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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
PETITION TO AMEND  
THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE  
PANOCHÉ ENERGY CENTER (06-AFC-5C)**

On October 13, 2014, the Panoche Energy Center, LLC (PECL), filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify the Final Decision for the Panoche Energy Center (PEC). The simple-cycle, natural gas-fired, 400-megawatt facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on December 19, 2007, and began commercial operation on July 1, 2009. The facility is located in an unincorporated area approximately 15 miles southwest of the city of Mendota in western Fresno County, California.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

PECL was permitted to design, construct and operate six wastewater injection wells. Four wells have been constructed and are in operation. However, the four wells have not demonstrated the capacity to accept discharged wastewater during peak full summer operation of PEC.

PECL proposes to install three (3) wastewater storage tanks, ranging from 250,000 gallons to 500,000 gallons, to be constructed entirely within a 3.5-acre portion of the former PEC construction laydown area. The storage tanks would temporarily store excess wastewater for later injection into the existing wastewater injection wells. A new permanent wastewater treatment facility (replacing the existing temporary treatment system) will also be constructed within the 3.5-acre area.

No changes or additions to current Conditions of Certification are being requested.

**ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/panoche/>, has a link to the amendment petition 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 staff is currently reviewing the petition. The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality and on public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and a determination on whether the facility, as modified, would remain in compliance with applicable LORS (20 Cal. Code of Regs., § 1769).

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. 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 the right side of the project's webpage to the box 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. 06-AFC-5C  
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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 the facility.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at [dale.rundquist@energy.ca.gov](mailto:dale.rundquist@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](mailto: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](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

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