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In Re: Docket #04-SIT-2

Dear Dr. Reede:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Revisions to the California Energy Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Power Plant Site Certification (Rules). As one who has appeared in the capacity of expert witness during the adjudicative proceedings regarding several cases and one who has prepared the noise section of numerous Applications for Certification, I recommend the following:

In Appendix B of the Rules, subsection (g), (4) Noise, (A), substitute the words "ambient noise" for the word "background".

My rationale: This simple change will

- make the text consistent with the words already used in the following subsection (g) (4) Noise (B);
- remove confusion between terms that have specific scientific meanings;
- provide consistency with the term "ambient noise" as used in the California Environmental Quality Act (e.g., Appendix G, Section XI, Noise, (c) and (d)).

The CEC rationale for the change could remain as is (i.e., inserted for clarification).

This is an ideal and opportune time to address this persistent concern that has been raised on the record in several previous cases upon which the Commission has acted (e.g., East Altamont (01-AFC-4), San Joaquin Valley (01-AFC-22), Tracy (01-AFC-16)).

Your consideration of this recommendation is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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