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**TO: AGENCY DISTRIBUTION LIST****REQUEST FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE COLUSA GENERATING STATION, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION SUPPLEMENTAL FILING (06-AFC-9)**

On August 17, 2007, E&L Westcoast, LLC (E&LW), submitted supplemental information to the Application for Certification (AFC), to construct and operate the Colusa Generating Station (CGS), a combined cycle electrical power plant facility. E&LW has submitted proposed modifications to the Glenn-Colusa Canal Bridge Design.

**Proposed Glenn-Colusa Canal Bridge Modification**

A preliminary design for the new bridge located to the north of the existing Glenn-Colusa Canal Bridge was proposed in the AFC submitted to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) in November 2006. This previous bridge design provided for the installation of a new free-span steel beam and concrete bridge approximately 100 feet long by 30 feet wide, designed to support a new 30-foot-wide extension of Dirks Road, which would provide access to the CGS. The original replacement bridge would not have involved placing piers in the canal. The east approach was to be located 20 feet north of the existing bridge and the west approach approximately 40 feet to the north. Under the previous proposal, the existing bridge would have been left in place. The access road on both sides was proposed for realignment to straighten and widen the approaches to allow for unimpeded two-way traffic. Land disturbance associated with the previously proposed bridge replacement would have included 5.4 acres of temporary construction impact and 1 acre of permanent operational impact.

The current proposal is to construct a replacement bridge to the south of the existing bridge rather than to the north. This revised bridge design proposal requires a cofferdam and piers to be placed in the Glenn-Colusa Canal. The east approach would be located approximately 75 feet south of the existing bridge, and the west approach would be located about 45 feet south. Similar to the previous bridge design, the access road on both sides would be realigned to straighten and widen the approaches to allow for unimpeded two-way traffic, realigning with the current Dirks Road right-of-way as soon as practical. A retainer wall would be placed along the northern side of Dirks Road, on the east side of the replacement bridge, to enable the continued use of the current irrigation canal.

**Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process**

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines

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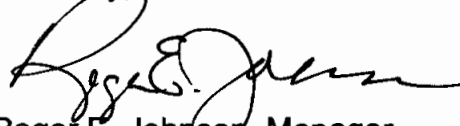
public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. The issuance of a certificate by the Energy Commission is in lieu of any local, state, or federal permit (to the extent permitted by federal law). 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. Energy Commission staff are evaluating this change to the CGS and will address it in the Final Staff Assessment.

### **Agency Participation**

The Energy Commission requests that your agency review the Colusa Generating Station's AFC supplemental filing and determine whether the revised AFC supplement information has issues of concern to your agency and are adequately addressed in the supplement. We request that you provide any comments you may have regarding the disclosure of potential issues of concern by September 26, 2007. Please address your comments to Jack W. Caswell, Project Manager, 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-15, Sacramento, CA 95814, or email to [jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us). Your agency may also present its comments and recommendations in person at the Energy Commission's hearings for this proposed project not yet scheduled. The Commission hearings will be publicly noticed separately. Your participation in the proceeding is encouraged and will allow you to identify and try to resolve issues of concern to your agency. Local agencies may seek reimbursement for costs incurred in responding to those requests.

Enclosed is a copy (CD) of the AFC Supplemental Filing for the Glenn Colusa Canal Bridge Design in electronic format. If you would like to have a hard copy of the AFC supplemental filing sent to you, if you have questions, or if you would like additional information on local agency reimbursement or on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Jack W. Caswell, Project Manager, at (916) 653-0062 or by email at [jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us). The status of the project, copies of notices, electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/colusa>. You can also receive email notification of all project related activities and availability of reports by subscribing to the List Server on the website.

Sincerely,



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