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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE
ELK HILLS POWER PLANT (99-AFC-1C)**

On July 31, 2014, Elk Hills Power, LLC (EHP) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify the Final Decision for the Elk Hills Power Plant (99-AFC-1C). The combined-cycle, natural gas-fired, 550-megawatt facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its December 2000 Decision, and began commercial operation on July 23, 2003. The facility is located in western Kern County, west of Bakersfield, near the community of Tupman.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The modification proposed in the petition is to modify Condition of Certification **AQ-11** to increase the allowable startup times from 2 hours to 3 hours for a regular start up; from 6 hours to 7 hours for an extended start up and to add a one-hour duration for an aborted shutdown. There are no changes to short or long-term emission rates being requested.

During the life of the project, EHP has been able to operate almost continuously, and hence has had only a limited number of extended startups. However, during extended startups the current six hour limitation for the complete startup cycle has been met by employing techniques that are not recommended by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) specifications and requires implementing abnormal operating procedures. Therefore, EHP is requesting an increase in the allowed duration for extended startup and alignment in aborted shutdown conditions.

ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES

The Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/elkhills>, 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 laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (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. 99-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 the 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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