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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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PETITION TO AMEND THE
PALMDALE ENERGY PROJECT

DOCKET No. 08-AFC-09C

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

On April 30, 2015, Palmdale Energy, LLC (project owner or Petitioner), a solely-owned subsidiary of Summit Power Project Holdings, LLC, submitted a Petition to Amend (Petition) to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to make changes to the Final Decision for the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (08-AFC-09C) (PHPP). The Petition proposes to change the approved PHPP from a 570 megawatt (MW) hybrid combined-cycle and solar trough power plant to a natural-gas-fired 645 MW combined-cycle power plant. Specifically, the Petition proposes to eliminate the solar component and replace the combustion turbine technology with fast-start flexible technology, as well as requests the project name be changed from Palmdale Hybrid Power Project to Palmdale Energy Project (PEP). The changes are described in greater detail later in this notice.

The PEP site is located in the City of Palmdale, bounded by Sierra Highway to the west, East Avenue M (Columbia Way) to the north, and U.S. Air Force Plant 42 on the south and east. The address is 950 East Avenue M, Palmdale, California 93550 (TN 205394-1).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission Committee assigned to conduct proceedings on the Petition has scheduled a public site visit, as well as an Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project modifications as described below:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015
Site Visit begins at 4:00 p.m.
Public Informational Hearing and Environmental Scoping Meeting
begins at 5:30 p.m.
Larry Chimbole Cultural Center
38350 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550
(Map Attached)

Prior to the Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing, the public is invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed project site. The project owner will provide complimentary transportation to and from the project site, leaving from the Larry Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, California 93550 at 4:00 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 at: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Please make your reservation by 3:00 p.m. on or before November 10, 2015, so that we can assure you a space.



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

Background

The Energy Commission issued a Final Decision approving the construction and operation of the PHPP on August 10, 2011 (Order No. 11-0810-09, the "Final Decision," 08-AFC-09) (TN 61876). Construction of the approved PHPP has not begun. Under the 2011 Final Decision, the project would be a 570 MW hybrid of natural-gas-fired combined-cycle generating equipment integrated with solar thermal generating equipment to be developed on an approximately 333-acre site. The combined-cycle equipment would utilize two natural-gas-fired combustion turbine generators (CTGs), two heat recovery steam generators (HRSGs), and one steam turbine generator (STG). The planned solar thermal equipment involved arrays of parabolic collectors for heating a high-temperature working fluid. The hot working fluid would be used to boil water to generate steam. The combined-cycle equipment would be integrated thermally with the solar thermal generating equipment at the HRSG and both would have used the single STG.

On April 30, 2015, the project owner filed a Petition to modify the PHPP by renaming the project, eliminating the solar energy component, and reconfiguring the two-on-one combined-cycle power block to incorporate new gas turbine technology (TN 204459). On July 20, 2015, the Petitioner filed a Revised Petition to Amend, which includes all of the information provided in the original Petition and supplemental information that was unavailable at the time of the original submittal (TN 205394-1).

Amended Project Description

The amended project would consist of natural-gas-fired combined-cycle generating equipment to be developed on an approximately 50-acre site in the northern portion of the City of Palmdale. The proposed combined-cycle equipment utilizes two Siemens SGT6-5000F natural-gas-fired CTGs, two HRSGs, and one STG.

Project construction would last approximately 25 months. If the Petition is approved, commercial operation would commence approximately in summer 2019.

The details of the proposed amended project are contained in the Petition, which may be viewed at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palmdale/>

A Notice of Receipt for the Palmdale Petition for Technology Change has been sent to the following libraries: the Palmdale City Library; Lancaster Public Library; Sylmar Branch Library; California City Branch Library; Wanda Kirk (Rosamond) Branch Library; Beale Memorial Library (Bakersfield); Victorville Branch Library; San Bernardino County Library; and the Barstow Branch Library.

Purpose of the Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing

The Energy Commission considers the relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed amendment under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing scheduled in this Notice provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to be introduced to the Energy Commission Committee and Hearing Officer assigned to oversee this proceeding, obtain information on the Energy Commission's siting review process and proposed project, identify areas of environmental concern to be addressed during the environmental review of the amendment, offer comments, and view the project site. The project owner will explain its plans for developing the project and the related facilities. Staff will explain the administrative licensing process and its role in reviewing the Petition. The Hearing Officer will explain the role of the Committee and the Public Advisor will explain how her office can offer assistance to the public.

ORDER REGARDING PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND ISSUE IDENTIFICATION REPORT

To assist participants in understanding the currently proposed project, Petitioner and Staff shall each file a proposed schedule for conducting the amendment process, and Staff shall file an Issue Identification Report (Report) summarizing any potential issues. The proposed schedules and Report shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on November 10, 2015. These documents will be available for review at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palmdale/>

At the Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing, the parties shall indicate whether anticipated data responses would resolve issues of concern that may be raised in Staff's Report.

