



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Application for Certification
for the *MIRANT WILLOW PASS*
GENERATING STATION PROJECT

Docket No. 08-AFC-6

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND PUBLIC SITE VISIT

On June 30, 2008, the California Energy Commission received an Application for Certification (AFC) from Mirant Marsh Landing, LLC (Mirant) for the Willow Pass Generating Station (WPGS) Project. The proposed project would consist of natural gas-fired electric generation facilities and ancillary systems located on a 26-acre site in the City of Pittsburg in Contra Costa County, California. The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project and is considering the proposal under a twelve-month review process established by Public Resources Code section 25540.6.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the Application. The Committee has scheduled a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project as described below:

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Site Visit begins (bus leaves) at 3:40 p.m.

Site Visit ends (bus returns) at 4:45 p.m.

Public Informational Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.

Delta Diablo Sanitation District
2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway
Antioch, California 94509

(Plant Operations Center Lunch Room
on the west side of Arcy Lane)
(Map Attached)

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Members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site. The Applicant will provide transportation to and from the site. For reservations, contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail at: [\[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us). Please make your reservation on or before 4:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 15, 2008**, so that we can assure you a space.

A public Site Visit and Informational Hearing for the Marsh Landing Generating Station (MLGS) will also occur on December 18. The order of events will be:

- 1st MLGS site visit;
- 2nd WPGS site visit;
- 3rd MLGS informational hearing; and
- 4th WPGS informational hearing.

Interested persons may choose to attend only one or both of the site visits. Notice of the MLGS events is provided on a separate notice. Further information about MLGS is available on the Energy Commission's web site at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/marshlanding].

Please be aware that the proposed site is an operating power plant. The following **safety and security rules apply to all visitors**:

1. All parcels, bags, backpacks, etc., brought onto the site are subject to inspection;
2. Visitors to the site **must** show a valid, government-issued photo identification before boarding the buses;
3. Photographs **may not** be taken on-site;
4. Visitors will be given a guided tour by Mirant and **must always** remain with the group;
5. While we do not expect hard hats and other safety equipment to be necessary, if such equipment is needed, it will be provided by Mirant and worn by visitors as directed; and
6. Visitors may not interfere with the activities of plant personnel.

Background

The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. It provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the general public to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

On October 8, 2008, the Energy Commission began its review of the project. During the review period, it will determine whether the proposed project complies with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. During the preparation of its analysis, Commission Staff may hold one or more public workshops. After Staff's analysis is complete, the Committee will hold evidentiary hearing(s) and prepare a Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD), based solely on the evidence of record, recommending whether or not to approve the proposed project. The PMPD will then be considered by the full Energy Commission.

Project Description

The WPGS facility is proposed for a 26-acre site in the City of Pittsburg two miles west of the city center, on 26-acre brown-field site within the existing Pittsburg Power Plant. The Pittsburg Power Plant site is currently occupied by seven generating units, four of which are still in operation, the remaining three were retired in 2003. The proposed project would occupy the southern 23.5 acres of the 26-acre parcel. The northern 2.5-acre portion of the parcel is bordered by the Suisun Bay.

Two dry (air) cooled Siemens Flex Plant 10 generating units operated in combined-cycle mode would produce approximately 550 megawatts (MW). They would be connected to a Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) switchyard adjacent to the project site via an approximately 1,600 foot long, single-circuit 230-kV transmission line using 85 to 150 foot tall steel pole structures. Pipeline quality natural gas would be delivered by PG&E via an onsite pipeline, approximately 2,700 feet long, connecting to an existing gas transmission line serving the Pittsburg Power Plant. Two water pipelines, approximately five miles in length, would be constructed to bring recycled water from, and return process wastewater to, the Delta Diablo Sanitation District Water Treatment Plant.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed project are contained in the AFC. Copies of the AFC are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries: Antioch library; Pittsburg Library; Oakley Library; as well as libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles and San Diego. Copies of the AFC are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, and the California State Library also located in Sacramento.

Purpose of the Informational Hearing

This Informational Hearing provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information and offer comments and concerns about the proposed project. The Applicant will explain plans for developing the project and the related facilities and Energy Commission staff will explain the administrative licensing process and Staff's role in reviewing the Application.

Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report

To assist the parties and public in understanding the process, Staff shall file a proposed schedule for project review. Staff shall also file an Issue Identification Report summarizing the major issues it has identified regarding the project. Staff's report shall indicate whether Applicant's data responses have been timely and what additional information is necessary to resolve issues of concern. The proposed schedule and Staff's report shall be filed no later than noon on **December 10, 2008**. The Applicant shall file its response, if any, no later than noon on **December 15, 2008**.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For information on how to participate, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: [\[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz at 916-654-5146 or e-mail: [\[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us).

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Paul Kramer, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 654-5103 or e-mail: [\[pkramer@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:pkramer@energy.state.ca.us).

Technical questions concerning the Project should be addressed to Ivor Benci-Woodward, the Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-3911, or by e-mail at: [\[ibenciwo@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:ibenciwo@energy.state.ca.us).

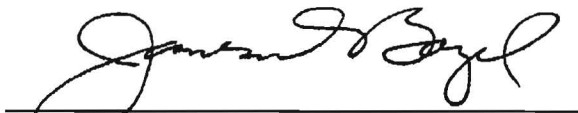
Media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission's Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, including the AFC, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [\[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/willowpass\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/willowpass). You can also subscribe to receive email notification of all notices at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/listservers\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers).

