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Mr. Mike Monasmith  
 California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street  
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Dear Mr. Monasmith:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been in the process of reviewing the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project (CECP). Due to the inherent complexities involved in our review and in an effort to be thorough in our review, Caltrans would like to inform the California Energy Commission of our intent to comment beyond the date (January 30, 2009) set forth in the CECP PSA. We have asked that our reviewing units provide their comments to the Development Review Branch by February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and we will provide our comment letter immediately thereafter.

Caltrans appreciates the opportunity to comment on the CECP and we will make every effort to expedite our review.

If you have any questions, please contact Seth Cutter at (619) 688-2597.

Sincerely,

Jacob Armstrong, Chief  
 Development Review Branch

c: Joe Garuba, City of Carlsbad