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Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing



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**POMONA REPOWER PROJECT (PRP)
16-SPPE-01**

Purpose of Today's Proceedings

- To inform the Committee, the parties, and the community about the project, its progress to date in the application process, and perceived issues that need resolution,
- To describe the Commission's process in reviewing the Application for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE),
- To hear from agencies, tribes and the public on their concerns and comments about the PRP,
- To provide information about opportunities for the public, agencies and tribes to participate in this process and to comment on any aspect of the proposed project,
- To discuss the project schedule.



Today's Agenda

4:15 p.m. Site Visit—bus tour to site

5:15 p.m. Presentations and Discussion

1. Welcome and Commissioners' Opening Remarks
2. Hearing Officer — Energy Commission's Role
3. Applicant — Project Description
4. Energy Commission Staff — Environmental Review Process
5. Staff's Issues Identification Report - Discussion
6. Staff's Proposed Schedule for the SPPE Process
7. Public Adviser's Office — Opportunities for Public Participation
8. Public Questions and Comments



Energy Commission's Role

- Energy Commission has exclusive permitting authority over thermal power plants that are 50 megawatts (MW) or greater. Power plants that generate less than 100 MW may be exempted under Public Resources Code section 25541 (SPPE).
- The Energy Commission has a certified regulatory program and is the lead state agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review and ongoing compliance.
- The Energy Commission has appointed Commissioners Janea Scott (Presiding Committee Member) and Karen Douglas (Associate Committee Member) to oversee the SPPE process for this project.



Pomona Repower Project

- ● March 21, 2006: AltaGas Pomona Energy, Inc., filed an Application for an SPPE to construct and operate the PRP.
- ● 100 MW natural gas-fired, simple-cycle electric generating plant, built at the existing 44.5 MW San Gabriel Cogeneration Facility.



Notice

- ● Parties,
- ● Adjoining landowners,
- ● Interested governmental agencies.



Committee Action

- ● The Commissioners presiding over this proceeding will eventually issue a proposed decision.
- ● Review is similar to an initial study under CEQA.
- ● Open to the public.



Ex Parte Rule

- Purpose: to provide full disclosure to all participants of any information that may be used as a basis for the future Decision on this project.
- All decisions made in this case will be made solely on evidence contained in the public record.
- No off-the-record contacts concerning substantive matters are permitted to take place between interested parties and the Commissioners, their Advisors, this Committee, or the Hearing Officer.



Ex Parte Rule

- Contacts between interested parties and the members of the Committee regarding any substantive matter must occur in a public forum or in written form distributed to all the parties and made available to the public.



Environmental Review

- Energy Commission staff are an independent party in the proceeding. Staff will prepare an independent evaluation of the environmental, engineering, and public health/safety aspects of the proposed project and whether the project would conform to all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS).
- Commission Staff may hold public workshops at locations near the site or at the Energy Commission in Sacramento. These workshops provide additional opportunities for the parties and governmental agencies to discuss substantive issues with the public.



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Staff's Presentation

Chris Davis, Siting Office Manager

for

Leonidas Payne, Siting Project Manager



Overview of SPPE Process

1. Staff Analysis

- Data Requests
- Issue Identification Report
- Issue Resolution Workshop (if needed)
- Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration recommendation (public comment opportunity)
- Final Initial Study and Negative Declaration recommendation

2. Committee Evidentiary Hearing and Decision

- Prehearing Conference
- Evidentiary Hearings
- Committee's Proposed Decision (public comment opportunity)
- PMPD hearing and full Commission decision

