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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
PETITION TO AMEND  
THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE  
BLYTHE ENERGY CENTER (99-AFC-08C)**

On September 7, 2017, Blythe Energy Inc. LLC (subsidiary of AltaGas) (Petitioner), docketed a Petition to Amend (PTA) the Final Decision for the Blythe Energy Project (BEP) (99-AFC-08C). The proposal is to modify the existing Air Quality Condition of Certification AQ-T7, combining the carbon monoxide (CO) limits at Blythe Energy Project (97 tons per year) with the limits approved in 2005 for the licensed, but never built, Blythe Energy Project Phase II (175 tons of CO per year). In August 2015, AltaGas submitted a PTA to modify the BEP Phase II project and change the name to Sonoran Energy Project. AltaGas withdrew the petition on August 11, 2017, and the project name reverted back to Blythe Energy Project II. The current request is reflective of the AltaGas withdrawal on August 11, 2017 of the PTA to combine both licensed projects under the same Air District stationary source permit.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

BEP is a nominal 520–megawatt (MW) combined-cycle power plant located in the city of Blythe, north of Interstate 10 and approximately 7 miles west of the California/Arizona border. The project was acquired by AltaGas Power Holdings (U.S.) Inc. in 2013. BEP was licensed with permitted emissions to 97 tons of CO per year to reflect actual emissions performance and was considered a minor source for air regulatory purposes. The proposed Sonoran Energy Project (Sonoran) was considered part of the same stationary source under the applicable air regulations when Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) issued air permits for both BEP and Sonoran (Blythe II) under the same single stationary source. Since AltaGas withdrew its petition seeking to amend the Sonoran Energy Project, BEP is now expected to be called upon by the California Independent System Operator to start up more frequently and to operate more often. As a result, AltaGas is aware that the current annual CO limit in BEP's air permit and the Energy Commissions' conditions of certification could restrict BEP's ability to operate as needed. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to increase the facility-wide annual emission limits for carbon monoxide (CO) from the current BEP limit to reflect the expected future emissions from the facility.

The amendment proposed by this petition would modify existing Air Quality Condition of Certification **AQ-T7**, addressing CO limits, to make them consistent with the proposed changes to the MDAQMD permit.

**ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

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 whether the facility, as modified, would remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (20 Cal. Code of Regs., § 1769). After the staff has completed its independent review and analysis of this petition, it will publish its assessment for public review and comment. Upon completion of its review, staff will schedule the amendment for consideration by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled Business Meeting. The BEP Commission Decision and the amendment petition are available on the Energy Commission's Blythe Energy Project webpage at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=99-AFC-08C>. The Staff Analysis, when completed, will also be posted on the facility webpage.

This Notice of Receipt is being provided to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the facility site. This notice is being mailed to the BEP mail list and sent electronically to the BEP list serve. The list serve is an automated email system by which information can be distributed to all parties who have subscribed. You can subscribe from the BEP webpage at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/blythe/index.html>

**Public Comment:** Any person may comment on the petition. Those who wish to comment can use the Energy Commission's e-Commenting feature as follows: Go to the Energy Commission's BEP webpage and click on the "Submit e-Comment" link. In the form, provide the required information—your full name, email address, the comment title, and either a comment or an attached document. The comment title should be "[Your Name]'s Comments re BEP Petition." Type your comments into the "Comment Text" field, or upload and attach a document with your comments. The maximum upload file size is 10MB, and only .doc, .docx, or .pdf attachments will be accepted. Enter the phrase that is used to prevent spamming. Then click on the "Agree and Submit your Comments" button to submit your comments to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit for review. When your comments are approved and docketed, you will receive an email with a link to them on the facility webpage.

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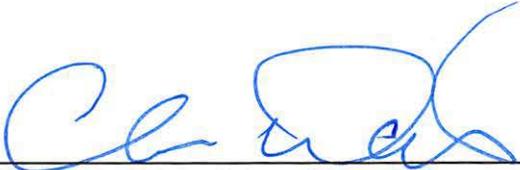
All filed comments and materials accepted by the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility docket log and become publically accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for the facility.

**Contact:** If you have questions about this notice, please contact John Heiser, Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236, or via e-mail at [John.Heiser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:John.Heiser@energy.ca.gov).

**Public Participation:** The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of the proceedings and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov).

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