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STANISLAUS COUNTY OF
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Dear Customer:
Reference: Stanislaus County APN 086-015-016

Approximately two years ago, the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) submitted an application to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to construct a 174 MW state-of-the-art power generation facility adjacent to its existing Almond Power Plant in the City of Ceres. The Almond 2 Power Plant (A2PP) will assist TID in meeting its system operator "Balancing Authority" obligations. As a Balancing Authority, TID is responsible for safely and reliably generating, securing, scheduling, balancing, and delivering electricity to its customers on a 24 hour basis, 365 days a year. The Almond 2 Power Plant (A2PP) will also provide clean, efficient, and flexible new generating capacity, which will assist TID in the integration of renewable resources.

The A2PP will use clean, efficient, proven natural gas technology to generate electricity in a manner that will minimize the use of fuel, emissions of criteria pollutants, and potential effects on ambient air quality. The power plant will also use treated effluent (i.e. recycled water) from the City of Ceres' Wastewater Treatment Plant for the project's water needs.

The A2PP has completed the CEC's stringent environmental review process and the project was approved by the CEC on December 15, 2010. Over 250 permit conditions have been imposed by the CEC to ensure the project is constructed and operated in a manner which protects the environment and public health and safety. TID intends to begin construction of the A2PP this March. Construction is estimated to take approximately one year and be completed by April 2012. At its peak, the project will provide approximately 149 construction jobs, with an average of 97 construction jobs over the one-year period.

To obtain information on the A2PP, please visit our website www.tid.org/power/projects. However, should you have any questions during construction of the A2PP, please call the project information number at 209-535-6420.

Sincerely,

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