3. Permitting by Approving Authorities (local, state, federal)

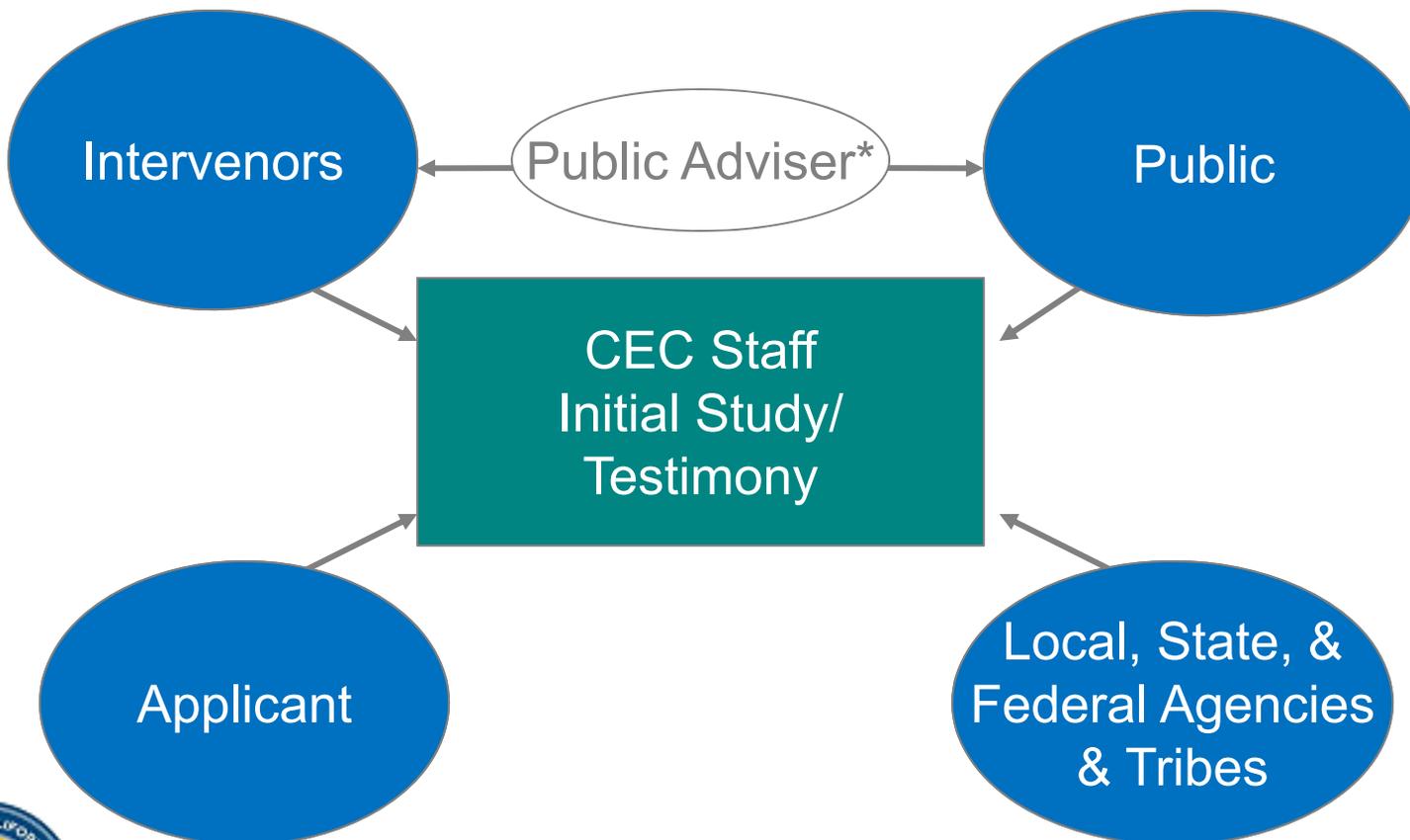


Staff Analysis Process

- Send Data Requests (DRs) to Applicant (completed April 27, responses due May 27)
 - DRs sent covering the following issue areas: air quality, biological resources, hazardous materials management, socioeconomics, traffic and transportation, transmission system engineering, visual resources/plume analysis, waste management, and water resources
- Prepare Issue Identification Report including PM proposed schedule (completed May 6)
 - Issues identified in the areas of Air Quality and Transmission System Engineering
- Facilitate public and agency participation (various types of notices completed during April and May, workshops if necessary)
- Produce a Draft Initial Study and Final Initial Study, both of which include a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration recommendation



Discovery and Analyses Process



* The Public Adviser provides assistance on how to participate in the CEC's public process.

