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The Honorable George Runner  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5097  
Sacramento, CA 95814

<b>DOCKET</b> <b>07-AFC-1</b>
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Dear Senator Runner:

On February 28, 2007, the City of Victorville submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Victorville 2 Hybrid Power Project (Victorville 2). The project site is located near the High Desert Power Project in the northwest corner of the city of Victorville approximately 3.5 miles east of Highway 395 and approximately 0.5 mile west of the Mojave River. Construction of the project will require three areas totaling 388 acres. The project would be a hybrid of natural gas-fired combined-cycle generating equipment integrated with solar thermal generating equipment and will have a net electrical output of 563 megawatts (MW).

On April 11, 2007, the AFC was determined to contain the information required by California Energy Commission regulations and was deemed complete. The Energy Commission staff has started the discovery and analysis phases of the review of the project. Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on this proposal to determine whether the Victorville 2 project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. An Informational Hearing and Site Visit is scheduled for June 8, 2007 at 1:30 PM in Victorville. It will be held at the Southern California Logistics Airport, Administrative Office Building, 18374 Phantom Street, Victorville, CA. The hearing will be separately noticed in a mailing to the Victorville 2 and the operating High Desert Power Project mailing lists and publicized in local media. These events will provide the public and local, state, and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the Victorville 2 project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

We are available to brief you and your staff on the Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the Victorville 2 application. Please contact Mike Smith, Assistant Director, Office of Governmental Affairs at (916) 654-4942, if you would like a briefing. If your constituents would like to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, they should contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. Further, the status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/victorville2/index.html>

Sincerely,

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