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To:

Affected Agencies, Organizations and Interested Persons

Subject:

NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF DRAFT EIR

SCATTERGOOD GENERATING STATION UNIT 3 REPOWERING PROJECT

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Scattergood Generating Station Unit 3 Repowering Project (SGS Unit 3 Repowering Project or proposed project). The proposed project involves replacing the capacity of existing Unit 3 (a natural gas-fired steam boiler constructed in 1974) with modern natural gas-fired combustion turbines and heat recovery steam generator(s) operating in simple and/or combined cycle configuration. Unit 3's net generation capacity of 460 megawatts (MW) would be completely replaced by the new units, and any additional capacity of the new equipment would be offset by derating (reducing the generation capacity of) Units 1 and/or 2. Accordingly, there would be no net increase in generating capacity at the existing site. Since the proposed project would be air cooled, the facility's use of ocean water for boiler cooling would be greatly reduced compared to existing conditions. In addition, the proposed project is expected to reduce both fuel consumption and air pollution per megawatt of electricity produced. Upon securing permits to operate the proposed generating units, existing Unit 3 would be decommissioned and demolished.

SGS is located at 12700 Vista Del Mar in the City of Los Angeles (community of Playa Del Rey). It is situated adjacent to the Pacific Ocean approximately 1.5 miles south of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The existing SGS site contains approximately 56 acres that is bounded to the west by Vista Del Mar and Dockweiler State Beach, to the north by the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, to the east by the City of El Segundo, and to the south by the Chevron El Segundo petroleum refinery.

LADWP is requesting input from interested individuals, organizations, and agency representatives regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR for the proposed project. A description of the project, its location, and preliminary determination of the environmental resource topics to be addressed in the EIR are contained in the Initial Study.

In responding to this notice, the following information would be useful to include:

• For agency respondents, please provide the name of the contact person for your agency, mailing address, e-mail, and telephone number. List any permit(s) or approval(s) under your agency's authority as well as any reasonably foreseeable projects, programs, or plans that may have an overlapping influence with the proposed project.

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• For all respondents, please provide contact information and identify the environmental information and issues that you believe should be addressed in the EIR including any suggested alternatives to the proposed project.

The public comment period for the NOP will start on January 27, 2011, and end on February 25, 2011, lasting 30 days. Please ensure that mailed comments are postmarked on or before February 25, 2011 and that email and fax transmittals are sent prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on February 25, 2011.

The Initial Study is available for review at the locations listed below or may accessed electronically at the following website: http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices.

- 1. El Segundo Public Library 111 West Mariposa Avenue El Segundo, CA 90245 (310) 524-2722
- 2. Los Angeles County Public Library Hawthorne Branch Attn: Donald Rowe 12700 Grevillea Ave. Hawthorne, CA 90250-4396 (310) 679-8193
- 3. Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power **Environmental Affairs** 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 367-5295

In addition to offering the opportunity to submit written comments, LADWP will hold a scoping meeting to discuss the proposed project, environmental process, and provide agency representatives, individuals, and other interested parties the opportunity to provide comments regarding the scope of the EIR. The scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Scattergood Generating Station Unit 3 Repowering Project EIR Scoping Meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2011 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Conference Room 1071 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

111 North Hope Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please mail, email, or fax your comments, and direct any questions to:

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