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 Committee 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 Kenneth Celli, Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-8893, or by e-mail at: ken.celli@energy.ca.gov.

Technical questions concerning the project should be directed to Eric Veerkamp, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-4611, or by e-mail at: eric.veerkamp@energy.ca.gov

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or by e-mail at: 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/palmdale/>

Dated: October 16, 2015, at Sacramento, California

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Palmdale Energy Project Amendment
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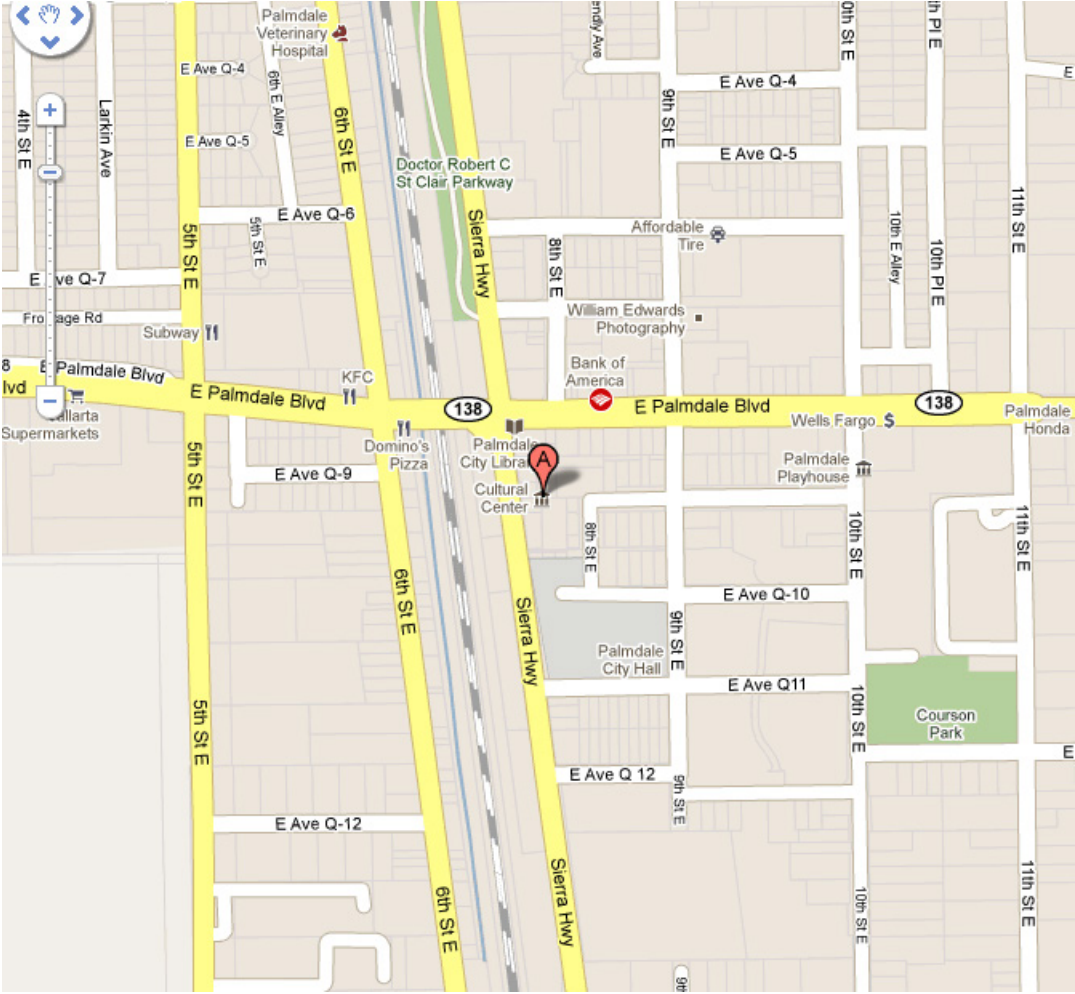
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

**Project Site Visit, Public Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing
Larry Chimbole Cultural Center
38350 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550**

Meeting Agenda

1. 4:00 p.m. - Site visit. Complimentary bus transportation leaves the Larry Chimbole Cultural Center at 4:00 p.m.
2. 5:30 p.m. - Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing
 - a. Presentations by Petitioner, Staff, and the Energy Commission's Public Adviser
 - b. Discussion of the environmental issues presented
 - c. Discussion of schedule for the review of the project
3. Public Comment
4. Possible Committee closed session on the Palmdale Energy Project Amendment (08-AFC-09C). The Commissioners 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: Kenneth Celli, Hearing Officer, (916) 651-8893 or by e-mail at: ken.celli@energy.ca.gov.