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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Comment on the October 2007 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States (DOE/EIS-0386)

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Energy concerning the PEIS on November 28, 2005, and to the California Energy Commission on February 16, 2006, and March 9, 2006, concerning several corridors that are required for LADWP's compliance with its renewable energy portfolio standard. The LADWP's renewable energy portfolio standard is a means to provide sustainable energy resources that will reduce greenhouse gases, air pollutant emissions and dependence on fossil fuels for power generation.

The LADWP would like to reaffirm its support for Corridor 264-265 included in the PEIS, which would help facilitate the siting of a proposed transmission line project that would transmit significant renewable wind and solar energy from the Tehachapi area to the Los Angeles area.

The LADWP has proposed the Green Path North Project (GPNP) in conjunction with the Imperial Valley Irrigation District, the Southern California Public Power Authority, and Citizens Energy. The proposed transmission project would connect developing renewable energy sources, including geothermal, in the Imperial Valley to the LADWP system at the proposed Hesperia Switching Station, near Hesperia, California.

The GPNP is in the preliminary planning stages, and routing alternatives are currently being identified and analyzed per the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (NEPA). It is likely that the preferred alternatives that may emerge from this CEQA/NEPA process would require

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new corridors through U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands. If that is the outcome of the environmental process, we would ask for your support in designating these preferred corridors as energy corridors at that time.

The LADWP believes that these transmission projects are in the best interest of the nation as they would help facilitate timely compliance with new energy policies seeking the development of renewable energy, system reliability concerns, and alleviating the inadequacies in the electricity transmission system known as "congestion."

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Ms. Lorraine A. Paskett, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, at (213) 367-8698 or Mr. Mohammed J. Beshir, Manager of Transmission Planning, Engineering, and Contracts at (213) 367-0237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aram Benyamin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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c: Ms. Lorraine A. Paskett
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