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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE  
**MISSION ROCK ENERGY CENTER**

**Docket No. 15-AFC-02**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT, ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING, AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

On December 30, 2015, Mission Rock Energy Center, LLC (Applicant or Mission Rock) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) seeking permission to construct and operate a 275-megawatt (MW) natural-gas-fired power generation facility: the Mission Rock Energy Center (MREC or Project).<sup>1</sup> The MREC would be located in an unincorporated area of Ventura County, west of the City of Santa Paula, at 1025 Mission Rock Road, occupying about 10 acres. Commercial operation is planned to begin by the autumn of 2020.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC.<sup>2</sup> The Committee has scheduled a Public Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Informational Hearing as described below:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**  
**Public Site Visit begins at 5:00 p.m.**  
**(Complimentary bus transportation leaves the**  
**Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley for the Project site**  
**at approximately 5:15 p.m.)**

**Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley**  
**1400 East Harvard Boulevard**  
**Santa Paula, CA 93060**  
**(Map attached – Wheelchair accessible)**

<sup>1</sup> The AFC can be found at: <http://efilinginternal/Docket/ViewDocket.aspx?docketNumber=15-AFC-02>

<sup>2</sup> The Energy Commission appointed a Committee consisting of Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Presiding Member, and Janea A. Scott, Commissioner and Associate Member, at an Energy Commission Business Meeting on May 17, 2016. (TN 211537.)

Prior to the Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing, the public is invited to join the Committee on a public site visit of the proposed site. The Applicant will provide complimentary bus transportation, which will depart at approximately 5:15 p.m. from the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley for the project site. For site visit and bus reservations, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, by email at [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov) or at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228.

**Please make your reservation by 3:00 p.m. on June 23, 2016, so that we can assure you a seat on the bus.**



**TELECONFERENCE OPTION:** *Parties and the Public may attend the Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing in person at the above location or by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate by WebEx, please see the "Instructions for Using WebEx" attached to this Notice.*

### **Background and Proposed Project Description**

The proposed MREC would be sited on approximately 10 acres of land at 1025 Mission Rock Road in unincorporated Ventura County, approximately five miles west of downtown Santa Paula, California. The site is located in an industrial park, with access via State Route (SR) 126. The site is currently used for recreational vehicle and boat storage, and is paved with asphalt and concrete. Temporary construction laydown and parking facilities would include a nearly three-acre area immediately to the north of the proposed Project's site.

The proposed MREC would consist of five new General Electric (GE) Energy LM6000 PG (or equivalent) natural-gas-fired, combustion turbine generators (CTGs) with a combined nominal generation rating of 275 MW and associated auxiliaries. Each CTG would be capable of generating approximately 57 MW (gross) at base load. The Project would also house 20 lithium-ion (and/or flow) batteries on site for electricity storage, providing an additional 25 MW of nominal capacity for up to four hours. The proposed MREC would require the construction of a new electric transmission line, a new natural-gas pipeline, and a new recycled water pipeline.

Interconnection of the CTGs and the storage battery array to the regional electrical grid would occur through the Southern California Edison (SCE) Santa Clara substation via a new 6.6-mile, 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The Project would connect to the Southern California Gas Company's (SoCal Gas) existing high-pressure natural-gas transmission pipeline (Line 404/406) via a new 2.4-mile, 16-inch diameter pipeline that would run southwest from the Project site along Shell Road and the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Industrial wastewater from the Project would be discharged into an existing pipeline along Shell Road, immediately adjacent to the proposed MREC site. The proposed Project would also be fitted with a clutch system enabling synchronous condenser operation to provide voltage support to the electric grid.

New recycled-water purification equipment and a storage tank for the purified water would be required at the proposed Project. Industrial wastewater from cooling tower blowdown and other operational processes would be discharged to an existing pipeline.

The proposed MREC's total estimated annual water use (recycled and potable) for the Project's process and service water needs is approximately 10.28 acre-feet per year (AFY), most of which would be used for the inlet air chillers that are used for maximum CTG operational efficiency. Annual domestic water use is expected to be approximately 0.15 AFY. The process water source is proposed to be recycled water from the wastewater treatment facility of Limoneira Company, a local agribusiness. The potable water source is proposed to be the City of Santa Paula; the point of connection would be to the existing potable water supply on the site.

