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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**APPLICATION FOR A SMALL POWER PLANT
EXEMPTION FOR THE
POMONA REPOWER PROJECT**

Docket No. 16-SPPE-01

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

On March 21, 2016, AltaGas Pomona Energy Inc. (Applicant or AltaGas) submitted an Application for a Small Power Plant Exemption (Application) to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) in connection with its proposal to replace the existing 44.5 megawatt (MW) San Gabriel Cogeneration Facility (San Gabriel Facility) with a General Electric LMS100PA combustion turbine generator (100 MW, nominally rated). The proposed Pomona Repower Project (PRP or Project) would occupy two acres at the San Gabriel Facility, located at 1507 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Pomona, California. Commercial operation is planned to begin by the summer of 2019.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission Committee¹ (Committee) assigned to conduct proceedings on the Application for the PRP² has scheduled a Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project with the Pomona community on the following date:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

Public Site Visit begins at 4:15 p.m.

**(complimentary bus transportation
leaves the City Council Chambers
for the site at 4:15 p.m.)**

Informational Hearing begins at 5:15 p.m.

**City of Pomona
City Council Chambers
505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766
(Map attached)**

¹ The Committee consists of Commissioner Janea A. Scott, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Karen Douglas, Associate Member. The full Energy Commission made this Committee assignment at an Energy Commission Business Meeting on April 13, 2016. (TN 211152.)

² TNs 210802-210843.

Prior to the Informational Hearing, the public is invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site. The Applicant will provide complimentary bus transportation from the City Council Chambers, which will depart at approximately 4:15 p.m., to the proposed site. For additional information on the site visit and bus reservations, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228 or e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Please make your call or email by Noon on Monday, May 16, 2016, so that we can assure you a seat on the bus.



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Background

The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license new thermal power plants that generate 50 MW or more and modifications to existing power plants that increase output by 50 MW or more. Under Public Resources Code section 25541, thermal power plants that generate up to 100 MW, or additions of less than 100 MW to existing power plants, may be exempted from the Energy Commission's licensing process if the Energy Commission determines a project proposal qualifies for such an exemption, called a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE).

To qualify for an SPPE, it must be found that the construction or operation of the proposed facility will not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. The SPPE process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to those of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. The Energy Commission acts as the lead agency under 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 pipelines, and water pipelines. If the SPPE is granted, the Applicant must secure the appropriate licenses and permits from relevant local, state, and federal agencies.

The SPPE 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 SPPE, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives, as necessary.

The existing San Gabriel Facility began commercial operation in January, 1985. It is a 44.5 Megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired turbine electric generating facility, and is located

in the City of Pomona in Los Angeles County. The Energy Commission did not license the San Gabriel Facility because it generated less than 50 MW and was not under the Commission's jurisdiction.

Proposed Project Description

The proposed PRP would replace an aging gas-fired turbine with a modern gas combustion turbine generator with a nominal net rating of 100 MW. The existing turbine is cooled with potable water, and uses about 327 gallons per minute (GPM) during typical daily use; the proposed new turbine would be cooled with mostly recycled water, reducing typical daily use of potable water to about 47.4 GPM. The PRP would increase the height of the exhaust stack from 75 to 90 feet, and would require 0.2 miles of reconducted 66 kilovolt (KV) transmission lines to connect to the power grid via the nearby Southern California Edison Ganesha Substation. The PRP would use existing water, natural gas, and sewer lines.

The San Gabriel Facility is surrounded by industrial and commercially-zoned land. Construction of the PRP would be coordinated with the demolition and removal of the existing facility. Demolition of the existing facility is expected to begin in the first half of 2017 and to take about three months. Construction of the PRP is expected to take about 16 months from the third quarter of 2017 to the fourth quarter of 2018. Commissioning of the PRP is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2018 and to be completed by the first quarter of 2019.

Purpose of the Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing

The May 18, 2016 Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity and other interested stakeholders to obtain information, identify areas of environmental concern to be addressed during the Energy Commission's proceeding, offer comments, and view the project site. The Applicant will explain its plans for developing the project and related facilities. Staff will explain the SPPE process and Staff's role in that process.

Members of the public may present oral comments at the Informational Hearing. No advance notice need be provided. Members of the public may also ask Staff and the Applicant questions about the proposed PRP.

More details regarding the proposed power plant and associated facilities may be found in the Application. An electronic version has been posted on the Energy Commission's Pomona Repower Project webpage at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona/>. Copies of the Application are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process, and at the following library:

Pomona Public Library
625 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Copies of the Application 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.

Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report

Staff will file a proposed schedule for project review and an Issues Identification Report summarizing the major issues identified to date. The report will also identify what additional information is necessary to resolve issues of concern. Staff's proposed schedule and Issues Identification Report shall be filed by noon on May 12, 2016. The Applicant shall file its response, if any, by noon on May 16, 2016.

Copies of these documents will be posted on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona/>.

Notice of Closed Session Deliberations

At any time during the hearing, the Committee may adjourn to a closed session in accordance with California 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.

Transcripts

Parties are responsible for identifying errors in the transcripts of the proceedings. Corrections to the transcripts must be filed within 30 days of the filing of a transcript.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to attend and offer oral or written comments at the informational hearing. It is not necessary to be an Intervenor to participate in the public process. Comments may be submitted electronically by email at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=16-SPPE-01>

Otherwise, written comments may be submitted for posting on the proceeding docket by handing them directly to the Public Adviser, e-mailing them to docket@energy.ca.gov, or by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Docket number: 16-SPPE -01
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

For all comments, please include the docket number and proceeding name “**Docket No. 16-SPPE-01, Pomona Repower Project,**” in the subject line and on the cover page.

PLEASE NOTE: Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via search engines such as Google and Yahoo.

The Energy Commission Public Adviser’s Office is available to assist the public with understanding the proceedings and to facilitate meaningful participation. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate in this event, please contact Lou Quiroz at lquiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raj K. Dixit, Hearing Officer, by e-mail at raj.dixit@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4872.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Leonidas Payne, Staff Project Manager, by e-mail at leonidas.payne@energy.ca.gov or (916) 651-0966.

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

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 web page at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona/>.

Dated: May 3, 2016, at Sacramento, California

Original signed by

JANEA A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Pomona Repower Project Committee

Original signed by

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Associate Member
Pomona Repower Project Committee

Mailed to list: 7515



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AGENDA

Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Pomona Repower Project (16-SPPE-01)
Site Visit and Informational Hearing
City of Pomona
City Council Chambers
505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

1. **4:15 p.m.** Site Visit. Complimentary bus transportation leaves the City Council Chambers.
2. **5:15 p.m.** Informational Hearing
 - a. Presentations by Applicant, Energy Commission Staff, and the Energy Commission's Public Adviser
 - b. Discussion of the Issues Identification Report
 - c. Discussion of schedule for the review of the project

3. 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.

4. Closed Session (if necessary)

Committee closed session consideration of the following item:

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Deliberation by the Committee on any matters submitted for decision by the Committee including, but not limited to, 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.

5. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Raj K. Dixit, Hearing Officer, phone: (916) 654-4872, or e-mail at raj.dixit@energy.ca.gov.

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