STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:)	Docket No. 07-OIR-RECE
Rulemaking to Implement the Corridor Designation Process under SB 1059)	ORDER INSTITUTING RULEMAKING 07-0214-6

I. PURPOSE OF THE RULEMAKING

Pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 25210, 25213, 25218(e), and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1222(a), the California Energy Commission hereby institutes a rulemaking proceeding. The purpose of the proceeding is to consider adopting regulations that would govern the Commission's process for designating transmission corridor zones under Public Resources Code section 25330 et seq. (added by S.B. 1059, Stats. 2006, ch. 638).

II. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO ENERGY FACILITY SITING COMMITTEE

The Commission's Siting Committee, comprised of Commissioner Geesman as Presiding Member and Commissioner Byron as Associate Member, or a successor committee with comparable powers and duties appointed pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25211, shall preside over this proceeding. In conducting the proceeding, the Committee may hold workshops and hearings as it deems appropriate.

The Committee shall have the responsibility of taking all actions necessary and appropriate to comply with all applicable legal requirements, such as those of the Administrative Procedure Act (Govt. Code §11340 et seq.), the Warren-Alquist Act (Pub. Resources Code § 25000 et seq.), and implementing regulations. This responsibility includes submission on behalf of the Commission of all necessary documents to the Office of Administrative Law. In addition, the Committee shall have the responsibility of issuing notices and other appropriate documents for all hearings and workshops that it decides to hold as part of the proceeding.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Commission encourages public participation in this proceeding. Any person present at any hearing or workshop shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to make oral comments on the subject matter of the proceeding. Petitions to intervene are not necessary.

Any person may file written comments on the rulemaking. Written comments must be received at the following address:

Docket No. 07-OIR-1 Docket Unit California Energy Commission 1516 9th Street, MS 4 Sacramento, CA 95814

Twelve (12) copies of all written materials shall be provided unless it would impose an undue hardship. Alternatively, a person may provide one original paper copy to the above address and one electronic copy to docket@energy.state.ca.us. Electronic documents shall be provided in the Portable Document Format (PDF), or its equivalent, as determined by the Executive Director. Please identify all written materials with "Docket No. 07-OIR-1". The Committee will establish a deadline for the receipt of written comments in a Notice of Proposed Action, which will be published later in the proceeding.

The Executive Director, in conjunction with the Public Adviser, shall ensure that this order and notices of hearings and workshops are distributed to all interested persons and that drafts of the regulations are made available sufficiently in advance of workshops, interim hearings, and final adoption by the Commission to allow for timely participation. The Public Adviser is available to assist anyone interested in participating in this proceeding. Interested persons may call the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll-free in California at (800) 822-6228 or send an e-mail to <PAO@energy.state.ca.us>. Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications, at (916) 654-4989 or at <mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us>.

Date: ______

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(Absent)

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