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October 31, 2008

Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member
Commissioner James D. Boyd, Vice Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Willow Pass Generating Station Project ("WPGS")
Application for Certification 08-AFC-06

Regarding: WPGS CEC Informational Hearing Location

Dear Commissioners:

I understand that the Committee for the Willow Pass Generating Station ("WPGS") Project has scheduled its first "Informational Hearing" for the WPGS Project for December 18th at the Delta Diablo Sanitation District ("DDSD") offices in the City of Antioch. We understand that the Committee intends this to be a "joint" hearing for both the WPGS and a second Mirant project located in Antioch. While the WPGS Project is located in the City of Pittsburg, the Committee apparently intends to invite the citizens of Pittsburg to travel to Antioch.

In my presentation before the Commission at the WPGS "Data Adequacy" hearing on October 8th, I stated that holding an Informational Hearing at DDSD, at the opposite end of the City of Pittsburg from that of the proposed WPGS project location, is not acceptable to the City. Such action impresses us as being wholly uncharacteristic of the Commission's "community outreach" policy for potentially affected communities. It is also inconsistent with the City's expectations for Mirant and the Commission to provide Pittsburg's citizens with adequate notice and opportunity to be heard on the WPGS Project.

In response to my request for the Informational Hearing to be held in the City of Pittsburg, Chairwoman Pfannenstiel stated "I think that Mr. Evans' point about having the hearing in the city is something that we really need to take a look at. So I would ask the Committee when appointed to consider that."

The City, in the interest of cooperation, has reserved the City Council Chambers on December 18th for the purpose of holding the WPGS Informational Hearing. The City Council Chambers are located within City Hall at 65 Civic Avenue in Pittsburg.

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We understand that all of the Commission hearings for the Russell City and Eastshore Projects were held in the Hayward City Council Chambers. We would expect that Pittsburg would receive the same level of Commission outreach and attention as was provided to Hayward.

We are informed that the Committee is considering holding the two projects' hearings at DDSD in order to save the Committee members and Commission staff the time and inconvenience of driving from one location to another for these two separate projects. We respectfully submit that whatever small benefit may accrue from the small amount of time that may be "saved" is far outweighed by the detrimental message it sends to the residents of Pittsburg. If the Committee does not have the time to visit Pittsburg, even for a few hours, it implies that our Community is not important enough to merit your consideration.

In addition to making City Hall available, if time and convenience are your concerns in setting the hearing for a Pittsburg project in Antioch, the City of Pittsburg would be more than happy to provide you and your staff with transportation to City Hall.

This will be the third CEC jurisdictional power generation project within the City of Pittsburg. In the past, each project was considered alone with an emphasis on the potential impacts on the City of Pittsburg. We hope that we will be treated with the same respect and consideration as the past two projects.

Please call me directly at (925) 252-4034 with any questions regarding the hearing.

Sincerely,



Garrett Evans
General Manager
Pittsburg Power Company

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November 12, 2008

Mr. Garrett Evans, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Evans:

We received your October 31 letter regarding the upcoming informational hearing for the Willow Pass Generating Station.

You expressed concern about the location of the informational hearing scheduled for December 18, 2008. I am pleased to inform you that we have chosen to hold the hearing in the Delta Diablo Sanitation District lunch room, on the west side of Arcy Lane, in the City of Pittsburg. A copy of the official notice of the hearing, released today, is attached. This site was selected to ensure efficient use of scarce staff resources, in consideration of your concerns, and, most importantly, to accommodate public participation in both the Willow Pass informational hearing and the informational hearing for the Marsh Landing Generating Station. We believe that scheduling these two hearings on the same day and at the same location best serves the needs of local residents, many of whom are likely to be interested in both projects given that they are located only 8 miles from one another. The lunch room of the Delta Diablo Sanitation District is conveniently located in the City of Pittsburg, 3.2 miles from the Willow Pass project site and 4.9 miles from the Marsh Landing project site.

We appreciate your offer of the Pittsburg City Council Chambers as a potential hearing site, and we will certainly consider that venue for future committee hearings related to the Willow Pass Generating Station.

Sincerely,

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Karen Douglas
Commissioner

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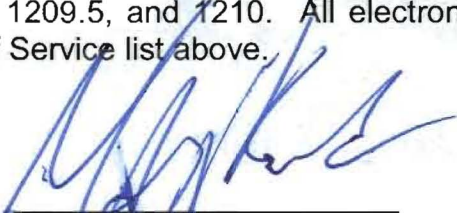
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I, Maggie Read, declare that on November 13, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Letter from Mr. Garrett Evans to the Willow Pass Siting Committee and the response from the Committee in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

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Maggie Read
Hearing Advisor's Office