Construction of the proposed MREC is expected to occur over a 17-month period (from November 2018 through April 2020). Commercial operation of the proposed project is expected by September 2020.

### **Purpose of the Public Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Informational Hearing**

The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this Project and is considering the AFC under a review process established by California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1741 et seq. The power plant licensing process considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed Project. The Energy Commission uses a certified regulatory program to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the MREC, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The AFC review process provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Energy Commission staff (Staff), governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the public to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the MREC, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives, as necessary.

The June 28, 2016, Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Informational Hearing provides an opportunity for members of the community in the Project vicinity and other stakeholders to obtain information, identify areas of environmental concern to be addressed during the Commission's proceeding, offer comments, and view the Project site. The Committee will describe its role in the process and its expectations for the proceeding. The Applicant will explain the proposed Project and related facilities. Staff will explain the licensing process, Staff's role in that process, and any issues they have identified to date. The Energy Commission's Public Advisor will explain her role and how she may be of assistance to the public.

Members of the public may present oral comments at the Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing and no advance notice need be provided. Members of the public may also ask Staff and the Applicant questions about the proposed site and facility.

For more details regarding the proposed power plant and associated facilities, see the AFC. The AFC submitted to the Energy Commission is the Applicant's in-depth description of its proposed Project. An electronic version has been posted on the Energy Commission's Mission Rock Energy Center webpage at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/)

Copies of the AFC are also available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process, and at the following libraries:

Saticoy Library 1292 Los Angeles Avenue Ventura, CA 93004	Blanchard Community Library 119 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Santa Paula, CA 93060
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AFC copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

### **Order Regarding Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report**

To assist participants in understanding the MREC, Staff shall file a proposed schedule for Project review and an Issues Identification Report summarizing the major issues identified to date. This report will also indicate what additional information is necessary to resolve issues of concern. The proposed schedule and Staff's report shall be filed no later than June 21, 2016. The Applicant shall file its response, if any, no later than June 24, 2016.

Copies of these documents will be posted on the Energy Commission's web page at [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/).

### **Public Adviser and Public Participation**

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral comments are considered by the Committee and are part of the record, but are not part of the evidence upon which the Energy Commission can base its decision (formal evidentiary record). Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For information on how to participate, contact Alana Matthews, Public Adviser, at [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov), (916) 654-4489, or (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz at least five days before the hearing at [lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov](mailto:lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-5146.

## Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, by e-mail at [susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov](mailto:susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-3965.

Technical questions concerning the Project should be addressed to Mike Monasmith, Senior Project Manager, by e-mail at [mike.monasmith@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mike.monasmith@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-4894.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at [Mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-4989.

Information concerning the status of the Project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's web page at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/).

Dated: June 16, 2016, at Sacramento, California.

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Douglas  
Commissioner and Presiding Member  
Mission Rock Energy Center Committee

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Janea A. Scott  
Commissioner and Associate Member  
Mission Rock Energy Center Committee

*Mailed to list number(s): 7507 and 7511*



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Environmental Scoping Meeting & Informational Hearing	Tuesday, June 28, 2016 6:30 PM	926 600 974	{None required}

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## **AGENDA**

### **California Energy Commission**

#### **Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Informational Hearing Mission Rock Energy Center**

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1. 5:00 p.m. Public Site Visit.

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2. 6:30 p.m. Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing
  - a. Presentations by the Hearing Officer, Applicant, Staff, and the Public Adviser
  - b. Discussion of the environmental and other identified issues
  - c. Discussion of schedule for the review of the Project
3. Public Comment
4. Possible Committee closed session on the Mission Rock Energy Center (15-AFC-02).

The Committee may adjourn to closed session to deliberate on matters for decision by the Committee such as the schedule for the review of the Project, pending motions and other matters which may arise during the course of the Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing. Government Code section 11126(c)(3) allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct. The Committee may adjourn to closed session at any point during the meeting and may conduct multiple closed sessions as necessary.

5. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, email at: [susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov](mailto:susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov) or at (916) 654-3965.



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