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

On November 20, 2015, 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 project. The 550-megawatt natural gas-fired combined-cycle, cogeneration project 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 proposed modification(s) include the installation of two 100% capacity vacuum pump skids to replace the present steam-jet based vacuum system. The system replacement would require a minor structural modification including a concrete slab and piping supports, and a building permit from the Kern County Building Department.

The new electric-motor-driven vacuum pump systems are an upgrade and are a more modern in-line system than current plant technology. This system is more effective at serving the intended function. The new vacuum pump system will improve operational reliability and reduce operational safety risk. The low maintenance on the new vacuum pump system should significantly reduce repairs and potential down time.

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). Upon completion of its review, the staff will provide written notice of its intent to either process the proposed changes as a Staff Approved Project Modification or schedule it 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. 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:

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Docket No. 99-AFC-1C
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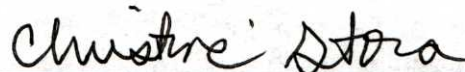
All comments and materials filed with and approved by the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for the facility.

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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