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Dear Librarian:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE WATSON COGENERATION STEAM AND ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PROJECT, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (09-AFC-1)

On March 19, 2009, Watson Cogeneration Company submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to expand the Watson Cogeneration Steam and Electric Reliability Project, in the City of Carson, in Los Angeles County.

We provided your library a copy of the AFC in a previous mailing. Enclosed with this cover letter is a copy of the June 29, 2009, supplemental information to the AFC, which provides clarification on the proposed project. Please file this supplement with the original AFC, along with the enclosed letter to the public.

Please make the enclosed AFC supplemental material available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the AFC, supplemental material, or any of its contents be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "electricity," "energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Alan Solomon, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236, or by email at asolomon@energy.state.ca.us, or Teraja Golston, Project Assistant, at (916) 654-4498 or by email at tgolston@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Date: _____

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To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE WATSON COGENERATION STEAM AND ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PROJECT, DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION SUPPLEMENT (09-AFC-1)

On March 19, 2009, Watson Cogeneration Company submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop the Watson Cogeneration Steam and Electric Reliability Project in the City of Carson, in Los Angeles County. On June 29, 2009, a Supplement to the AFC was received and evaluated by staff. Subsequently, at the Energy Commission's July 29, 2009 Business Meeting, the AFC was deemed complete, beginning staff's analysis of the proposed project.

Project Description

The project complements the existing cogeneration facility located within the confines of the BP Carson Refinery. The existing facility has four General Electric (GE) 7EA combustion turbine generators (CTG), four heat recovery steam generators (HRSG) and two steam turbine generators (STG). In operation since 1988, the existing cogeneration facility is owned by Watson Cogeneration Company (Watson) and operated by BP West Coast Products, LLC – BP Carson Refinery. Watson is a joint partnership between subsidiaries of BP America and Edison Mission Energy. Since the project consists of adding a fifth CTG/HRSG to the existing configuration, it is also referred to as the "fifth train."

This fifth train would increase the existing capacity of the 385-megawatt (MW) Watson Cogeneration Facility by approximately 85 MW, resulting in a total output of 470 MW.

The project site is located within the boundary of the existing Watson Cogeneration Facility, which is a 21.7-acre area and is part of a larger parcel containing the BP Carson Refinery. The project site is located in the City of Carson, approximately 0.7 mile south of the 405 Freeway, roughly bounded by East 223rd Street to the north, Wilmington Avenue to the west, East Sepulveda Boulevard to the south, and South Alameda Street to the east.

The construction laydown and parking area is a paved 25-acre parcel located approximately one mile southeast of the project site, and is located at 2149 East Sepulveda Boulevard.

No off-site improvements such as water supply, natural gas or wastewater pipelines are proposed. Instead, the project would connect to the existing supply pipelines currently used by the Watson Cogeneration Facility. Similarly, the project would obtain its other utility needs and services (compressed air and anhydrous ammonia) from the existing systems. Upgrades to existing transmission lines to accommodate the project would not be required.

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 in California, that are 50 MW and greater. The Energy Commission's facility 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), and because the siting process is a Certified Regulatory program, the Commission produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report. The issuance of a certificate by the Energy Commission is in lieu of any local, state or federal permit (to the extent permitted by federal law).

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 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 Teraja Golston, Project Assistant, at (916) 654-4498, or by e-mail at tgolston@energy.state.ca.us.

If you want information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228 or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Alan Solomon, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236, or by email at asolomon@energy.state.ca.us.

The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, a copy of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/watson/index.html>. You can also receive email notification of all project related activities and availability of reports by subscribing to the Listserve at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html>.

**Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the Supplemental filing.
Thank You.**