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**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**PETITIONS TO AMEND THE
CARLSBAD ENERGY CENTER
PROJECT**

Docket No. 07-AFC-06C

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT, ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING AND
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE, ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE, AND
COMMITTEE ORDER FOR BRIEFS**

On April 29 and May 2, 2014, Carlsbad Energy Center LLC (the Petitioner), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc., submitted two petitions to amend the May 31, 2012, Energy Commission Decision approving the Carlsbad Energy Center Project (CECP). The approved CECP and the amendment petitions are described below. The CECP would be located on the eastern portion of the Encina Power Station (EPS), north of Canon Road, east of the AT&SF/North County Transit District Rail Corridor, west of Interstate-5 and south of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon, in the City of Carlsbad in San Diego County.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the petitions. The Committee has scheduled a public site visit as well as an Environmental Scoping Meeting and Committee Conference to discuss the proposed amendments as described below:

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014
Site Visit begins at 3:30 p.m.**

**Public Scoping Meeting and Committee Conference begins at 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Carlsbad Oceanfront Resort
1 Ponto Rd
Carlsbad, CA 92011
(Map Attached)**

Prior to the Scoping Meeting and Committee Conference, the public is invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site. The Petitioner will provide transportation to and from the project site leaving from the Hilton parking lot at 3:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228, or e-mail: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Please make your reservation by 3:00 p.m. on August 4, 2014, so that we can assure you a space.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Committee has scheduled an additional Committee Conference to deliberate in closed session on the question of whether the two pending petitions to amend should be processed together or separately as described below:

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014
Committee Conference Begins at 1:30 p.m.

California Energy Commission
Hearing Room B
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Map Attached)



TELECONFERENCE OPTION: Parties and the Public may attend the Scoping Meeting and Committee Conferences in person at the above locations or by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate by WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" directions attached to this Notice.

Background

The CECP project was approved by the Energy Commission on May 31, 2012 as a 540-megawatt (MW) natural gas combined cycle power generator. It would consist of two power blocks, each having one rapid-response combustion turbine generator (CTG), one heat recovery steam generator (HRSG), one condensing steam turbine generator (STG), an air-cooled fin-fan cooler, and associated support equipment.

The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project and is considering the amendment petitions under Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769. During the review period, the Energy Commission will determine whether the amended project would comply with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. The Scoping Meeting and Committee Conference scheduled by this Notice are sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process.

Proposed Amendment 1

In the April 29 Petition (Petition to Remove Obsolete Facilities to Support Construction of the Carlsbad Energy Center Project, TN 202267), Petitioner seeks permission to demolish three above-ground storage tanks—tanks 1 and 2 to the west of the rail corridor and tank 4 to the south of the approved project boundary. Those tanks would be demolished in addition to tanks 5 – 7 on the approved project site; they were approved for demolition in the 2012 Commission Decision.

Proposed Amendment 2

The May 2 Petition (Petition to Amend Carlsbad Energy Center Project, TNs 202287-1, 202287-2, 202287-3) would change the project to consist of six simple-cycle turbine

generators producing approximately 632 MW. The project site would be expanded to include the storage tank (tank 4) area to the south of the presently approved area, adding 7 acres to the approved 23 acre facility. A new administration and control building and a warehouse would be added on the site.

Once the new facility achieves commercial operation, Petitioner would begin to decommission and remove the existing EPS facilities to the west of the rail corridor, including removal of the 200 foot tall power building and 400 foot exhaust stack. Once site remediation is complete, the site, with the exception of the existing San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) switchyard and any facilities necessary to desalinate seawater for CECP's use, will be available for redevelopment to non-power generation uses. If a satisfactory site can be found, the SDG&E Service Center at the corner of Canon Road and Carlsbad Blvd. will be relocated at Petitioner's expense, freeing that site for alternative uses as well.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed amendments may be viewed at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carlsbad/>.

