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Via E-Mail and First Class Mail

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DATE	MAR 04 2010
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Re: Water Supply for Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal Power Project, formerly Salton Sea Unit 6 Geothermal Power Project
02-AFC-2C

Dear Mr. Walton:

This letter updates my prior letter dated August 26, 2009, to you on behalf of CE Obsidian LLC (CEOE) regarding the California Energy Commission (CEC) staff request for information from Imperial Irrigation District (IID) regarding the District's intention to supply water to CEOE's Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal Power Project (Project), formerly referred to as Salton Sea Unit 6. You may provide this letter to the CEC as evidence of the intention of the IID to supply raw Colorado River water to the Project.

IID water for the Project can be delivered from a canal adjacent to the Project site to an onsite raw water pond that must provide a minimum water supply storage capacity of six days. IID has not yet determined the maximum volume of water that will be supplied to the Project. According to CEOE, the expected normal annual project demand is 483 afy. However, IID must plan for the estimate of CEOE of the maximum amount of water required by the Project, which is 953 afy for 22 years.

IID has or will have sufficient physical capacity to provide water to the Project under the above-referenced conditions. To the extent that modifications to the IID delivery system are required for the Project to achieve such capacity, CEOE will be required to fund such work.

In order to obtain a water supply from IID for the Project, CEOE will be required to comply with all applicable IID policies and regulations and must enter into a water supply agreement with the IID. Such policies and regulations require, among other things, that all potential environmental and water supply impacts of the Project be

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adequately assessed, appropriate mitigation has been developed, and appropriate conditions have been adopted by the relevant land use permitting/approving agencies.

Water will be supplied to this Project in accordance with the new Interim Water Supply Policy (IWSP), recently approved by the IID to address water supplies for non-agricultural projects. In order to qualify for a water supply under the IWSP, CEOE will be required to meet standards for water use efficiency and best management practices, including but not limited to those established by the CEC, as well as other water use efficiency standards, adopted by IID or local government agencies.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 339-9038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Shields".

TINA ANDERHOLT SHIELDS, PE
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