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Dear Supervisor Mitzelfelt:

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).

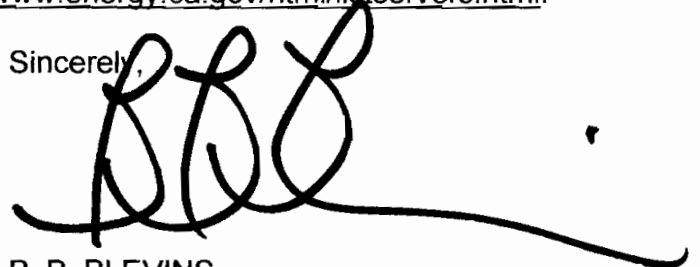
The California Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental 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's responsibilities are those of a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), except the Energy Commission's analysis consists of several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

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 Victorville 2 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.

As part of our review process, the staff of the Energy Commission works closely with local, state, and federal agencies to analyze the project's conformance with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards and incorporates this analysis into the final decision of the Energy Commission.

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. If you or your staff have technical or project schedule questions, or if you would like additional information on how the County may participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact John Kessler, Project Manager, at (916) 654-4679, or by email at [jkessler@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jkessler@energy.state.ca.us). The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/victorville2/index.html> You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/html/listservers.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

B. B. BLEVINS  
Executive Director