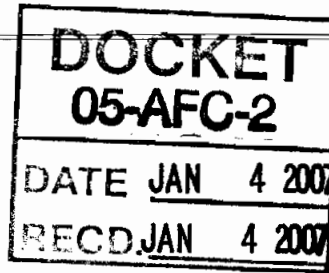


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REQUEST FOR AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE WALNUT CREEK ENERGY PARK (05-AFC-2)

The enclosed Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) contains the California Energy Commission staff's environmental and engineering evaluation of the Walnut Creek Energy Park (WCEP) Project. On November 22, 2005, Walnut Creek Energy, LLC (WCE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy (EME), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a nominal 500 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant in the City of Industry. The proposed WCEP site is an 11.48-acre parcel located at 911 Bixby Drive in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County, in an area zoned for industrial uses.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications for construction and operation of 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 is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

We request that you review the enclosed PSA for the areas for which your agency would normally be responsible except for the Energy Commission's permitting authority. Please provide any written comments to Lorne C. Prescott, Siting Project Manager by Wednesday, January 31, 2007. We will conduct one or more public workshops on the PSA in January 2007, at which time you may also present your comments. These workshops will be separately noticed. Comments received will be used by staff to prepare its Final Staff Assessment which will be staff's testimony in evidentiary hearings.

If you desire information on technical or project schedule issues, or how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, your questions should be directed to Mr. Prescott at (916) 654-4640 or at lprescot@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, an electronic copy of the AFC, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure