

Mail Stop 3561

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*By U.S. Mail and facsimile to 562-630-9924*

Manuel Irarrazaval  
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**Re: Empresa Nacional de Electricidad S.A.  
Annual Report on Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31,  
2007  
Filed June 6, 2008  
File No. 001-13240**

Dear Mr. Irarrazaval:

We have completed our review of your referenced filing and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings  
Assistant Director