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June 29, 2001

Mr. Tom Miller, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: Approval of Construction and Operation of 700 Foot Natural Gas Pipeline Connection Between Sutter Energy Center and Greenleaf 1 Facility (97-AFC-2C)

Dear Mr. Miller:

California Energy Commission staff have reviewed Calpine's request to change the project description for the Sutter Power Project Commission Decision. Calpine proposes a new 8 inch diameter, 700 foot gas pipeline be installed connecting the Greenleaf 1 facility and the Sutter Energy Center. This will provide a dual source of fuel from the Montis Niger pipeline and PG&E line 302, and thereby enhance fuel availability for both projects. The new pipeline will be located within the 77-acre parcel that was previously surveyed for potential environmental resources. All workers will receive environmental awareness instruction, and construction and operation of the pipeline are subject to all applicable existing conditions of certification. A streambed alteration permit must be obtained from the California Department of Fish and Game prior to the start of construction. A plan needs to be prepared to deal with any frac-out spills. Any additional habitat loss must be mitigated at the end of pipeline construction. The cultural resource specialist will need to help conduct environmental training for the construction crew prior to start of construction and be on call should there be a cultural find during construction. This letter approves the requested change with the above-cited requirements.

As directed by Governor's Executive Order D-25-01, concerning post-certification amendments, we have expedited review of this proposed project modification because statutes and implementing regulations that normally apply to review and approval of this amendment have been suspended. Energy Commission staff have concluded that this modification has no potential for adverse environmental or public health and safety impacts. Therefore, you are authorized to proceed with the project modifications as requested. A copy of this letter will be posted on the Energy Commission's website at www.energy.ca.gov, and we will file a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse.

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If you have any questions, please contact Steve Munro, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3936, or by e-mail at smunro@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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