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The Honorable John Benoit
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4144
Sacramento, CA 94249-0064

Dear Assembly Member Benoit:

On June 25, 2007, CPV Sentinel, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 850-megawatt, simple-cycle power plant, the Sentinel Power Project, in an unincorporated area of Riverside County southwest of the community of Desert Hot Springs. The Sentinel Power Project is designed to supply quick-start peaking capacity, energy, and ancillary services in to the California Independent System Operator's Los Angeles Basin Local Capacity Requirement area, which has been an area in need of additional peaking capacity to meet resource adequacy requirements and ensure grid reliability.

On August 29, 2007, the AFC for the Sentinel Power Project was deemed data adequate by the California Energy Commission and our staff will now begin the discovery and analysis phases of our permitting process. Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the Sentinel Power Project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops and hearings will provide the public and 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 at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

We are available to brief you and your staff on the Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the Sentinel application. Please contact Michael Smith, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at (916) 654-4942, if you would like a briefing. If your constituents would like to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, they should contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228.

The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sentinel. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director