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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR
COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE
SONORAN ENERGY PROJECT (02-AFC-1C)**

On February 4, 2016, AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc. (AltaGas) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to extend the deadline for the commencement of construction for the Sonoran Energy Project (formerly named Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II)). The petition proposes to extend the deadline to commence construction from December 14, 2016 to June 14, 2018.

On August 7, 2015, AltaGas Sonoran Energy, Inc (AltaGas) filed a Petition to Amend (PTA) proposing to update the project's technology and design. The PTA is also requesting to change the name of the project from Blythe Energy Project Phase II to the Sonoran Energy Project (SEP). Staff is currently reviewing the PTA.

The proposed SEP is a natural gas-fired, water-cooled, combined-cycle, 553-MW net electrical generating facility. The proposed project will be located within the city of Blythe, approximately five miles west of the city center, and approximately one mile east of the Blythe Airport. For additional information, the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sonoran/>, has a link to the petition to extend on the right side of the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The deadline to commence construction, set by regulation, is five years from the effective date of the Energy Commission's Final Decision on the Application for Certification. An applicant, before the deadline, may request, and the Commission may order, an extension for good cause (20 Cal. Code of Regs., § 1720.3). The purpose of the Energy Commission review process for such a request is to determine whether the project owner has shown good cause justifying the extension of the deadline to commence construction.

Energy Commission staff is currently reviewing the petition to extend the deadline for the commencement of construction. The staff will prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled Business Meeting. This Notice of Receipt has been mailed to the Commission's facility mail list of interested parties and property owners adjacent to the facility site. It has also been e-mailed to the facility listserv. Staff's recommendation will also be e-mailed to the listserv.

The listserv is an automated Energy Commission e-mail system by which information about this facility is e-mailed to parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, scroll down to the box on the right side of the project's webpage labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may comment on the petition. To use the Energy Commission's electronic commenting feature, go to the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link, and follow the instructions in the on-line form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments. Once submitted, the Energy Commission Dockets Unit reviews and approves your comments, and you will receive an e-mail with a link to them.

Written comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 02-AFC-1C
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All comments and materials filed with and approved by the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-8891, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at mary.dyas@energy.ca.gov.

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the petition, call the Public Adviser at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

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