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Andy Popper, Principal Planner  
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**Re: Public Records Act Request – Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC  
Advanced Thermal Conversion Project (CUP No. 2024-004, SCH  
No. 2024120076)**

Dear Mr. Thomas, Mr. Popper, and County Clerk-Recorder:

We are writing on behalf of **California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”)** to request a copy of any and all public records referring or related to the Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC Advanced Thermal Conversion Project (CUP No. 2024-004, SCH No. 2024120076) (“Project”) proposed by Wayne McFarland (“Applicant”). This request includes, but is not limited to, any and all file materials, applications, correspondence, resolutions, memos, notes, analysis, email messages, files, maps, charts, and any other documents related to the Project.

The Project includes an application for a Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) to construct and operate an Advanced Thermal conversion facility 24 hours a day. The facility will convert up to 135,000 tons a year of waste walnut shells (“WWS”) from an existing onsite walnut shelling facility into approximately 1,041,000 MMBtu/year of Renewable Natural Gas (“RNG”), which will then be compressed

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into a mobile storage trailer and then transported to an existing walnut huller/dryer facility to be injected into a PG&E pipeline. The project will draw power from the local utility grid during normal operation. The project is located at 1640 State Route 45, south of the community of Glenn, in the unincorporated area of Glenn County, California. The property is identified by Parcel numbers 016-030-011 and 016-090-016.

This request is made pursuant to the **California Public Records Act** (Government Code §§ 7920.000, *et seq.*). This request is also made pursuant to Article I, section 3(b) of the California Constitution, which provides a Constitutional right of access to information concerning the conduct of government. Article I, section 3(b) provides that any statutory right to information shall be broadly construed to provide the greatest access to government information and further requires that any statute that limits the right of access to information shall be narrowly construed.

We request access to the above records in their original form, as maintained by the agency.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Government Code Section 7922.570, if the requested documents are in electronic format, please upload them to a file hosting program such as Dropbox, Next Request or a similar program. Alternatively, if the electronic documents are 10 MB or less (or can be easily broken into sections of 10 MB or less), they may be emailed to me as attachments.

We will pay for any direct costs of duplication associated with filling this request up to \$200.<sup>2</sup> However, please contact me with a cost estimate before copying/scanning the materials.

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**Re: Request for Immediate Access to Documents Referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration – Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC Advanced Thermal Conversion Project (CUP No. 2024-004, SCH No. 2024120076)**

Dear Mr. Thomas, Mr. Popper, and County Clerk-Recorder:

We are writing on behalf of California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”) to request ***immediate access*** to any and all documents referenced, incorporated by reference, and relied upon in the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC Advanced Thermal Conversion Project (CUP No. 2024-004, SCH No. 2024120076) (“Project”) proposed by Wayne McFarland (“Applicant”). *This request excludes a copy of the MND. This request also excludes any documents that are currently available on the Glenn County website as of today’s date.*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Accessed <https://www.pittsburgca.gov/services/community-development/planning/public-reviews> on February 4, 2025.  
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Our request for ***immediate access*** to all documents referenced in the MND is made pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), which requires that all documents referenced, incorporated by reference, and relied upon in an environmental review document be made available to the public for the entire comment period.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See Public Resources Code § 21092(b)(1) (stating that “all documents referenced in the draft environmental impact report” shall be made “available for review”); 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15072(g)(4) (stating that all documents incorporated by reference in the MND . . . “shall be readily accessible to the public”); see also *Vineyard Area Citizens for Responsible Growth, Inc. v. City of Rancho Cordova* (2007) 40 Cal.4th 412, 442, as modified (Apr. 18, 2007) (EIR must transparently incorporate and describe the reference materials relied on in its analysis); *Santiago County Water District v. County of Orange* (1981) 118 Cal.App.3rd 818, 831 (“[W]hatever is required to be considered in an EIR must be in that formal report. . .”), internal citations omitted.

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### **Re: Request for Mailed Notice of Actions and Hearings Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC Advanced Thermal Conversion Project (CUP No. 2024-004, SCH No. 2024120076)**

Dear Mr. Thomas, Mr. Popper, and County Clerk-Recorder:

We are writing on behalf of **California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”)** to request mailed notice of the availability of any environmental review document, prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, related to the Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC Advanced Thermal Conversion Project (CUP No. 2024-004, SCH No. 2024120076) (“Project”) proposed by Wayne McFarland (“Applicant”), as well as a copy of the environmental review document when it is made available for public review.

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**We also request mailed notice of any and all hearings and/or actions related to the Project.** These requests are made pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21092.2, 21080.4, 21083.9, 21092, 21108, 21152 and 21167(f) and Government Code Section 65092, which require local agencies to mail such notices to any person who has filed a written request for them with the clerk of the agency’s governing body.

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