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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5112**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF AN
APPLICATION FOR A SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION
FOR POMONA REPOWER PROJECT
(16-SPPE-01)**

On March 21, 2016, AltaGas Pomona Energy Inc. (AltaGas) filed an application with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE). AltaGas proposes to replace the existing 44.5 megawatt (MW) San Gabriel Cogeneration Facility (San Gabriel Facility), with the Pomona Repower Project (PRP), a nominal net 100 MW peaking facility. The project would occupy 2 acres at the existing San Gabriel Facility site located in an industrial area at 1507 Mt. Vernon Avenue, in Pomona, Los Angeles County, California. AltaGas owns the existing San Gabriel Facility and would own the PRP upon completion. The project is intended to provide efficient operational flexibility with rapid-start and steep-ramping capability to allow for the efficient integration of renewable energy sources into the California electrical grid.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PRP would be powered by one General Electric LMS100 gas turbine. The LMS100 would use the existing 66-kilovolt Simpson transmission line to connect to the grid. The existing poles would be upgraded with new conductors to account for the additional power generated by the LMS100. The project would include the removal of the existing LM5000 gas turbine currently in operation.

Additional plant equipment would include natural gas compressors, water treatment facilities, emergency services, and an administration/maintenance building. The combustion turbine generator would be equipped with evaporative coolers on the inlet air system, compressor inter-stage cooling, and water injection to control nitrogen oxides (NOx). PRP would use existing supply and discharge lines including natural gas, potable and recycled water supply, process wastewater, and sanitary wastewater. The project would use recycled water from the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant for cooling and appropriate process water uses.

ENERGY COMMISSION'S SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION PROCESS

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing, and ultimately approving or denying, all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The SPPE process allows projects between 50 and 100 MW to proceed with local approval rather than requiring an Energy Commission license. This exemption from the Energy Commission licensing process can be applied to projects that would not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. The Energy Commission acts as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare an Initial Study and either a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration that examines public health and safety, along with environmental impacts of the proposed project, which includes all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas and water pipelines. If

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the exemption is granted, the applicant would still need to secure the appropriate licenses and permits from relevant local, state, and federal agencies.

Energy Commission staff has begun its review of the filing and requested the appointment of a Committee of two Commissioners at the April 13, 2016 Business Meeting to provide oversight and guidance regarding the SPPE process for this project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will evaluate the project and will conduct one or more public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the proposed project should be exempted from the Energy Commission's jurisdiction. These workshops and hearings will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list during the pre-filing period and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the proposed project site and 500 feet of a project linear feature (e.g. transmission line). By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the proposed project's evaluation are available for review.

If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Marichka Haws, Project Assistant, at (916) 651-9106, or by e-mail at Marichka.Haws@energy.ca.gov.

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Leonidas Payne, Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966, or by e-mail at Leonidas.Payne@energy.ca.gov.

If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

The application and project documents can be viewed on the Energy Commission website at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona/>.

AVAILABILITY OF THE SPPE DOCUMENT

Paper and electronic copies of the SPPE filing are available for public inspection at the following public library:

Pomona Public Library
625 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

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Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at California public libraries in Eureka, Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that will have jurisdiction if the Energy Commission grants the Small Power Plant Exemption.

Sincerely,

Date: April 13, 2016



Chris Davis
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