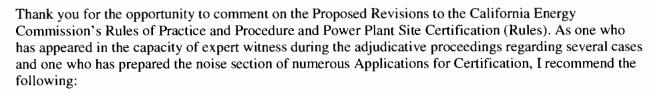
## **URS**

February 9, 2007

James W. Reede, Jr., Ed.D. Energy Facility Siting Project Manager California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, California

In Re: Docket #04-SIT-2

Dear Dr. Reede:



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

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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 Joachin Valley (01-AFC-22), Tracy (01-AFC-16)).

Your consideration of this recommendation is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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