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Commissioner Robert Pernell, Presiding Member
Commissioner James Boyd, Associate Member
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814-5512

Re: Inland Empire Energy Center (Docket No. 01-AFC-17): Status Report No. 5

Dear Commissioners Pernell and Boyd:

Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC (IEEC), filed its fourth status report, covering actions through June 4, 2002, with the California Energy Commission (Commission) on June 5, 2002. Our efforts since then have continued to focus primarily on completing all of the actions necessary for Commission Staff to complete the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA).

Procedural Milestones

On June 26, 2002, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) issued the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) for the Inland Empire Energy Center. In its Status Report No. 4, Staff requested up to 3 weeks after receipt of IEEC's Data Responses (filed 5/20/02) and issuance of the PDOC to finalize and issue the PSA. Accordingly, we anticipate that the PSA will be issued on or before July 17, 2002.

Data Requests and Responses

IEEC has responded to Staff's Data Requests 1 to 188.

Issue Areas

Biology

IEEC's project team is continuing to work with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board as they review our Nationwide 12 permit and 401 Certification applications, respectively. We are also working with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and expect to resolve the issues before the Final Staff Assessment is issued without impacting IEEC's Certification schedule.

Land Use

Calpine is continuing its working discussions with the Romoland School District regarding existing and planned school sites. On June 12, 2002, Calpine met with the District[1] to discuss potential sources of funding that could become available through the Regional Development Agency should the IEEC project proceed.

Additional potential sources of funding were also discussed. Calpine plans to continue its discussions with the School District.

Conclusion

IEEC reiterates its appreciation for Staff's efforts to expeditiously consider IEEC's AFC and looks forward to receiving the PSA.

Very truly yours,

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