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STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of: HANFORD ENERGY PARK EMERGENCY PEAKER PROJECT) Docket No. 01-EP-7C
	Order No. 14-1117-4
GWF ENERGY, LLC	ORDER APPROVING a Petition for the Revocation of the 2010 Amended Final Decision for the GWF Hanford Combined- Cycle Power Project and the reinstatement and extension of the original 2001 Hanford Energy Park Emergency Peaker Project Certification

A petition to amend the Hanford Emergency Peaker project to a combined-cycle, natural gas-fired, 120-megawatt facility was approved by the Energy Commission on March 24, 2010. GWF began construction of the conversion in June, 2011, based on a limited Notice to Proceed. However, the expected demand for additional combined-cycle generation did not materialize. GWF suspended the conversion of the project and continues to operate the facility in simple-cycle mode in compliance with its original certification.

On March 24, 2014, GWF Energy, LLC (GWF), the owner of the Hanford Energy Park Emergency Peaker (Hanford Emergency Peaker) project, submitted a petition requesting the revocation of the 2010 Amended Final Decision for the GWF Hanford Combined-Cycle Power project and the reinstatement and extension of the original 2001 Hanford Emergency Peaker project certification. This will allow GWF to continue operating the Hanford Emergency Peaker project in compliance with the original 2001 Certification.

Since the original certification was not included in the April 11, 2012 Commission Order related to the extension of the licenses of eight other emergency peaker projects, but was instead extended via the amended certification in 2010, GWF has requested that the Energy Commission affirm that the original certification is extended for the life of the project, notwithstanding revocation of the amended certification. GWF will continue to operate the Hanford Emergency Peaker project in compliance with the original certification, as it has since the project came on line in 2001.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Energy Commission staff reviewed the petition, finds that it complies with the requirements of Title 20, section 1769 (a) of the California Code of Regulations, and recommends approval of GWF's petition to modify the Hanford Emergency Peaker project.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on staff's analysis, the Energy Commission concludes that the proposed modification(s) will not result in any significant impacts to public health and safety, or to the environment. The Energy Commission finds that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of Title 20, section 1769 (a), of the California Code of Regulations, concerning post-certification project modifications;
- The modification will not change the findings in the Energy Commission's Final Decision, pursuant to Title 20, section 1755, of the California Code of Regulations;
- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code, section 25525;
- The modification will be beneficial to the public and GWF Energy, LLC as it will allow GWF to continue operating the Hanford Emergency Peaker project in compliance with the original 2001 certification; and
- There has been a substantial change in circumstances since the Energy Commission certification, justifying the modification, based on information that was not available to the parties prior to Energy Commission certification in that the expected demand for additional combined-cycle generation did not materialize so GWF did not move forward with the conversion.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff's recommendations and approves GWF Energy LLC's request for the revocation of the 2010 Amended Final Decision for the revocation of the 2010 Amended Final Decision for the GWF Hanford Combined-Cycle Power project and the reinstatement and extension of the original 2001 Hanford Emergency Peaker project certification

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on November 17, 2014.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: None

Harriet Kallemeyn,

Secretariat