Local, State and Federal Coordination

- Energy Commission staff work closely with other Local, State and Federal Agencies, for example:
 - Local: City of Pomona--Fire Department, Planning Department
 - Regional: Los Angeles County, South Coast Air Quality Management District , Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - State: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CalTrans, CalOSHA
 - Federal: Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service

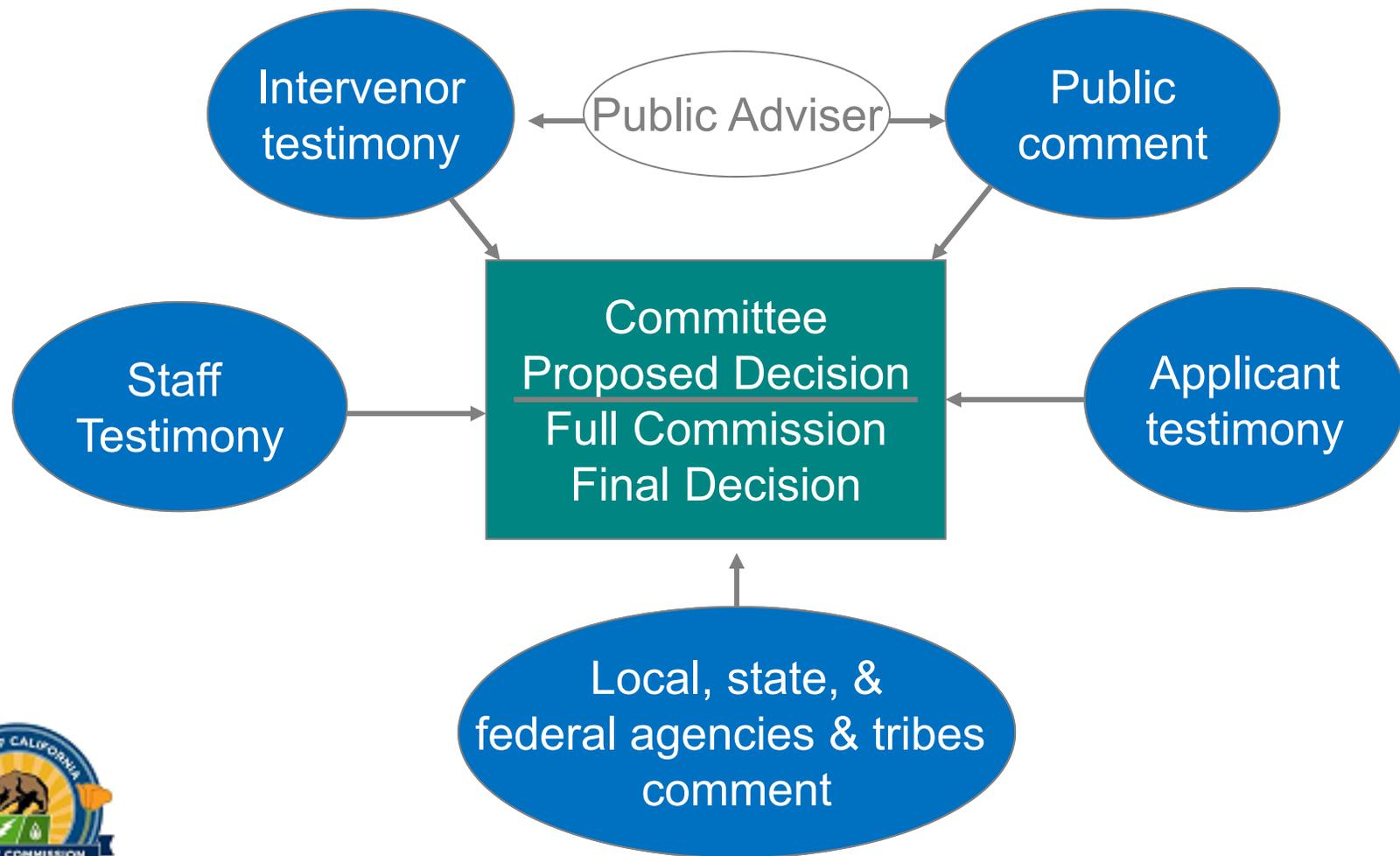


Evidentiary Hearing & Decision Process

- **Committee conducts Hearings to create Evidentiary Record**
- **The Committee issues the Committee's Proposed Decision. This document contains findings relating to:**
 - Environmental impacts
 - Energy impacts
 - The ultimate recommendation whether or not to approve the exemption
- **Full Commission issues a Final Decision on the exemption request**
- **Appeals: Reconsideration by Commission; California Supreme Court**