Copies of the amendment petitions are available at the following local libraries: Georgina Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad; Oceanside Public Library, 330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside; and Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Purpose of the August 7 Committee Conference and Environmental Scoping Meeting

The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to the environmental impact report process of the California Environmental Quality Act, considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project as well as its consistency with applicable laws and development standards. The licensing review provides a public forum allowing the Petitioner, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the general public to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

The August 7 Committee Conference provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information, identify areas of environmental concern to be addressed during the environmental review of the proposed amendments to the project, offer comments, and view the amended project site. Petitioner will explain its plans for developing the project and the related facilities. Energy Commission staff will explain the amendment review process and Staff's role in that process.

The Committee will also discuss whether the two amendment petitions should be processed together or separately as the Petitioner requests. The parties and interested

members of the public are encouraged to file comments, legal authorities, and argument prior to the Committee Conference according to the briefing schedule set forth below.

Purpose of the August 25 Committee Conference

The August 25, 2014, Committee Conference is for the primary purpose of allowing the Committee to deliberate regarding whether to process the two amendments together or separately, and any other pending matters, in closed session. While public comments will be accepted, the bulk of the meeting will consist of the closed session from which the parties and public are excluded. Interested persons are encouraged not to expend time or money travelling to Sacramento; instead we recommend that they attend the conference via the “WebEx” web conferencing system described above and in the attachment.

ORDERS RE: BRIEFING REGARDING WHETHER TO PROCESS THE TWO AMENDMENTS TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY and PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND ISSUE IDENTIFICATION REPORTS

Briefs and written comments regarding whether the two amendment petitions should be processed together or separately shall be filed as follows. Petitioner shall file its brief **no later than July 11, 2014**. The other parties and interested members of the public shall file their briefs, including any responses to the Petitioner’s brief, **no later than July 31, 2014**.

To assist participants in understanding the project, Petitioner and Staff shall each file a proposed schedule for conducting the amendment review process, and Staff shall file an Issue Identification Report (Report) summarizing any potential issues. The proposed schedules and Staff’s Report shall be filed **no later than 3 p.m., August 4, 2014**. These documents can be viewed at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=07-AFC-06C>

Parties to Begin Review and Discovery

Staff, the other parties, and the public are encouraged to begin their review of the petitions, formulate and issue data requests, conduct workshops, and take other actions that will facilitate the timely conclusion of these proceedings. There is no need to wait until the Committee Conferences conclude.

Closed Sessions

The Committee may, pursuant to Government Code, section 11126, temporarily adjourn to a closed session to deliberate on matters before the Committee for decision such as the preparation of its decision or motions and other matters then pending before the Committee.

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 public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the 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 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 800-822-6228, or by e-mail at: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz no less than five days prior to the hearing at (916) 654-5146 or by e-mail at: lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Chief Hearing Adviser Paul Kramer at (916) 654-5103, or e-mail: paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov.

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

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989, or e-mail: mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carlsbad/>.

Dated: June 27, 2014, at Sacramento, California.

