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**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING FIRM RETAINED FOR
CITY OF VERNON ENERGY CENTER**

FULLERTON, Calif.—August 15, 2003— The **City of Vernon** working in conjunction with **WRMS** retained Lowney Associates, a TRC Company, to provide geotechnical engineering, construction observation and testing, and special inspection services for the Malburg Generating Station in Vernon, CA.

The planned 134 megawatt, natural gas energy center will include two combustion turbine generators, two heat recovery steam generators, and power distribution centers with step-up and –down units. Storage tanks, cooling towers, chillers, generators, transformers, and control and maintenance buildings also are included in the 3½-acre development. In addition, reclaimed water, sewer, and natural gas pipelines are planned to feed the new energy center. Lowney's experience with Calpine Corporation and **Power Engineers**, (a member of the project design team), on more than eight energy center projects in California allows the engineering firm to provide cost-effective design recommendations including foundations, excavation and backfill alternatives, and soil stabilization techniques for the energy center.

Power generated by the Malburg Generating Station will be distributed through the existing Vernon Substation and transmission lines to the City of Vernon and other customers in Southern California. Lowney's power plant experience most recently includes Calpine's Metcalf Energy Center in San Jose, Feather River Energy Center in Yuba City, and Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility in San Jose; and **Silicon Valley Power's** NRS 230kV Transmission Line in Santa Clara.

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About Lowney Associates: Founded in Santa Clara County in 1969, Lowney Associates, a TRC Company, provides geotechnical and environmental engineering services. The firm specializes in geotechnical engineering, environmental site assessments and cleanups, and construction services. With office locations in Mountain View, Fairfield, Oakland, San Ramon and Fullerton, Lowney provides services throughout California and the West.

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