Evidentiary Hearing & Decision Process



Staff's Issues Identification Report

- **Purpose**

- Inform participants of potentially significant issues staff believes it will encounter
- Provides an early focus on important topics
- The Issues Identification Report is not limiting. Staff, agencies and other stakeholders may identify additional significant issues going forward.

- **Criteria for Significant Issue**

- Significant impacts that might result from the project that may be difficult to mitigate
- Conflicts might arise between the parties about the appropriate findings
- Issues that might delay the SPPE analysis process



Staff's Potential Issue Areas

Energy Commission staff has evaluated the SPPE application and has found potential major issues with:

- Air Quality
- Transmission System Engineering

Discovery is not yet complete and other parties may identify their concerns.



Air Quality

- Insufficient Offsets for Air Quality Mitigation
 - The application describes the methodology to be used for the cumulative effects analysis but does not include the analysis itself because a final project list had not been provided by the District at the time the SPPE application was prepared and submitted to the Energy Commission.
 - Staff believes that these air quality issues could potentially delay the Energy Commission review process or prevent staff from concluding that the project would not have a substantial adverse impact on the environment.
 - Staff issued Air Quality Data Requests to address these potential issues, and applicant will provide responses by May 27.



Transmission System Engineering

- The California ISO Phase I and Phase II Interconnection Studies are not available for staff to review. The Phase I Study is required for staff to determine the potential need for downstream transmission facilities.
- If the studies show the project would cause any transmission line overloads which might require transmission line reconductoring or other significant downstream upgrades, a general CEQA analysis will be required. The environmental analysis of potential upgrades could cause a delay in the exemption analysis process for the Pomona Repower Project (PRP).
- Staff has submitted Data Requests requesting Phase I and Phase II Interconnection Studies. Data responses due May 27.



Staff's Proposed Schedule

EVENT	DATE
Applicant filed Application for SPPE	3/21/16
Committee appointed	4/13/16
Staff Provided Data Requests to Applicant	4/27/16
Issue ID report released	5/6/16
Information Hearing and Site Visit	5/18/16
Applicant Provides Data Responses	5/27/16
Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop (if needed)	6/13/16
Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration Recommendation filed	7/1/16
Draft Initial Study workshop	7/13/16
Agency, applicant, public comments on the Application and Initial Study and Negative Declaration Recommendation	8/1/16



Staff's Proposed Schedule (cont.)

Prehearing conference	8/15/16¹
Final Initial Study and Negative Declaration Recommendation filed	TBD²
Evidentiary Hearings	TBD²
Committee files Proposed Decision	TBD²
Commission Hearing and Decision	TBD²

Note: Schedule dates for future deliverables, hearings, and workshops are approximate—the actual dates will be announced via staff notices or Committee order.

¹ Actual date to be determined by the Committee.

² Actual date to be determined by the Committee at the Prehearing Conference.



