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Dear Mr. Harper:

On April 3, 2001, a letter drafted by City of Colton staff made comments regarding the historical/cultural resources of two proposed generating sites. The initial statements pertaining to the potential presence of resources create a conflict when compared to findings of previously inventoried resources. This is the case for all of the potential resources at the Century Substation and for most of those noted for the Drews Substation.

The Century Substation was constructed in 1986 and the Drews Substation was constructed in 1996. Both projects were completed under the CEQA guidelines including significant mitigation associated with the cultural/historic/archaeological elements resulting from the project's siting. All of the CEQA compliance performed during the construction phase of the two substations would cover the two generation projects proposed by Alliance Power. The confines of the sites as delineated by the perimeter walls are substantially the exact areas that will be used for the generators. Any findings and conditions that existed during the construction of the substations would redundantly mirror the addition of the generators as they pertain to historical/cultural significance.

In addition to the described boundary limitations of the two sites, there has been ongoing maintenance within the sites that have not required any further mitigation of historical resources. Constant traffic, weeding, equipment maintenance, and ongoing construction have resulted in continual churning of the sites.

Therefore, because of the previous construction and the regular maintenance at the two locations, the original letter dated April 3, should be changed so that any categories listed in the section headed "Potential for the Presence of Historical Resources" read from "Unknown" to "None". The City of Colton apologizes for any confusion it has caused in this matter, and greatly appreciates the California Energy Commission's patience in letting it clarify this information.

Sincerely,

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