commission will conduct public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project would be approved for construction and operation and, if so, under what set of conditions. These events will provide the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about and provide input on the proposed project. Each public workshop or hearing will be publically noticed at least 10 days prior to the scheduled date. We encourage your agency to participate in these proceedings.

Enclosed is a copy of the information supplement filed for the AFC. If you have questions on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Robert Worl, Project Manager, at (916) 651-8853, or by email at rworl@energy.state.ca.us. The

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status of the project, copies of notices, electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highgrove>. You can also receive email notification of all project related activities and availability of reports by subscribing to the Listserv on the website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger E. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger E. Johnson, Manager
Energy Facilities Siting and Compliance Office

Enclosure