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

The enclosed Final Staff Assessment (FSA) 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.

During evidentiary hearings, the Energy Commission Committee assigned to the WCEP proceedings will consider and weigh the testimony or comments or recommendations of all interested parties, including Energy Commission staff, the applicant, intervenors, public, City of Industry, and other local, state and federal agencies, before issuing the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) for consideration by the full commission. The public, intervenors, local, state and federal agencies are encouraged to participate in these hearings. The Energy Commission will issue notices at least ten days prior to any scheduled hearings. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Dora Gomez, Project Secretary, at (916) 653-1640.

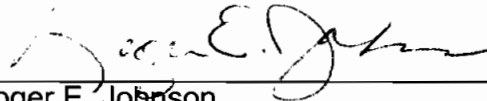
AGENCY PARTICIPATION

Your agency is encouraged to participate and assist in ensuring that all technical areas of interest to your agency have been adequately addressed. We request that you review the enclosed FSA 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 Jack Caswell, Project Manager, by May 11, 2007. Staff will address any information gathered and comments received on the FSA as appropriate in supplemental testimony prior to evidentiary hearings. You may also present your comments at the upcoming hearings.

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If you have questions or would like additional information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Mr. Caswell at (916) 653-0062, or by e-mail at icaswell@energy.state.ca.us. The FSA, information on the status of the project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek>

Sincerely,



Roger E. Johnson
Energy Facilities Siting and Compliance Office

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