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#### **VIA FEDEX**

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION Attn: Docket No. 08-AFC-9 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4 Sacramento, California 95814-5512

Re: City of Palmdale Hybrid Power Plant Project: Docket No. 08-AFC-9

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210, enclosed herewith for filing please find a copy of Applicant's Revised Responses to CEC Data Requests 152-153 regarding Visual Resources.

Please note that the enclosed submittal was filed today via electronic mail to your attention and to all parties on the attached electronic proof of service list.

Very truly-yours,

Paul E. Kihm Senior Paralegal

Enclosure

cc: 08-AFC-9 Proof of Service List (w/encl. via e-mail and U.S. Mail)

Michael J. Carroll, Esq. (w/encl.)

## PALMDALE HYBRID POWER PROJECT (08-AFC-09) CEC STAFF SET 2 DATA REQUESTS 152 - 153

Technical Area: Visual Resources Response Date: June 2, 2009

#### Data Request 152:

Please summarize for the cooling tower the conditions that affect vapor plume formation including cooling tower heat rejection, exhaust temperature, and exhaust mass flow rate. Please provide values to complete the table, and additional data as necessary for staff to be able to determine how the heat rejection load varies with ambient conditions and also determine at what ambient conditions cooling tower cells may be shut down.

Additional combinations of temperature and relative humidity or curves showing heat rejection vs. ambient condition and solar condition, if provided by the applicant, will be used to more accurately represent the cooling tower exhaust conditions. Please include appropriate design safety margins for the heat rejection, exhaust flow rate and exhaust temperature in consideration that the air flow per heat rejection ratio is often used as Condition of Certification confirmation of design limit.

#### **Revised Response:**

A table summarizing the conditions that will affect the cooling tower heat rejection and potential for vapor plume formation is provided below. This table is a revision to the previously provided response, as the previous table was based on a different cooling tower design.

The Applicant assumes a certain amount of tower exhaust recirculation to the tower inlet. This recirculation assumption results in the difference between the Ambient Wet Bulb and the Cooling Tower Inlet Plane Wet Bulb. For operational safety margin, the exhaust temperature at 105% heat duty or 95% air flow use is also provided.

#### Data Request 153:

Please provide the cooling tower manufacturer and model number information and a fogging frequency curve from the cooling tower vendor, if available, that corresponds to the altitude of the project site.

#### **Revised Response:**

The cooling tower design is based on an SPX/Marley F4910-5.3-10B cooling tower.

A revised Fogging Frequency Curve is provided as Attachment DR-153 at the end of this section.

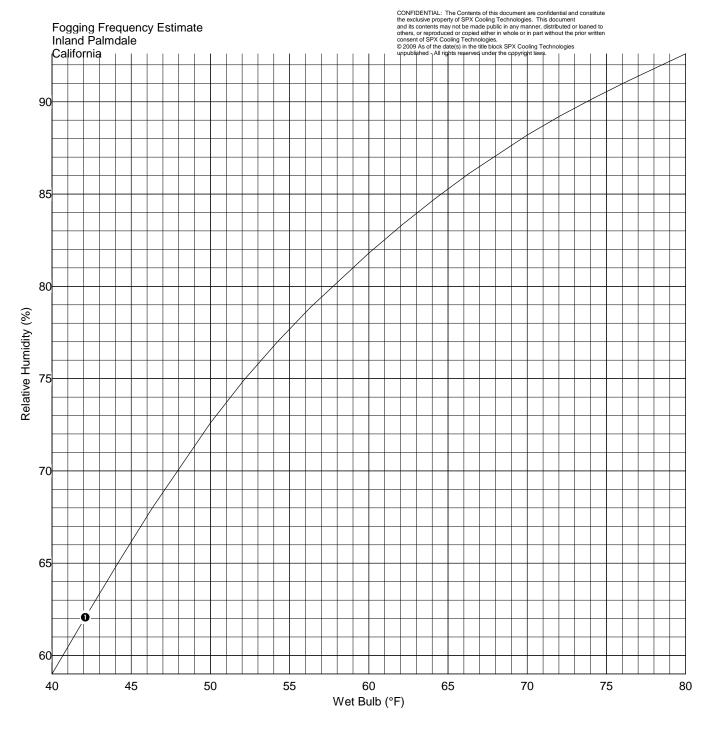
# PALMDALE HYBRID POWER PROJECT (08-AFC-09) CEC STAFF SET 2 DATA REQUESTS 152 - 153

