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Dear Librarian:

DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE Santa Clara SC-1 Data Center (11-SPPE-1)

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Xeres must have either approval or an exemption from the California Energy Commission prior to installation of a second set of backup generators, sets 17-32, prior to issuance of a Permit to Operate from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Xeres has constructed and is currently operating Phase 1 of the facility, with generator sets 1-16 installed, and seeks authorization to complete the build out of Phase 2, adding generator sets 17-32 to the Data Center.

Energy Commission's Facility Exemption Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing, and ultimately approving or denying, all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's SPPE process allows projects between 50 and 100 MW to proceed with local approval rather than requiring an Energy Commission license. An exemption from this licensing process is available if the Energy Commission finds that the project would not create a significant adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) responsible for preparing an Initial Study. If warranted, the Commission will prepare a Mitigated Negative Declaration that examines public health and safety, and environmental impacts of the proposed project including all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas and water pipelines.

During the next few months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the exemption request should be approved and under what, if any, set of conditions. These workshops provide the public, as well as local, state and federal agencies, the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings 10 days prior to each meeting.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's siting process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation in our review process, the Energy Commission has sent copies of the SPPE to libraries in Fresno, Eureka, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, and the City and County of Santa Clara.

Please make the enclosed SPPE application available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the application or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "data centers," "energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Worl, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-8853, or by e-mail at rworl@energy.state.ca.us. or Maria Santourdjian, Project Assistant, at (916) 651-9450 or by email at msergoya@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2): Santa Clara SC-1 Data Center, SPPE Application
Letter to the Public

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The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/santaclara/index.html>

Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the SPPE. Thank You.