*Staff's suggested date – actual dates to be determined by the Committee

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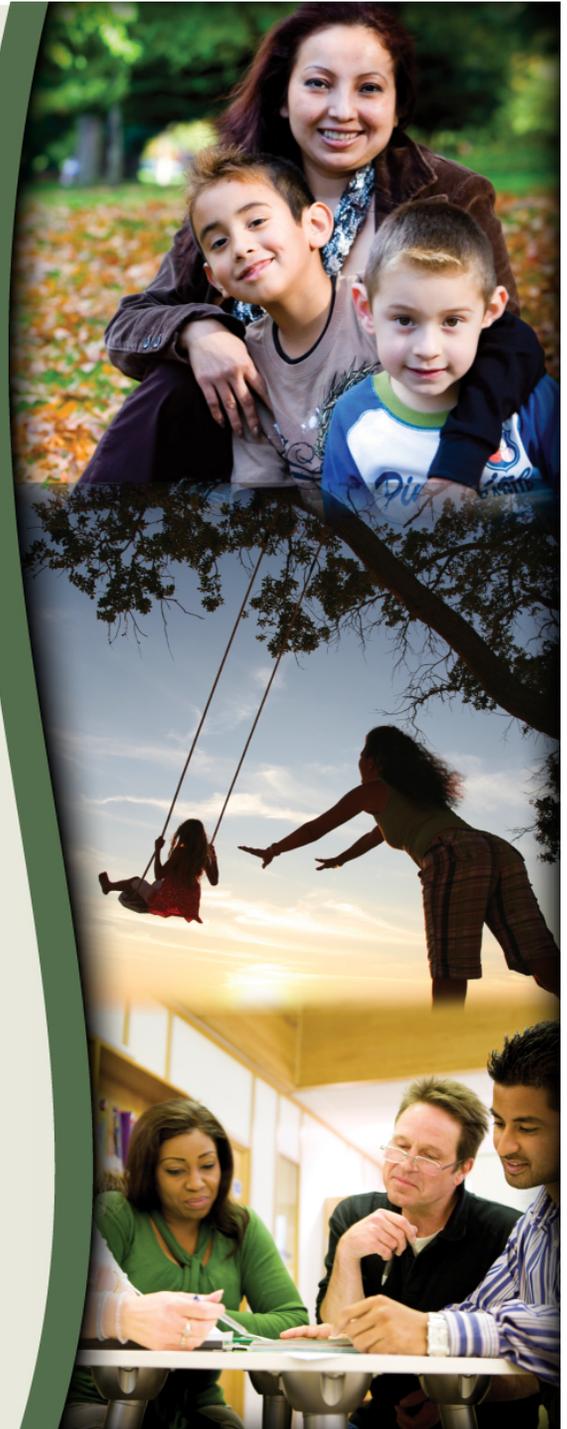
Alana Mathews

Public Adviser

May 18, 2016



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What's a Public Adviser?

The Public Adviser is an independently appointed attorney who:

- *Helps the public understand the process*
- *Recommends the best way to be involved*
- *Assists in successful participation in proceedings*

Outreach for Informational Hearing and Site Visit

- **Who:** Local city and county officials, tribal officials and members, schools, non-profit groups and community organizations, property owners, public members who have contacted our office
- **How:** Paid local newspaper advertisement, local libraries, email blasts, informational meetings

Two Levels of Public Participation

Importance of Public Participation through Public Comment

- Public comments are considered by the Commissioners
- **Public comments help inform the Commissioners, staff, and interested parties of public concerns**
- Public comments are necessary to understand the concerns of residents
- **Public comments are not considered evidence but are part of the official record**

Two Levels of Public Participation

First Level – Public Comments (Informal Participation)

- Verbal comments at public meetings through Blue Cards
- Electronic comments through the Energy Commission e-filing system
- Written comments to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit:
 - a) *Hand deliver to the Public Adviser or representative*
 - b) *Dockets Unit
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814*

Two Levels of Public Participation

Second Level – Intervening (Formal Participation)

- An Intervenor is a party to the proceeding
- Anyone may file a Petition to Intervene
- You do not have to be or have an attorney to intervene
- The PAO can provide a sample Petition to Intervene
- Petition is considered by assigned Committee; determination within 30 days

How to Participate

www.energy.ca.gov

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Energy Commission. At the top left is the CA.GOV logo and the State of California Energy Commission seal. The main header reads "CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION". A navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, Analysis & Stats, Efficiency, Power Plants, Renewables, Research, and Transportation. A red arrow points to the "Efficiency" link. Below the navigation is a search bar and radio buttons for "This Site" and "California". The main content area features a large banner with the text "Welcome to the California Energy Commission" and a background image of wind turbines on a golden hill. Below the banner is a "NEWS" section with three items: "Energy Commission Funds Electric Vehicle Chargers along Major State Routes - Also Continues to Fund Research to Bring Clean Energy Technologies to Market April 13, 2016", "Energy Agencies Release Draft Action Plan to Preserve Energy Reliability in Greater Los Angeles This Summer in Wake of Aliso Canyon Leak April 5, 2016", and "Energy Commission Invests in Higher Efficiency Natural Gas Projects March 9, 2016". To the right of the news is a "LEADERSHIP" section with portraits and names of Edmund G. Brown Jr. (Office of Governor), John Laird (Natural Resources Agency), and Robert B. Weisenmiller (Chair, California Energy Commission). At the bottom right is an "EVENTS" section with a calendar for May 2016.