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Parameter	Cooling Tower Exhaust					
Number of Cells	10 cells (2 cells x 5 cells back to back)					
Cell Height*	62.3 feet					
Exhaust Stack Diameter*	28 feet					
Tower Housing Length	318.5 feet					
Tower Housing Width	108.6 feet					
Ambient Temperature*	23°F		64°F		98°F	
Ambient Relative Humidity	92%		40%		17%	
Ambient Wet Bulb	22.40		51.00		65.90	
Tower Inlet Plane Wet Bulb	22.63		52.85		67.70	
Solar On/Off	Solar On					
Case	PB-11	PB-6	PB-13	PB-8	PB-14	PB-9
Duct Firing	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Number of Cells in Operation	10	10	10	10	10	10
Heat Rejection (MW/hr)	495	457	488	449	485	445
Exhaust Temperature (°F)	71.9	69.3	85.8	83.8	93.6	92.0
Exhaust Temperature (°F) at 105% heat duty or 95% Exhaust Flow	73.6	70.9	87.0	85.0	94.6	93.0
Exhaust Flow Rate (Kg/Sec)	7870	7900	7720	7740	7630	7640
Solar On/Off	Solar Off					
Case	PB-16	PB-1	PB-18	PB-3	PB-19	PB-4
Duct Firing	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Number of Cells in Operation	10	8	10	10	10	10
Heat Rejection (MW/hr)	465	333	463	326	468.2	322
Exhaust Temperature (°F)	69.9	67.2	84.5	77.0	93.0	86.5
Exhaust Temperature (°F) at 105% heat duty or 95% Exhaust Flow	70.2	68.8	85.7	78.0	94.0	87.3
Exhaust Flow Rate (Kg/sec)	7890	6184	7730	7790	7630	7680

Heat rejection values provided, neglecting water makeup and blowdown.

# Visual Resources Attachment DR-153 Fogging Frequency Curve



#### SPX Cooling Technologies TRACS Version 18-SEP-08

 Model
 F488-5.3-10

 Number of Cells
 10

 Motor Output
 200HP

 Motor RPM
 1800

 Fan
 336HP7-7

 Fan RPM
 146

 (Full Speed)

#### **Design Conditions:**

Flow Rate 120200GPM
Hot Water 97.20°F
Cold Water 78.90°F
Wet-Bulb 71.09°F

#### **Curve Conditions:**

Fan Pitch Constant
Dry Dampers Closed
Flow Rate 120200GPM
( 100% Design Flow )

Tangency 100.0%

FOGGING FREQUENCY CURVE: The curve shown to the left is referred to as a Fogging Freqency Curve. The Fogging Freqency Curve spearates entering cooling tower conditions that produce fog at the discharge (Top-Left region of chart) from those that do not produce log (Bottom-Right region of chart)

18.3 °F Range X Design Point

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	) Docket No. 08-AFC-9
Application for Certification, for the CITY OF PALMDALE HYBRID	PROOF OF SERVICE
POWER PLANT PROJECT	) (Revised April 30, 2009)
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# **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Paul Kihm, declare that on June 2, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached:

# APPLICANT'S REVISED RESPONSES TO CEC DATA REQUESTS 152-153 REGARDING VISUAL RESOURCES

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 2, 2009, at Costa Mesa, California.

Paul Kihm