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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:  ) Docket No. 84-AFC-6
Sycamore Cogeneration Company's  ) Order Approving the
Sycamore Cogeneration Project  ) Modification of the

Sycamore Cogeneration Company (SCC) submitted a request to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to amend the project design as approved in the Commission Decision for the Sycamore Cogeneration Project Design.

In November, 1989, Texaco formed a new subsidiary called the Texaco Cogeneration and Power Company (TCAP). TCAP is an umbrella company for all Texaco power projects, including the Sycamore and Kern River (Omar Hill) Cogeneration Companies. TCAP staff are located at the Sycamore facility. To accommodate the increase in personnel, SCC will expand its existing parking area by approximately 34,000 square feet. The new parking area will be adjacent to and north of the existing parking area. The new parking area will also be used by vendors and visitors.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff concludes that the proposed amendment is noncontroversial in nature, and recommends Commission approval for the following reasons:

1) The proposed change to the Project Description for SCC is consistent with the overall intent of the SCC decision.

2) The proposed change does not appear to harm the public interest or the interest of any previous party to the certification proceedings;

3) The proposed change is based on information not reasonably or readily available to the parties prior to certification.

4) Staff has received no negative comments from interested parties notified of the proposed change;

5) SCC is in agreement with the proposed change;

6) Based on staff's review of paleontological, cultural and biological resource surveys and design information provided by the licensee, there are no new or additional unmitigated environmental impacts associated with this change.
CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff's recommendation and findings as its own, and Orders that the Sycamore Cogeneration Project design be modified to allow the expansion of the existing parking lot by approximately 34,000 square feet.

SCC shall abide by all current Conditions of Certification in constructing the additional parking area.

Date: August 12, 1992

BARBARA CROWLEY
Vice Chair
Project: SUCAWORST CPN: MADEROS Date Received: 5/29/92
C/M Log No.: 92-0030 Docket No. and Date: ______________
Affected Condition No.(s): PROJECT DESIGN
Subject: EXPAND EXISTING PARKING LOT
Date to Staff for Review: 6/15/92 Requested Return Date: 6/30/92
Actual Staff Return Date: 7/27/92 Notice/Docketed Date: 6/14/92
Issue and Strategy Scheduling Memo Date: __________

COMMISSION ACTION
Agenda Input Form to Secretariat: 7/22/92
Proposed CEC Order to Licensee for Review: 5/19/92 Revised: ______
Issue Memo to: Executive Office: 5/19/92 Committee: 5/19/92
Committee Briefing: 5/19/92 Business Meeting: 5/12/92
Consent ☑ Regular ___ Order Signed: 5/12/92

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THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER AND MAY APPROVE OR ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. REGENTS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION STUDIES. Contract #300-92-001 for $100,000 to analyze regional travel demand models, programs and impacts in support of preparing the Commission's SB 1214 transportation energy demand forecasts. Contact: Gareth Occhizzo, 654-4779. (5 minutes)

2. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. Energy Commission Report to the Legislature as mandated by AB 2198 on municipal utility fuel and technology diversity. This report summarizes major municipal utility reports filed with the Commission by July 1, 1992. Contact: Melissa Jones, 654-4747. (5 minutes)

3. POLYTRON CONNECTIONS, INC., CONTRACT. Contract #200-92-004 for $30 per hour, not to exceed $85,000, to provide telecommunications services for the Commission's telephone system. Contact: Gloria Guthrie, 654-4301. (5 minutes)

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT. Contract #200-92-006 for $32,357. The Governor issued Executive Order W-31-92 to authorize the use of an early retirement program for State employees. The Department of Finance and the Department of Personnel Administration have approved the Commission's participation for two eligible civil service classes. Contact: Detty La Franchi, 654-5204. (5 minutes)

5. 1992 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING STANDARDS. Possible approval of CALRES2 as an Alternative Calculation Method to be used in showing compliance with the 1992 Residential Standards. Contact: David Ware, 653-1598. (5 minutes)

6. CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SACRAMENTO FOUNDATION CONTRACT. Contract #400-92-001 for $99,884 to develop a user interface program for the Energy Commission's version of DOE 2.1D, the Commission's reference program for the nonresidential standards development. Contact: Soheil Loghmanpour, 654-5193. (5 minutes)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. RA TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT. A no-cost time extension to Contract #500-88-028 (originally funded under the Fifth Round General Solicitation of the Energy Technologies Advancement Program) for the development of a high-efficiency, gas-fired regenerative absorption heat pump. This extension is to March 31, 1994.

b. SYCAMORE COGENERATION COMPANY REQUEST. Request to amend decision 84-AFC-6 project design by adding 85 parking spaces adjacent to their current 88-space parking lot.
c. **EBASCO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT.** The addition of Sedway Cooke Associates as a subcontractor to Contract #400-90-013 to provide technical assistance for the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Comprehensive Plan-Energy Element.

d. **COMMISSION COSPONSORSHIP.** The Northern California Power Agency's Annual Meeting/Energy Expo 92, September 24-25, 1992, Lake Tahoe. The Commission will provide the services of a graphic artist to assist in the production of conference material and will receive complementary booth space and five complimentary passes.

e. **LAND ACQUISITION PROPOSAL FROM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY.** Approval of the "Semitropic Ridge Preserve, Kern County, Land Acquisition Proposal from the Nature Conservancy," utilizing $45,150 from the Sycamore/San Joaquin Kit Fox Preserve Fund (established through the Sycamore Application for Certification [AFC] Decision) to acquire 104.03 acres and to approve alternative acquisitions instead of previously approved 158.18 acres.

f. **LAND ACQUISITION PROPOSAL FROM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY.** Approval of the May 28, 1992, Land Acquisition Proposal to use $19,600 from the Midway/Sunset Special Wildlife Habitat Preservation Fund (established through the Commission Midway/Sunset AFC Decision) to purchase 40 acres in the San Joaquin Valley Loker Road area.