Online Project Information

- » Callistoga (formerly PG&E #19 & Oxy #1) - Geysers L.L.C.
- » Calpine King City - Gilroy Foods
- » Campbell Cogeneration Project - Sacramento Power Authority
- » Canyon Power Plant - Southern CA Public Power Authority
- » Carlsbad Energy Center Project - Carlsbad Energy Center LLC
- » Carson Ice-Gen - Carson Energy Group
- » CCPA #1 Coldwater Creek
- » Century - Alliance - Alliance Colton
- » Chevron El Segundo - Chevron Oil Company
- » Chevron Richmond - Chevron Oil Company
- » China Lake Joint Venture Coso Navy 2 - China Lake Joint Venture
- » Colusa Generating Station (CGS) - CPV/PG&E
- » Cosumnes Power Plant - SMUD
- » Crockett Cogeneration - Pacific Thermonetics
- » Delta Energy Facility - Calpine
- » Donald Von Raesfeld (Formerly Pico Power) - Silicon Valley Power
- » Drews - Alliance - Alliance Colton
- » DWR South Geysers - Department of Water Resources
- » El Centro Generating Station Unit 3 Repower - Imperial Irrigation District
- » NCPA #1 (formerly NCPA #2) - Northern California Power Agency
- » NCPA #2 (formerly NCPA #3) - Northern California Power Agency
- » NCPA Roseville
- » Niland Peaker - Imperial Irrigation District
- » Oakley Generating Station - Contra Costa Generating Station, LLC
- » Orange Grove Energy - Orange Grove Energy, L.P.
- » Otay Mesa - Otay Mesa Energy Center, LLC/Calpine
- » Pacific Waste Management Irwindale MSW
- » Palmdale Energy Project (Formerly Palmdale Hybrid Power Project) - Palmdale Energy, LLC
- » Palomar Energy Project - Sempra Energy Resources
- » Panoche Energy Center - Energy Investors Fund, LLC
- » Pastoria Energy Facility - Calpine Corporation
- » PG&E Geysers 21
- » Pio Pico Energy Center - Pio Pico Energy Center, LLC
- » Pomona Repower Project - AltaGas Pomona Energy Inc.
- » Potrero Unit 7 - Mirant Corporation
- » Procter & Gamble Cogeneration - Sacramento Cogeneration Authority
- » Puente Power Project (P3) - NRG Oxnard Energy Center LLC

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Pomona Repower Project

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Comment on this Proceeding

Project Status: **In Review**

Committee Overseeing This Case:

Janea Scott, Commissioner, Presiding Member

Original Proceeding

- Submit e-Comment
- Submit e-Filing
- Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)
- Exhibit List
- Proof of Service List
- Proof of Service Declaration Form MS Word or PDF
- Search Documents in this Proceeding
- Search All Power Plant Documents



How to Participate

Things To Do

➤ Sign up for Pomona listserv:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona/>; enter your name and e-mail address under "Subscribe"

➤ Submit written comments:

➤ Provide oral comments

➤ Attend public project events

- *In person or via WebEx or conference call*
- *Non-English speakers welcome*
- *Special accommodations for persons with disabilities:*
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Public Participation and Sources of Information

- **Open Public Process**

- Workshops/Hearings are noticed at least 10 days in advance
- Mailing lists
- List Server: www.energy.ca.gov/listservers

- **The Application for an SPPE is available for review at the Pomona Public Library: 625 South Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766**

- **All project documents are available for public review at:**

- Energy Commission Web site:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona>
- Dockets Unit at the Energy Commission
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