



Ms. Katrina Sideco
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California Air Resources Board
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Dear Ms. Sideco,

Please allow this letter to serve as a follow up from last week's workshop on the availability of renewable fuels in California. I made mention that I didn't see where ARB considered ethanol from sugar based feedstocks in their presentation. I am providing some information in writing per your request.

California Ethanol & Power, LLC (CE&P) is a development company that will build its first plant in the Imperial Valley of California. CE&P will develop follow on plants once the financing for our first plant is finalized. Our first facility, CE&P Imperial Valley 1, LLC will annually produce 66 million gallons/year of advanced biofuel grade ethanol, 49.9 MW of renewable electricity and 930 million cubic feet of bio-methane, all from sugarcane and sweet sorghum feedstocks. CE&P Imperial Valley 1, LLC, is expected to close financing in the next 6-9 months. The construction phase will begin thereafter and is expected to last 27 months. Based on those factors we estimate this plant will begin operations around Q4 2017.

We encourage ARB to consider CE&P along with other development projects using renewable fuels in the state of California. The LCFS program and subsequent LCFS credit value pricing premiums contribute significantly to the economic viability of our first and future facilities. Please let me know if you have any questions – my phone is (424) 255-2077 and email is spassantino@californiaethanolpower.com. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steven Passantino'.

Steven Passantino
Vice President of Finance

cc: John Curtis, Manager, Alternative Fuels Section