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**Subject: LODI ENERGY CENTER 08-AFC-10C**  
**RE: CONCERNS REGARDING PROJECT IMPACTS ON THE KINGDON EXECUTIVE AIRPORT**

Dear Mr. Arnaiz:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Lodi Energy Center Project PG&E natural gas pipeline laydown area and launcher site and its impacts on the Kingdon Executive Airport.

The Energy Commission's certification process provides a thorough review and analysis of all aspects of a proposed power plant project. During this process, the Energy Commission conducts a comprehensive examination of a project's potential economic, public health and safety, reliability, engineering, and environmental ramifications. The Energy Commission's process allows for and encourages public participation at every stage of the licensing process.

The original application for the Lodi Energy Center project was filed on September 10, 2008 and was approved by the Energy Commission on April 21, 2010. An amended to the natural gas pipeline was filed in July 2011 and approved in September 29, 2011. The initial portion of the certification process, in all cases, is weighted heavily toward assuring public awareness of the proposed project and obtaining necessary technical information. During the original decision process and again in the amendment review process, Energy Commission Staff and the Applicant carried out extensive coordination with numerous local, state, and federal agencies with an interest in this project. Through these efforts, the various parties and agencies reached mutual agreement on almost all aspects of the proposed project and upon the necessary conditions of certification. There were numerous opportunities for the public to participate during these proceeding, including Staff workshops, a prehearing conference, and evidentiary hearings, as well as during the final business meeting at which the case was heard before the full commission for a decision.

Staff notes that you participated in the original siting case and many of your general concerns regarding the Lodi Energy Center Project's potential impacts on the Kingdon Executive Airport were addressed in a meeting held with you on December 18, 2008 and followed up in the response to comments prepared by CH2MHILL on April 6, 2009.

Staff's technical evaluation of the project, in which impacts are discussed and mitigation is outlined, can be found in the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) or the Final Decision. To assist the Staff when preparing the FSA, the Energy Commission conducted numerous workshops afforded the public opportunities to make their concerns known.

Additional information regarding the new route and laydown area for the PG&E natural gas pipeline can be found in the July 2011 amendment. Staff notes that your comments were received past the public comment period for the amendment. To ensure that you receive notification regarding any changes in this project, I have added your information to the project mailing list.

In reviewing the concerns in your letter dated October 20, 2011, Staff has again determined, consistent with our initial review of the Petition to Amend, that the laydown area use is consistent with FAA regulations and the San Joaquin County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan policies for Zone 2, Inner Approach/Departure Zone, (the zone in which the lay down area is located).

However, Staff finds that the current lighting within the lay down area that is in close proximity to Runway 30 is inconsistent with SJALUCP Policy 3.4.6- Other Flight Hazards as these lights can cause glare or be considered distracting lights that could be mistaken for airport lights. Staff is therefore requiring that security lights at the lay-down area be either removed or directed downward and shielded so that pilots are not subjected to distracting or nuisance light. The project owner was instructed to make this change on October 24, 2011.

In your letter, you had additional concerns about the launcher site referred to in the Petition to Amend. PG&E has informed Northern California Power Authority (the project owner) that they no longer are planning to install a launcher site at the pipeline. Thus, with the exception of the requirements that the Commission Staff has imposed on the security lighting, we find that no additional mitigation measures are needed.

Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1237 states that anyone can file a complaint alleging noncompliance with an Energy Commission Decision adopted pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25500. The complaint must be filed in accordance with this section. If you wish to file a formal complaint of noncompliance, please contact the California Energy Commission's Public Advisor's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Stora". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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