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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

*IN THE MATTER OF:*

**BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT**

**Docket No. 99-AFC-08C**

**ORDER APPROVING  
PETITION TO AMEND  
THE FACILITY LICENSE**

On September 7, 2017, Blythe Energy Inc., LLC (Petitioner), docketed a petition to amend the Final Decision for the Blythe Energy Project (BEP) (99-AFC-08C). The petition seeks modification of the existing Air Quality Condition of Certification **AQ-T7**. Currently the BEP facility can emit 97 tons per year carbon monoxide (CO) and the combined CO emissions from the BEP facility and a second nearby facility, BEP Phase II, is 197 tons per year. With the cancellation of BEP Phase II, this amendment seeks an increase in CO emissions from 97 tons per year to 175 tons per year for the BEP facility, but an overall decrease in the combined CO limit between BEP and BEP Phase II from 197 to 175 tons per year.

The petition to amend also proposes to remove Air Quality Condition of Certification **AQ-T7a**, eliminating combined annual emission limits of nitrogen oxides (NOx), CO, volatile organic compound (VOC), sulfur oxides (SOx) and particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM10) for BEP and BEP Phase II.

The proposed amendments would be consistent with changes made by the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's BEP air quality permits.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff reviewed the petition, finds that it complies with the requirements of Title 20, section 1769(a) of the California Code of Regulations and that the proposed modifications would not result in additional unmitigated, significant environmental impacts. The facility would remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the petition to amend the existing license.

## **ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS**

Based on the record, including staff's analysis and any comments, the Commission finds that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of Title 20, section 1769 (a), of the California Code of Regulations, concerning post-certification project modifications;
- The modifications will not change the findings in the Commission's Final Decision, pursuant to Title 20, section 1748, of the California Code of Regulations;
- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code, section 25525;
- The modifications will not result in any significant impacts to public health and safety, or to the environment.

## **CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

The California Energy Commission hereby approves the petition to amend and the changes to the conditions of certification as set forth in the Staff Assessment.

## **IT IS SO ORDERED**

### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on December 13, 2017.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Hochschild,

NAY: None

ABSENT: Scott

ABSTAIN: None

Original signed by:

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Cody Goldthrite  
Secretariat