Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment
Workshop for the
Starwood Power Project
(06-AFC-10)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop for the proposed Starwood Power Project. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the public and other interested parties to meet with staff. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2007
5:00 P.M.

Mendota Community Center
195 Smoot Avenue
Mendota, California 93640

(Wheelchair Accessible)
(Map Attached)

Purpose:

California Energy Commission staff recently filed its Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) on the Starwood Power Project Application for Certification (AFC). The purpose of this PSA workshop is to receive comments on staff's analysis from the applicant, public, intervenors in the proceeding, and local, state and federal agencies. Environmental and engineering related topics and any outstanding issues will be discussed. Topics will include air quality, land use, biology, fire protection, and staff's recommended conditions of certification. Comments will be used to revise the PSA and complete the Final Staff Assessment which will become staff's testimony in evidentiary hearings. Public comments are welcome and encouraged to be in writing by August 27, 2007, to Che McFarlin, Project Manager, at the address on this letterhead.

Background:

On November 17, 2006, Starwood Power-Midway, LLC, submitted an AFC to construct and operate a 120 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired simple-cycle (peaking) power plant, the Starwood Power Project, in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. The project site is located at 43627 West Panoche Road on a 5.6 acre site within a 128-acre parcel. The site is approximately 12 miles southwest of the city of Mendota, 16 miles south-southwest of the city of Firebaugh and approximately 2 miles east of Interstate 5, adjacent to the existing Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Panoche Substation, Calpeak power plant, and the Wellhead power plant.
The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications for thermal electric power plants, with a capacity of 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. On January 3, 2007, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete, which initiated Energy Commission staff’s independent review of the proposed project.

Public Participation:
The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in the project review, please contact the Public Adviser’s Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

Questions:
The PSA and general information on the proposed power plant are available on the Energy Commission’s website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/starwood. Inquiries about the project schedule or PSA should be directed to Che McFarlin, Project Manager, at (916) 651-0965 or by email at cmcfarlin@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989, or e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: 8/3/07

TERRENCE O’BRIEN, Deputy Director
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Energy Commission Workshop
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2007
Workshop begins at 5:00 PM
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE STARWIND POWER PLANT

Docket No. 06-AFC-10
PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 3/16/07)

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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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Dora Gomez, declare that on August 3, 2007, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop for the Starwood Power Plant Project (06-AFC-10), in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

OR

Transmission via electronic mail was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210. All electronic copies were sent to all those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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