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Public Utilities Department

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Ms. Laura Gentile
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Dear Ms. Gentile:

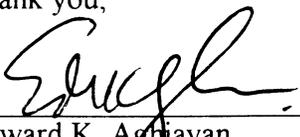
In December, 1995 when the City of Anaheim Public Utilities Department (Department) submitted its proposal to participate in USEPA's Project XLC Program, the Department was operating its Combustion Turbine Plant (Plant) as a peaking unit. In anticipation of proposed changes to California's electric utility industry, the Department recently completed an evaluation of the various scenarios for operating the Plant. As a result of this evaluation, it is anticipated that the Plant's operating hours may significantly increase in the near future.

The basis for the Department's Project XLC proposal was that the costs to retrofit an infrequently operated Plant in order to comply with the Acid Rain requirements could be redirected to community projects with greater environmental benefits. It has been almost two years since the Department submitted its proposal to participate in Project XLC. During that time, the Department expedited USEPA's requests for information and review of Project XLC related documents. However, on a number of occasions there were considerable delays on the part of USEPA with respect to its internal review/approval process, which has resulted in considerable frustration and disappointment on the part of Department staff. Additionally, since the Department may operate the Plant on a more frequent basis in the near future it appears that it will no longer be eligible to participate in Project XLC.

Therefore, the Department is terminating negotiations with the USEPA concerning participation in the Project XLC Program. The Department has initiated appropriate action to ensure the Plant meets all United States Environmental Protection Agency and South Coast Air Quality Management District requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact John J. Hills at (714) 765-4277.

Thank you,


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