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Dear Librarian:

**DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR WILLOW PASS GENERATING STATION,
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (08-AFC-6) and SUPPLEMENT (DATA
ADEQUACY SUPPLEMENT)**

On June 30, 2008, Mirant Willow Pass LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Willow Pass Generating Station (WPGS) in the City of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, California. We provided your library a copy of the AFC in a previous mailing dated July 14, 2008. Enclosed with this cover is a copy of the supplemental information to the AFC. Please file the supplemental information with the original AFC, along with the enclosed letter to the public.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Ivor Benci-Woodward Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-3911 or by email at IBenciwo@energy.state.ca.us or Maria Santourdjian Project Secretary, at (916) 651-9410, or e-mail at MSergoya@energy.state.ca.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eileen Allen".

Eileen Allen, Manager
Siting and Compliance Office

Enclosure

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To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**DISTRIBUTION OF AFC SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION FACILITATING IN THE
REVIEW OF THE WILLOW PASS GENERATING STATION, APPLICATION FOR
CERTIFICATION (08-AFC-6)**

On June 30, 2008, Mirant Willow Pass LLC (applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop a nominal 550 megawatts (MW) combined cycle natural gas-fired power plant, in the City of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, California. The proposed Willow Pass Generating Station (WPGS project) would be owned and operated by Willow Pass, LLC. On October 8, 2008, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC with the supplemental information as complete. The Energy Commission staff has now begun the data discovery and analysis phases of the proposed project's 12-month licensing process. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the information supplement to the AFC.

**Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process
Project Description**

The proposed project would be located in the City of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, California; the project would be situated two miles west of the city center, on a 26-acre brown-field site within the existing Pittsburg Power Plant. The Pittsburg Power Plant site is currently occupied by seven generating units, four of which are still in operation, the remaining three were retired in 2003. The proposed project would occupy the southern 23.5 acres of the 26-acre parcel. The northern 2.5-acre portion of the parcel is bordered by the Suisun Bay.

Willow Pass would consist of two, natural gas-fired Siemens Flex Plant 10 generating units which utilize dry cooling technology. The generating units, which would produce a total of 550 MW, would be connected to an adjacent PG&E switchyard and transmitted to PG&E's California grid.

If approved, Willow Pass would begin construction in the fall of 2009, with commercial operation commencing in the summer of 2012.

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 year-long 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 it produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

Public Participation

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the proposed project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide 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 these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Maria Santourdjian, Project Secretary, at (916) 651-9410, or by e-mail at MSergoyan@energy.state.ca.us.

If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Ivor Benci-Woodward Project Manager, at (916) 654-3911 or by email at IBenciwo@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents (including the AFC Supplement) are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/willowpass>.

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 proposed project site and within 500 feet of any linear feature. 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 wish to be removed from the mailing list, please contact Maria Santourdjian, Project Secretary, at (916) 651-9410, or e-mail at MSergoya@energy.state.ca.us.

Availability of the AFC Document

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

PITTSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY	ANTIOCH LIBRARY	OAKLEY LIBRARY
501 W. 18 TH STREET	80 POWER AVENUE	1050 NEROLY ROAD
PITTSBURG CA 94565	ANTIOCH CA 94509	OAKLEY CA 94561

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Fresno. 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 Place this notice in the back cover of the application for certification. Thank you.