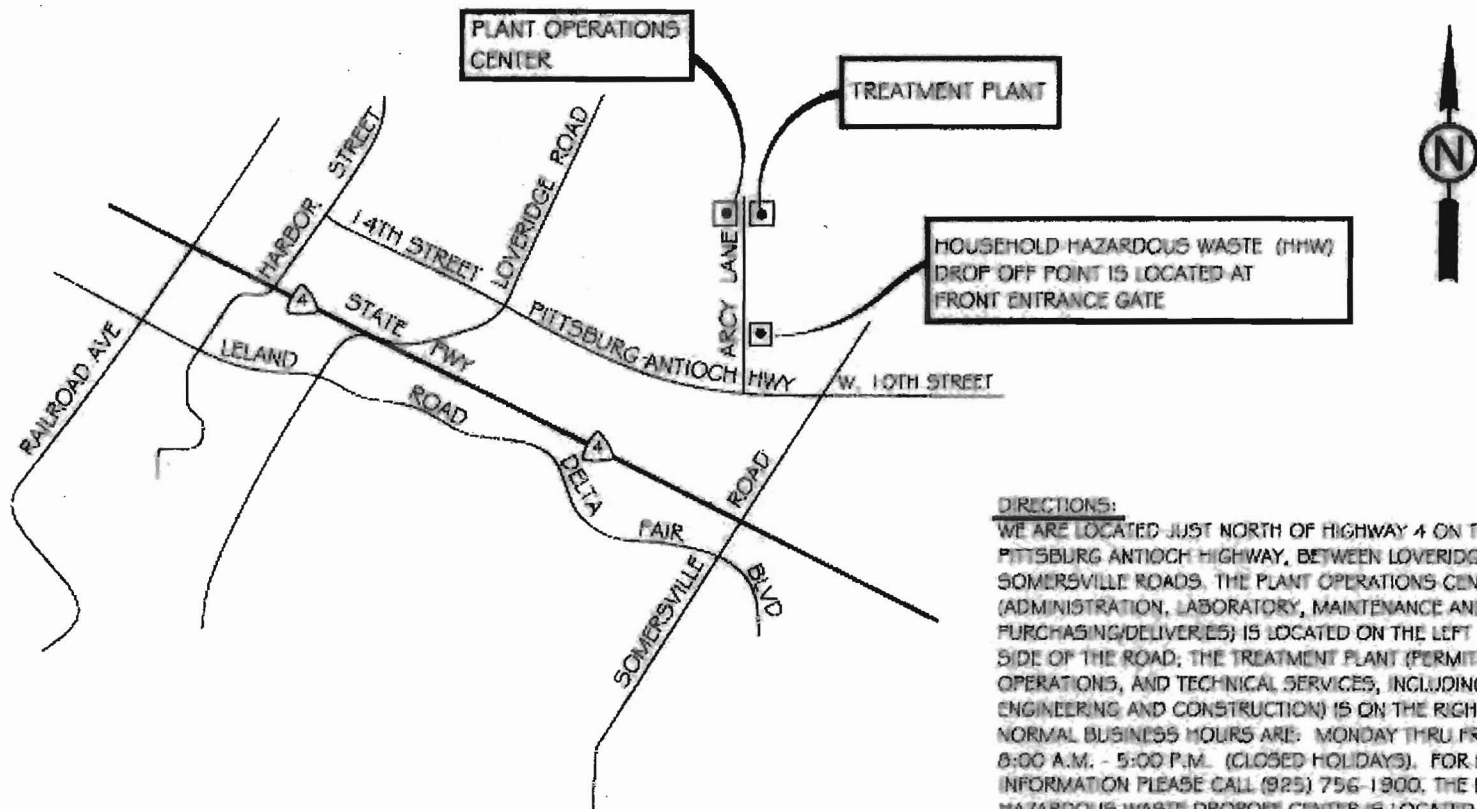
Dated November 12, 2008, at Sacramento, California.



KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Willow Pass AFC Committee



JAMES D. BOYD
Vice Chair and Associate Member
Willow Pass AFC Committee



DIRECTIONS:

WE ARE LOCATED JUST NORTH OF HIGHWAY 4 ON THE PITTSBURG ANTIOCH HIGHWAY, BETWEEN LOVERIDGE AND SOMERSVILLE ROADS. THE PLANT OPERATIONS CENTER (ADMINISTRATION, LABORATORY, MAINTENANCE AND PURCHASING/DELIVERIES) IS LOCATED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD; THE TREATMENT PLANT (PERMITS, OPERATIONS, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION) IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE. NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ARE: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (CLOSED HOLIDAYS). FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (925) 756-1900. THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROPOFF CENTER IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE GATE AND IS OPEN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FROM 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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PROOF OF SERVICE
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INSTRUCTIONS: All parties shall either (1) send an original signed document plus 12 copies or (2) mail one original signed copy AND e-mail the document to the address for the Docket as shown below, AND (3) all parties shall also send a printed or electronic copy of the document, which includes a proof of service declaration to each of the individuals on the proof of service list shown below:

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