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Please docket to Avenal, 08-AFC-01. Thank you.

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>>> Elena Miller 6/19/2009 8:26 AM >>> Bradley,

Thank you for your email last night. You've addressed the email to the California Energy Commission but I am the only representative of the Commission that received your email. I will docket the email so that it is distributed to the parties in this proceeding. Please note that you may send comments directly to our docket unit at: docket@energy.state.ca.us.

During our conversation on Wednesday evening I was confused about your statement that you regularly receive electronic notices from the Energy Commission, yet, you did not receive the notice of the Avenal workshop scheduled for June 23rd.

The News Release List Server is the Energy Commission's tool to send out media advisories of upcoming events. You are signed up for the News Release List Server, and thus received the Avenal media advisory sent yesterday. However, you are not signed up for the Avenal List Server. I recommend that you visit the project web page and sign-up for the Avenal List Server. In June alone, nine notices have been sent to this project's List Server. There have been three Avenal news releases sent to the News Release List Server in 2009.

The hard copy of the Avenal workshop notice was mailed to Greenaction by the Commission's Siting Division on June 10th via the US Postal Service. Greenaction has been on the Avenal mailing list since Anna Martinez began her work on this proceeding on behalf of Greenaction.

I hope that this additional information assists you.

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>>> "Bradley Angel" <<u>bradley@greenaction.org</u>> 6/18/2009 6:03 PM >>> To the California Energy Commission:

On behalf of our hundreds of constituents in Avenal and Kettleman City who would be directly harmed by the proposed Avenal Energy power plant, we object to the inadequate notice and scheduled workshop you announced this afternoon. It appears that the CEC truly does not want the public to attend, and your process is on its face one of environmental injustice and racism.

Sending out a notice on the afternoon of Thursday, June 18 for an important workshop scheduled 3 business days later is not acceptable as it is not adequate notice.

In addition, your failure to provide notice to residents is also unacceptable and a violation of your obligation to comply with environmental justice mandates.

In addition, scheduling a workshop for the public in the middle of the work day when most people cannot attend also is not real public participation.

We call on the CEC to reschedule this workshop, and provide adequate and meaningful notice and set the workshop at a time that most people can attend.

Bradley Angel Executive Director Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

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For Immediate Release: : June 18, 2009 Media Contact: Percy Della - 916-654-4989

MEDIA ADVISORY

Attention Editors:

Workshop on the Final Staff Assessment for the Avenal Energy project to be held June 23rd

Who: The staff of the California Energy Commission will hold a public workshop on the final staff assessment (FSA) of the planned Avenal Energy project in Kings County. The public and all interested parties are invited to participate.

When: 2pm to 7 pm Tuesday, June 23, 2009

The workshop will occur from 2:00-5:30 p.m. A summary of the meeting will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to make public participation possible after work hours.

Where: Reef-Sunset Unified School District 205 N. Park Avenue, Avenal, California

What: In the FSA, Commission staff said the 600-megawatt facility conforms to all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS). With the effective implementation of the proposed conditions of certification, the plant can be constructed and operated safely and reliably, said the document.

Why: The FSA will serve as staff's testimony at an evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for July 7, 2009 by the hearing officer and the committee of two commissioners reviewing this case.

This workshop is being held to discuss the FSA and further encourage public participation, as it relates to the proposed Avenal Energy Project and the Energy Commission's permitting process. The workshop will provide an opportunity for agencies, the public and other interested parties to present questions and comments on the document.

Project owner Avenal Power Center, LLC of Houston, Texas plans to develop the Avenal Energy project on 34 acres of a 148-acre site zoned for industrial use just south of the Fresno County line and two miles east of Interstate 5. The proposed project is six miles from the City of Avenal's residential and commercial districts.

If licensed by the Energy Commission, the \$530-million power facility will begin construction in April 2010, with initial startup in October 2011 and full commercial operation by June 2012.

More information on the Avenal Energy project <<u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/avenal/index.html</u>> is available on the Energy Commission website at: <u>www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/avenal/</u> <<u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/avenal/index.html</u>>

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