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**Notice of Workshop for the
Preliminary Staff Assessment
Carlsbad Energy Center Project
(07-AFC-6)**

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The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a two-day public workshop on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. The workshop will be held:

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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Thursday, January 8, 2009

11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Sheraton Carlsbad
Sunset B Ballroom/Conference Room
5480 Grand Pacific Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008
(Wheelchair Accessible)
(Map Attached)

Call-in number (listen only): 866-732-2736, Access Code 5342720

Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to allow the applicant, staff, intervenors, interested agencies, and the public to discuss the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project issued on December 11, 2008. Subjects to be discussed on January 7, 2009, include: Air Quality (5-7 PM evening session), Biology, Hazardous Material Management, Public Health, Soils & Water, Worker Safety and Fire Prevention. Subjects to be discussed on January 8, 2009, include Land Use, Traffic & Transportation, Visual Resources, Transmission System Engineering and Waste Management, among others. Based on the workshop dialogue, written comments received regarding the PSA, and additional information that will be gathered, the Energy Commission staff will revise the PSA where appropriate and issue a Final Staff Assessment (FSA) in the second half of March, 2009.

Background

On September 14, 2007, Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) seeking approval from the Energy Commission to construct and operate the Carlsbad Energy Center Project (CECP), a 558 megawatt (MW) combined-cycle generating facility to be located in the city of Carlsbad, in San Diego County. On October 31, 2007, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete which initiated the Energy Commission staff's independent review of the proposed project. After nearly a year of discovery and project analysis, Energy Commission staff issued their Preliminary Staff Assessment on December 11, 2008. The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and deciding whether to approve applications for thermal power plants with a generating capacity of 50 MW or greater proposed for construction in California.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, 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 email at public.adviser@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 and Access to Information

General information and documents on the proposed project are available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carlsbad>. Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media Office, at (916) 654-4989 or email mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. For general or technical questions on the subject matter, please contact Mike Monasmith, Project Manager, at (916) 654-4894 or email mike.monasmith@energy.state.ca.us. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this Notice. Please include "Docket No. 07-AFC-6" in referring to the case.

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