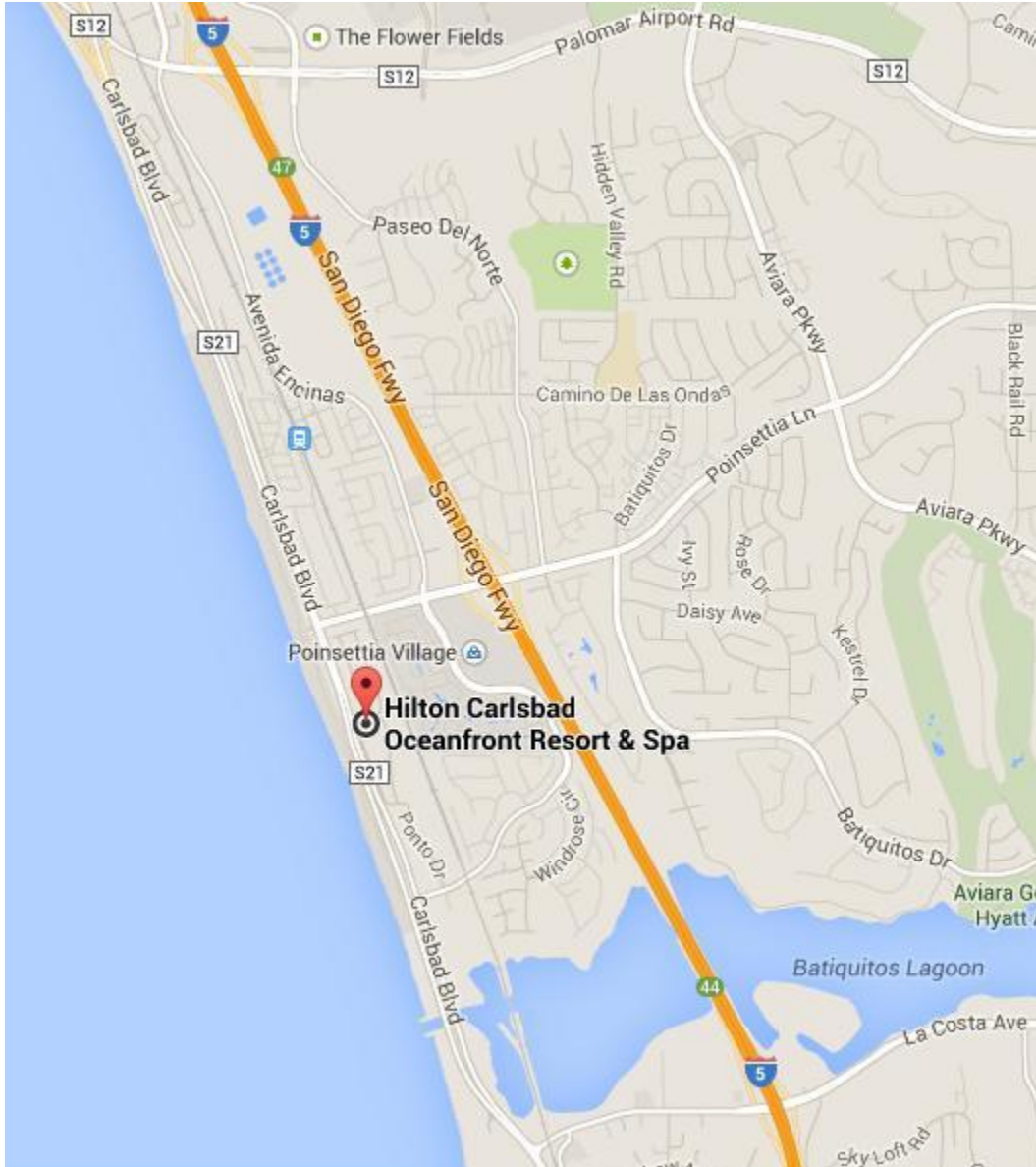
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**Carlsbad Energy Center Amendments
Public Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Committee Conference**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014

