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REQUEST FOR AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE SUN VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT (05-AFC-3)

The enclosed Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) contains the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff's environmental and engineering evaluation of the Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP). On December 1, 2005, Valley del Sol Energy, LLC (VSE), 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 near the City of Romoland, in western Riverside County. The proposed SVEP site is an approximately 20-acre parcel located at 29500 Rouse Road, Romoland, Riverside 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 pursuant to a Certified Regulatory Program, produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

We request that you review the enclosed PSA for the areas your agency would normally be responsible for, except for the Energy Commission's permitting authority. Please provide any written comments to Robert Worl, Siting Project Manager, by Monday, June 18, 2007. We will conduct a public workshop on the PSA on Thursday, May 31, 2007, at which time you may also present your comments. This workshop will be separately noticed. Comments received will be used by staff to prepare its Final Staff Assessment (FSA) which will be staff's testimony in evidentiary hearings.

If you desire information on technical or project schedule issues, or how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, your questions should be directed to Mr. Worl at (916) 651-8853 or at rworl@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, an electronic copy of the AFC, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley.

Sincerely,



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Siting and Compliance Office Manager

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