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Dear Librarian:

DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE COLUSA GENERATING STATION, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION SUPPLEMENTAL FILING (06-AFC-9)

On November 6, 2006, E&L Westcoast, LLC (E&LW) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) 06-AFC-9, to construct and operate the Colusa Generating Station (CGS) electrical power plant project. On August 17, 2007, E&LW submitted supplemental information to the AFC for proposed modifications to the Glenn-Colusa Canal Bridge Design.

The power plant project is under the Energy Commission's siting authority. The power plant certification process examines engineering, environmental, public health, and safety aspects of power plant proposals and provides analyses pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). When issuing a license, the Energy Commission is the lead state agency under CEQA, and its process is functionally equivalent to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

The Energy Commission's siting process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation in our review process, the Energy Commission has sent copies of the AFC to libraries in Colusa, Fresno, Eureka, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

Please make the enclosed AFC supplemental filing available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the AFC supplemental filing or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "electricity," "energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Jack W. Caswell, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-0062, and email jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us, or Angela Hockaday, Project Assistant, at (916) 654-3925, and e-mail ahockada@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Roger E. Johnson, Manager
Energy Facilities Siting and Compliance Office

Enclosure

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To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**PUBLIC 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 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.

Public Participation

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. A number of Commission staff workshops have been conducted that provided the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for future hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Jack Caswell, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-0062, or by e-mail at: jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at: (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at: pao@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989 or by email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, copies of notices, an 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 subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/html/listservers.html>.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list during the pre-filing period and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the project site and 500 feet of the transmission line or any other linear facilities. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Angela Hockaday, Project Assistant, at (916) 654-3925, or by e-mail at ahockada@energy.state.ca.us.

Availability of the AFC and Supplemental Filing Document

Copies of the AFC and Supplemental Filing are available locally for public inspection at:

Colusa County Library
738 Market St.
Colusa, Ca 95932-2398

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Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles and San Diego. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the AFC. Thank You.