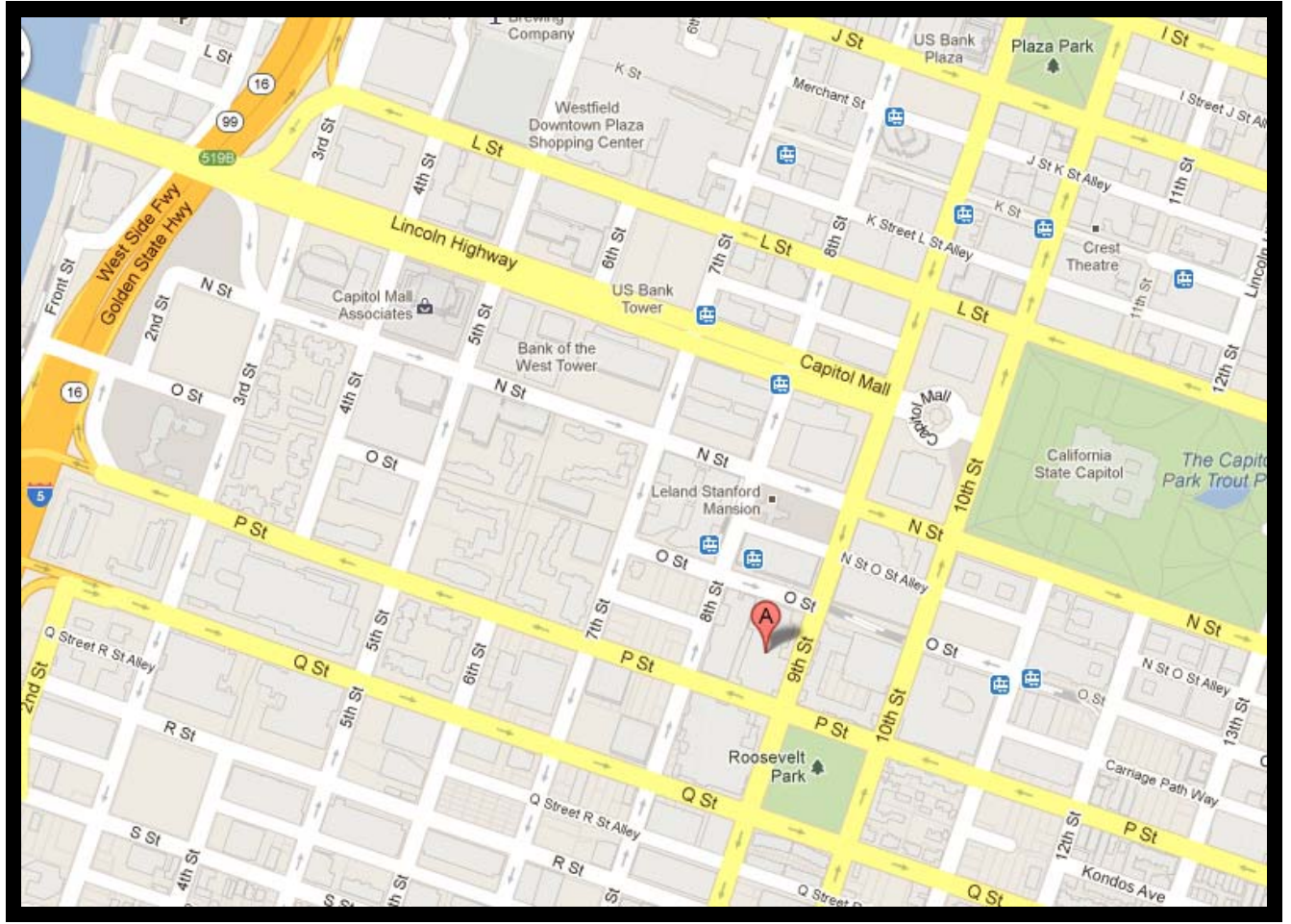
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Carlsbad Energy Center Amendments Committee Conference

**Monday, August 25, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
California Energy Commission
Hearing Room B
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**



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EVENT	DATE	MEETING NUMBER	PASSWORD
Site Visit and Committee Conference	Thursday, August 7, 2014 4:30 p.m.	922 232 237	pwd#1516
Committee Conference	Monday, August 25, 2014 1:30 p.m.	920 049 391	pwd#1516

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2. When prompted enter the meeting number above.

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**Carlsbad Energy Center Amendments
Public Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Committee Conference
Thursday, August 7, 2014**

**Public Site Visit beginning at 3:30 p.m.
Committee Conference beginning at 4:30 p.m.
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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Site Visit
3. Committee Conference
 - a. Presentation about the proposed amendments by the Petitioner and Commission Staff.
 - b. Discussion regarding whether the proposed amendments should be processed separately or together.
 - c. Discussion of schedule and other matters related to the proposed amendments.
 - d. Consider pending motions (if any).
4. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak up to three minutes on a matter appearing on this agenda.
5. Closed Session

Committee closed session consideration of the following Item:
Carlsbad Energy Center Project Amendments (07-AFC-06C). Deliberation on matters for decision by the Committee such as pending motions and scheduling.

The Committee will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code, section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which 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 a closed session at any point during the meeting and may conduct multiple closed sessions as necessary.
6. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Paul Kramer, Chief Hearing Adviser, (916) 654-5103 or e-mail: paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov.

**Carlsbad Energy Center Amendments Committee Conference
Monday, August 25, 2014, 1:30 p.m.**

**California Energy Commission
Hearing Room B
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Sacramento, CA 95814**

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment

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3. Closed Session

Committee closed session consideration of the following Item:

Carlsbad Energy Center Project Amendments (07-AFC-06C). Deliberation regarding whether to consider the two amendment petitions filed on April 29 and May 2, 2014 together or separately and any other matters for decision by the Committee such as pending motions and scheduling.

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