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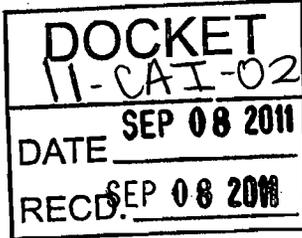
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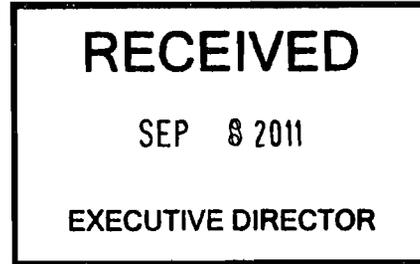
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September 8, 2011



Robert Oglesby
Executive Director
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1516 Ninth Street
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RE: North Brawley Geothermal Project Generating Capacity and East Brawley Geothermal Project Generating Capacity – 11-CAI-02

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

Pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations sections 2501 *et seq.*, ORMAT Nevada, Inc. (the “Respondent”) hereby submits this “Application for Confidential Designation”, for this second set of information provided by Respondent in response to the California Energy’s Commission’s August 15, 2011 engineering questionnaires for the North Brawley Geothermal Development Project and the East Brawley Geothermal Development Project.

We are enclosing the Application for Confidential Designation and five copies of the confidential information. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 447-2166 should you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION
ORMAT Nevada, Inc. Responses to CEC Engineering Questionnaires, Set 2
(11-CAI-02)

1. *Specifically indicate those parts of the record which should be kept confidential.*

The following information provided by ORMAT Nevada, Inc.'s ("ORMAT") in response to Mr. O' Brien's August 15, 2011 letters regarding North Brawley Geothermal Project Generating Capacity and East Brawley Geothermal Project Generating Capacity and subsequent email from California Energy Commission Staff (dated September 6, 2011) should be kept confidential:

- NB Air Compressor
- NB Auxiliary Loads Details
- NB Blow Down Pumps
- NB Brine Booster Pumps
- NB Brine Injection Pump Typical
- NB Cooling Tower Mechanical Data
- NB Cooling Water Circ Pumps
- NB Feed Pumps Level 1
- NB Feed Pumps Level 2
- NB Make up Water Pump
- NB Production Pump Typical
- NB SLD
- NB Daily Generation

2. *State the length of time the record should be kept confidential, and provide justification for the length of time.*

The technical data contained in the documents identified above must remain confidential for the operating life of the North Brawley Geothermal Development Project ("North Brawley") and East Brawley Geothermal Development Project ("East Brawley"). These documents provide information regarding project equipment layouts, project specific design information, and commercially sensitive proprietary information regarding ORMAT's unique technology. Release of this information could disclose protected trade secret information.

3. *Cite and discuss (i) the provisions of the Public Records Act or other law which allow the commission to keep the record confidential and (ii) the public interest in nondisclosure of the record.*

The California Public Records Act exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets" which includes "any formula, plan, . . . production data, or compilation of information . . ., which is known only to certain individuals within a commercial concern who are using it to fabricate,

produce, or compound an article of trade or a service . . . and which gives its user an opportunity to obtain a business advantage over competitors who do not know or use it.” (Cal. Govt. Code § 6254.7(d)) Trade secrets are also protected under the Commission’s regulations, which provide that information may be designated as confidential if it “contains a trade secret or its disclosure would otherwise cause a loss of competitive advantage.” (Calif. Code of Regulations, Title 20, section 2505(a)(1)(D)). As stated above, the documents provided above provide detailed, project-specific information regarding the project layouts, proprietary generator information, and project design, information that is protected as ORMAT’s trade secrets. Such information provides valuable engineering and other detailed information to competitors regarding ORMAT’s proprietary generator design information, plant layout. Additionally, information such as the detailed records of North Brawley’s daily generation and brine flows from the project site, constitutes production data which is specifically protected as a trade secret. Therefore, the information identified above in Section 1 should be designated as confidential.

4. *State whether the information may be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions, and if so the degree of aggregation or masking required.*

ORMAT considered whether it would be possible to aggregate or mask the information. However, no feasible method of aggregating or masking the information could be identified that would not either disclose the information or render the information provided useless.

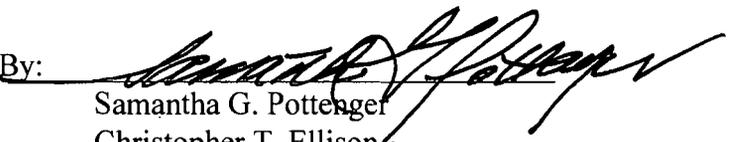
5. *State whether and how the information is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has ever been disclosed to a person other than an employee of the applicant, and if so under what circumstances.*

Beyond its response to Mr. O’Brien’s August 15, 2011 letters, ORMAT has not disclosed any of the subject information to anyone other than its employees, attorneys and consultants.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this Application for Confidential Designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am authorized to make the Application and Certification on behalf of ORMAT Nevada, Inc.

Dated: September 8, 2011

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