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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EL CENTRO UNIT 3 REPOWERING PROJECT,  
06-SPPE-2C**

Dear Mr. Tateosian:

Eileen Allen asked me to respond to your letter of February 12, 2009, requesting concurrence with proposed changes to the El Centro Generating Station Unit 3 Repowering Project that was exempted by the California Energy Commission on January 3, 2006.

Your proposed changes are principally the following:

- Replace the existing steam turbine with a new and more efficient steam turbine.
- Consider the option of replacing the single General Electric 7EA combustion turbine with two smaller Siemens SGT-800 combustion turbines. Either option would result in approximately the same amount of combustion turbine-based generation. However two smaller units could provide for greater turndown.

As you described during our meeting on January 14, 2009, the changes would result in approximately 15 megawatts increased electrical output over the exempted project description for a total of approximately 100 megawatts. We conclude that since the proposed megawatt increase is below 50 megawatts, the changes require no additional action by the Energy Commission, and you need only to obtain necessary approvals of local agencies with jurisdiction over the project for the proposed changes.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You may contact me at (916) 654-3936. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN D. MUNRO  
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