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The Honorable Tom Torlakson
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4162
Sacramento, California 94249-0011

Dear Assembly Member Torlakson,

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Sincerely,

MELISSA JONES
Executive Director

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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, California 94248-0001

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The Honorable Federal D. Glover
District 5
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
315 E. Leland Road
Pittsburg, California 94565

Dear Supervisor Glover,

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The Honorable Mayor Nancy Parent and Council Members
City of Pittsburg
65 Civic Avenue
Pittsburg California 94565

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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *WILLOW PASS*
GENERATING STATION

Docket No. 08-AFC-6
PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 10/24/2008)

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Hilarie Anderson declare that on December 8, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Letters to the Honorable Tom Torlakson, Mark DeSaulnier, Federal D. Glover, Mayor Nancy Parent and Council Members in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Original Signature in Dockets
Hilarie Anderson