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In the Matter of:)
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North Brawley Geothermal Developments)
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Docket No. 11-CAI-02

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS
AND TENTATIVE EXHIBIT LIST

September 23, 2011

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The County of Imperial ("County") submits the qualifications of its witnesses, James A. Minnick and Richard Cabanilla, as Attachment A. James A. Minnick and Richard Cabanilla will testify by telephone as stipulated at the September 19, 2011 prehearing conference.

The County provides its tentative exhibit list in Attachment B and reserves the right to supplement this exhibit list with additional documents at any time up to and including the close of the evidentiary hearings. At the September 22, 2011 workshop, all parties indicated they would stipulate to entering the County's Exhibit 400 into the evidentiary record.

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ATTACHMENT A

James A. Minnick
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Current Position: Assistant Director
Imperial County Planning & Development Services

QUALIFICATIONS

- 14 years of experience, one year as Assistant Director, five years as Planning Division Manager, and eight years as a County Planner.
- In charge of operations and am responsible for the entire department, its six divisions (Planning, Building, Economic, Parks, Accounting and Administrative), and 47+ staff.
- Processed and handled in excess of 300 land use projects at all levels of development and environmental analysis.
- The Department is currently processing over a dozen EIRs, five Specific Plans, six Major Subdivisions, two active Geothermal Projects, 34 Solar Projects, one Landfill, and numerous other local, and regional projects.
- Diverse cross-training in Planning, CEQA, Economic Development and yearly training on building inspection.
- Unique combination of expertise in Imperial County Planning and Government, as well as 9 years of advance education and hold three degrees in Planning, Architecture and Government along with extensive training in seminars for working professionals.
- Outstanding productivity both as a supervisor and as a county planner.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2005-
2010 **County of Imperial, El Centro CA**
Planning Division Manager
Project Coordinator responsible for all environmental and land use projects, planning staff, and represent the Department at/on numerous hearings, boards and committees.
- Responsible for entire Department in absence of both Director and Assistant Director
 - Directly responsible for Planning Division
 - Chairman of Environmental Evaluation Committee
 - Secretary to the Planning Commission
 - Secretary to Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Secretary to Airport Land Use Commission

- Alternate for Foreign Trade Zone and Enterprise Zones
- Floodplain Administrator
- Project Coordinator for all planning projects including EIR, Specific Plans, Zone Changes, Major Subdivisions, SMARA, Conditional Use Permits, etc...
- Oversee all General Plan and Land Use Ordinance updating
- Directly responsible for training all professional planning staff
- Report directly to the Director and Assistant Director

2001-05 **County of Imperial**, El Centro CA

Planner IV

Project manager for large-scale projects, and environmental analysis.

- Perform and lead major complex planning projects, General Plan Amendments, Specific Plans, Zone Changes, Tract Maps, SMARA, etc...
- Considerable interface with public, applicant and other agencies
- Review and keep up-to-date on state and federal land use and environmental regulations
- Short and long range land use regulation review and recommendation
- General Plan and Land Use updating
- Assist in the training of professional planning staff

1999-01 **County of Imperial**, El Centro CA

Planner III

Project manager for large and mid-level projects, and environmental analysis.

- Project manager for planning projects, Specific Plans, Zone Changes, Tract Maps, SMARA, etc...
- Considerable interface with public, applicant and other agencies
- Review and keep up-to-date on state and federal land use and environmental regulations
- Short and long range land use regulation review and recommendation
- General Plan and Land Use updating
- Assist in the training of professional planning staff

1997-99 **County of Imperial**, El Centro CA
Planner I & II

Entry level and assistant level planner. Responsible for small and mid-level projects, and customer relations.

- Process mid and low-level land use projects and mitigated negative declarations.
- Minor subdivisions, intermediate conditional use permits, lot line adjustments, lot mergers, etc...
- Enforce zoning regulations (code enforcement)
- Assist the public (counter and phones)
- Public presentations
- Learn state and federal land use and environmental regulations

EDUCATION

San Diego State University	Masters Degree in Public Administration	2003
California State Polytechnic University Pomona	Bachelors Degree in Urban & Regional Planning	1995
Cuyamaca Community College	Associates Degree in Architecture	1992

HONORS

Imperial County Employee of the Month, June 2004

RICHARD CABANILLA, PLANNER IV

RESUME OF COUNTY PLANNING EXPERIENCE

- 1. I was hired in 1984 to assist in the updating of the 1977 Geothermal Element to the Imperial County General Plan with funding assistance from the California Energy Commission.**

- 2. I became the County's Geothermal Planner in 1985 after assisting in updating the 1977 Geothermal Element that included "Power Line Transmission" and re-named the "Geothermal and Transmission Element".**

- 3. I have been involved in the revising and updating of the "Geothermal and Transmission Element" five times and working on the sixth revision.**

- 4. The latest revision in 2006 included renewable energy facilities and re-named the "Geothermal/Alternative Energy and Transmission Element.**

- 5. I have been involved in working with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in the development of geothermal facilities in the Salton Sea area, North Brawley, East Brawley, South Brawley, Heber, and East Mesa areas.**

- 6. In the past, I have been involved with CEC staff in the permitting of geothermal projects over 50 MW's in the Salton Sea area, i.e. CalEnergy's Salton Sea Unit #6 and Black Rock Units 1, 2 and 3.**

- 7. I was the planner that assisted in the approval process for the North Brawley exploration project in 2006, and the ORNI 18 LLC 49.9-MW Binary Power Plant in 2007.**

- 8. I am aware of the Verified Complaint filed by the California Unions for Reliable Energy and the Verified Answer filed by Ormat Nevada.**

ATTACHMENT B

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Exhibit	Brief Description	Offered	Admitted
IMPERIAL VALLEY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES EXHIBITS			
400	Resumes of James A. Minnick and Richard Cabanilla		



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**IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT AGAINST
ORMAT NEVADA, INC. BROUGHT BY
CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY**

**Docket No. 11-CAI-02
(Revised 8/19/11)**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Valorie Wood, declare that on, September 23, 2011, I served and filed copies of the attached
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

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