9. Commission Policy Committees' Reports

A discussion may be held on pending legislation. The Commission may take a position on bills as they are reviewed.

10. General Counsel's Report

Closed session may be held on pending or proposed litigation. [Authority: Government Code, Section 11126(q)(1) and 11126(q)(3).]

11. Executive Director's Report

Closed session may be held on personnel matters. [Authority: Government Code, Section 11126(a).]

12. Division Deputy Director's Report

Mr. Ross Oster, Energy Efficiency and Local Assistance Division

13. Public Adviser's Report

14. Public Comment

People may speak up to five minutes on any matter concerning the Commission.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**

News media inquiries should be directed to: Assistant Executive Director Claudia Barker at (916) 654-4989.
To: Bob Therkelsen
Norman Wilson
Mel Schrecongost

From: Terry Maderos

Subject: Commissioner Briefing - Sycamore Cogen Parking Lot Expansion Amendment

Commissioner Kevorkian has requested a briefing on the Sycamore parking lot expansion amendment scheduled for the August 12 Business Meeting Consent Calendar. A copy of the issue memo is attached.

The briefing is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 at 9:00 AM in the commissioner's office.
Memorandum

Date: August 4, 1992
Telephone: ATSS ( )

To: Siting and Regulatory Procedures Committee
   Art Kevorkian, Presiding Member
   Sally Rakow, Member

From: California Energy Commission
       1516 Ninth Street
       Sacramento 95814-5512

Subject: ATTACHED ISSUE MEMO - SYCAMORE COGENERATION COMPANY AMENDMENT TO COMMISSION DECISION 84-AFC-6

The Sycamore Cogeneration Company proposes to expand the current parking lot by approximately 34,000 square feet, from 88 spaces to 173 spaces.

Attached for your information is a Staff Issue Memo regarding the parking lot expansion. We have submitted an agenda package to the Secretariat for Executive Office approval and have requested that the item be placed on the August 12, 1992 Business Meeting Consent Calendar.

We will notify you of any changes made to this package prior to the Business Meeting.

Please let Terry Maderos (654-5191) of my staff know by Thursday, August 6, 1992 if you would like a briefing on this proposed amendment.

BOB THERKEISEN, Deputy Director for Energy Facilities Siting & Environmental Protection

Attachment

cc: Chairman Imbrecht
    Commissioner Bilas
    Commissioner Crowley
Memorandum

To: B.B. BLEVINS
Executive Director

From: BOB THERKELSEN, Deputy Director for
Energy Facilities Siting & Environmental Protection
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento 95814-5512

Subject: Sycamore Cogeneration Company (84-AFC-6)
Parking Lot Expansion (Consent Item)

Date: August 4, 1992
Telephone: ATSS ( )

SYCAMORE COGENERATION PROJECT
Kern County

ITEM SUMMARY

In a letter dated May 21, 1992, Sycamore Cogeneration Company (SCC) requested an amendment to Commission decision 84-AFC-6 to add approximately 34,000 square feet to the existing parking lot at the Sycamore facilities. The proposed parking lot expansion will provide much needed parking for staff, vendors and visitors.

Background

SCC was granted certification in December, 1986. The facility has four 80 MWe turbine generators which produce 320 MWe. In addition, there are four heat recovery steam generators which produce steam for thermally enhanced oil recovery (TEOR).

In November, 1989, Texaco formed a new subsidiary called the Texaco Cogeneration and Power Company (TCAP). TCAP is an umbrella company for all Texaco power projects, including the Sycamore and Kern River (Omar Hill) Cogeneration Companies.

On March 28, 1990, the Energy Commission approved a 19,000 square foot expansion of the existing parking lot to accommodate additional staff from TCAP which are housed at the Sycamore facility.

On April 17, 1991, the Energy Commission approved the addition of office space to accommodate the TCAP staff along with the addition of shop space.

On May 21, 1992, SCC requested an amendment to expand their existing parking facility by approximately 34,000 square feet. The additional parking area is needed to accommodate the increase of personnel at the Sycamore facility and the increased needs of visitors and vendors.

The proposed expansion will add 85 parking spaces which will nearly double current available parking. This increase in parking area
should be sufficient to meet the current and future needs of the Sycamore facility. The new parking area will be adjacent to and north of the existing parking area.

PROJECT MANAGER

Terry Maderos, EFS&EP/Compliance 654-5191

STAFF POSITION

Based on staff's review of biological, cultural and paleontological resource surveys and design information provided by the licensee, there are no new or additional unmitigated environmental impacts associated with this change.

ORAL PRESENTATION

The project manager will be available to answer any questions that may arise.

BUSINESS MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Compliance Project Manager

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED

Staff recommends Commission adoption of the order to expand the parking lot by approximately 34,000 square feet to the project design for the following reasons:

- The proposed change is consistent with the overall intent of the Sycamore decision;
- The proposed change does not appear to harm the public interest or the interest of any previous party to the certification proceeding;
- Staff has not received any negative comments from interested parties notified of the proposed change;
- SCC is in agreement with the proposed change;
- The proposed change is based on information which was not reasonably or readily available to the parties prior to Commission certification;
- There are no new or additional unmitigated environmental impacts associated with this change;
AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION
This description will be placed on the Agenda Notice and mailed to the public. State the purpose clearly and briefly so anyone can understand the basic topic and action requested.

A REQUEST by the Sycamore Cogeneration Company to amend the project design adopted in decision 84-AFC-6 by adding 85 parking spaces adjacent to their current 88 space parking lot.