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I.1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as amended (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.), and the County of Imperial CEQA procedures.

According to CEQA Guidelines §15132, the Final EIR shall consist of the following:

- a) The Draft EIR or a revision of the Draft;
- b) Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR, either verbatim or in summary;
- c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR;
- d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process; and
- e) Any other information added by the Lead Agency.

In accordance with these requirements, the Hudson Ranch Power II and Simbol Calipatria Plant II Final EIR is comprised of the following:

- Draft Environmental Impact Report, Hudson Ranch Power II CUP#G10-0002/Simbol II CUP (July 2012) (SCH No. 2010101065); and
- This Final EIR document, dated August 2012, that incorporates the information required by §15132.

FORMAT OF THE FINAL EIR

This document is organized as follows:

Section I. Introduction

This section describes CEQA requirements and content of this Final EIR.

Section II. Corrections and Additions

This section provides a list of those revisions made to the Draft EIR text and figures as a result of comments received and/or clarifications subsequent to release of the Draft EIR for public review.

Section III. Responses to Comment Letters Received on the Draft EIR

This section provides copies of the comment letters received and individual responses to substantive written comments. In accordance with Public Resources Code 21092.5, copies of the written proposed responses to public agencies will be forwarded to the agencies at least 10 days prior to certifying the EIR. The responses conform to CEQA Guideline 15088, providing "... good faith, reasoned analysis in response."

Section IV. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

This section includes the Final Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs (FMMRPs) for the HR-2 Project and for the SmCP-2 Project which identify the mitigation measures, timing and responsibility for implementation of the measures.

Draft EIR

The Draft EIR, as revised, is included as part of the Final EIR, including:

- Chapter 1 Executive Summary
- Chapter 2 Introduction
- Chapter 3 Project Description
- Chapter 4 Environmental Analysis
- Chapter 5 Cumulative Impacts
- Chapter 6 Alternatives
- Chapter 7 CEQA Mandated Sections
- Chapter 8 Preparers
- Technical Appendices