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NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP ON PETITION TO AMEND – PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss its Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) of the Sonoran Energy Project (SEP) (formerly the Blythe Energy Project Phase II). The workshop will provide an opportunity for the project owner, interested agencies, and the public to make comments and work with staff to resolve issues related to the SEP. Based upon information the staff receives at the workshop and written comments provided by the close of the 30-day comment period on the PSA, the staff will prepare and publish its Final Staff Assessment (FSA). The public and local, state, and federal agencies are encouraged to attend or participate by teleconference.

February 24, 2015
 Starting at 11:00 a.m.

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Purpose

California Energy Commission staff will hold a workshop to provide an opportunity for agencies, the public, the project owner, and other parties interested in the proposed SEP to discuss technical issues related to the SEP PSA. The PSA was docketed on February 1, 2016. The PSA is available on the Energy Commission web page at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=02-AFC-01C>.

Summary of the Petition to Amend

The proposed SEP is proposed to be a natural gas-fired, water-cooled, combined-cycle, 553 megawatt (MW) net electrical generating facility. Primary modifications to the approved BEP II include the name change of the project to the SEP. Other modifications proposed for the project include the following:

- Define a new point of electrical interconnection via a 1,320-foot, 161-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to the Western Area Power Administration's Blythe substation located southeast of the project site via an existing transmission line located in the Southern California Edison (SCE) Buck Boulevard substation;
- Replace the two Siemens SGT6-5000F combustion turbines with a single, more efficient General Electric (GE) Frame 7HA.02 combustion turbine;
- Replace the Siemens steam turbine generator (STG) with a more efficient single-shaft GE D652 STG;
- Increase the size of the auxiliary boiler to support GE's rapid response fast start capability;
- Decrease the size of cooling tower from an 11-cell to a 10-cell tower in response to the reduced heat rejection requirements;
- Decrease the size of the emergency diesel fire pump engine; and
- Optimize the general arrangement.

Public Comment

Pursuant to the PSA Notice of Availability published on February 1, 2016, the public comment period for this PSA will continue for 30-days until 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2016.

Oral Comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. All comments will be considered by staff.

Written Comments. Written comments to be addressed at the workshop should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2015. Written comments will be also accepted at the workshop; however, the staff may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting. For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at: www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html.

Written comments may be submitted via the Energy Commission's e-Commenting system at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/ECommentSelectProceeding.aspx> and selecting 02-AFC-1C Sonoran Energy Project (formerly Blythe Energy Project Phase II) – Compliance.

Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission also accepts comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 02-AFC-1C and indicate the workshop title in the subject line. Send comments to docket@energy.ca.gov, or if you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Sonoran Energy Project, Docket No. 02-AFC-1C
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If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at lquiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-4677 or e-mail mary.dyas@energy.ca.gov.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Availability of Documents

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sonoran/>.

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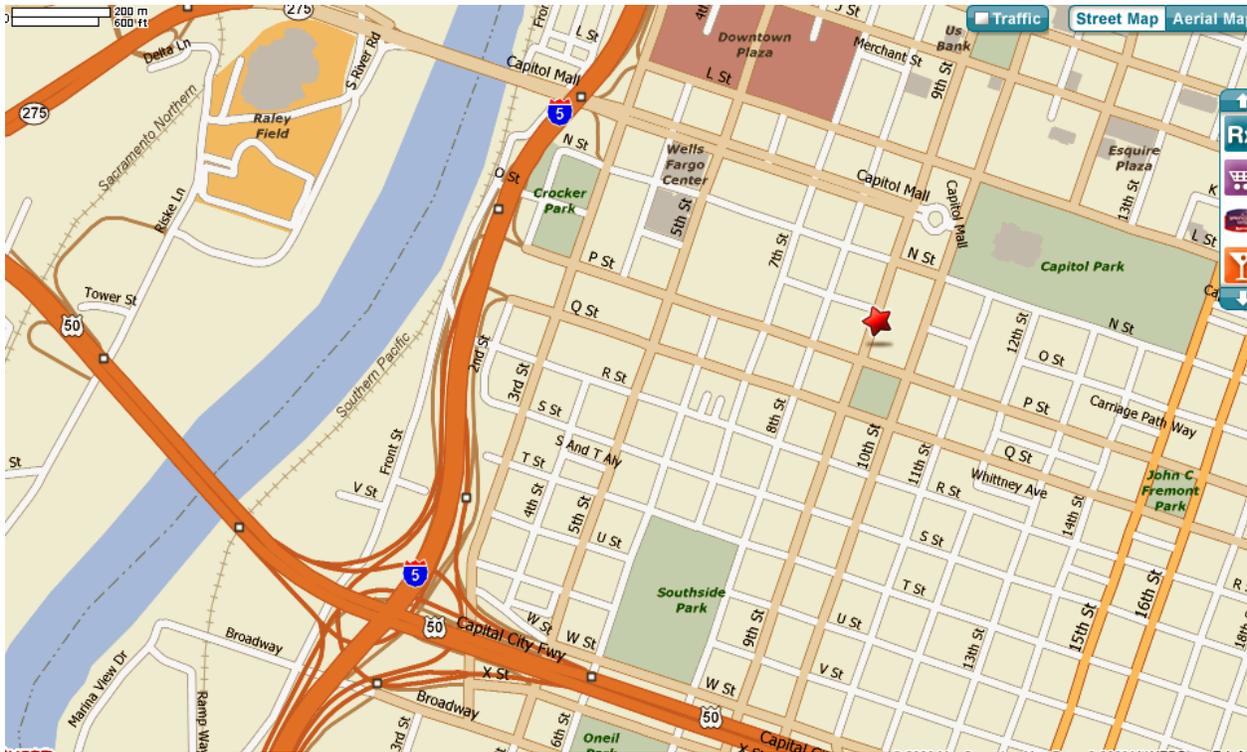
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MEETING AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTION

- Workshop Purpose & Format (Mary Dyas, Energy Commission)
- CEC Staff, AltaGas Team, Agencies, and other participants

II. WORKSHOP TOPICS (in order of discussion)

1. Soil and Water Resources
2. Biological Resources
3. Traffic & Transportation
4. Transmission System Engineering
5. *Other

*NOTE: Other technical areas that may be discussed include Alternatives, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Efficiency, Hazardous Materials Management, Land Use, Noise, Public Health, Reliability, Socioeconomics, Transmission Line Safety and Nuisance, Visual Resources, Waste Management, Worker Safety/Fire Protection, and Compliance.