

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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October 22, 2001

Dear Librarian:

DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE 1,120 MW TESLA POWER PROJECT (01-AFC-21)

Please make the enclosed Application for Certification (AFC) available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the AFC or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "electricity energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject.

The Energy Commission's review process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation, we distribute copies of AFCs to libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka, as well as to public libraries in communities near the proposed project.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Jack W. Caswell, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 653-0062 or by e-mail at jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Richins, Jr.".

PAUL C. RICHINS, JR.

Energy Facilities Licensing Program Manager

Enclosure

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To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE TESLA POWER PROJECT
(1,120 MW) ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITY**

On October 12, 2001, Midway Power LLC (MPLLC), a Delaware limited liability company, filed an Application for Certification (AFC) for the Tesla Power Project (TPP). MPLLC is seeking approval from the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) to construct and operate the 1,120 MW Tesla Power Project. The site is located on a 60-acre portion of a 160-acre parcel, Assessor parcel No. 99B-7825-1-4 Section 30, Township 2S, Range 4E, in Alameda County. Staff at the California Energy Commission has begun reviewing the AFC for data adequacy.

The Energy Commission's Executive Director is required to file a data adequacy recommendation within 30 days from the date of receipt. The Energy Commission is required to act on the Executive Director's recommendation within 45 days of receipt of the AFC. The Energy Commission will consider the issue of data adequacy at the business meeting on November 14, 2001. If the Energy Commission decides that the application is complete, we will begin the data discovery and analysis phases. These phases will include a number of public workshops and hearings. We will be scheduling an Informational Hearing and site visit approximately one month after data adequacy. The Energy Commission's overall review process will be completed within 12 months of the AFC being deemed data adequate.

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 Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, etc. The Energy Commission's responsibilities are similar to those of a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Over the next 12 months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. 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, normally 14 days, but not later than 10 days, prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Pat Owen, project secretary, at (916) 654-4219.

If you want information on how you can participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, or if you have a disability and need assistance in order to participate at a Business Meeting or workshop, please contact Priscilla Ross in the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 653-6612, at least five days before a workshop, (toll free in California at (800) 822-6228), or by email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Jack W. Caswell, Siting Project Manager at (916) 653-0062 or by email at jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/tesla>. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Executive Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the AFC. Thank You.