

Notice of Decision by California Energy Commission

To: X Office of Planning and Research
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Clearinghouse No: 2007121095

X California Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, Room 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1768

Project Title: PANOCHE ENERGY CENTER

Energy Commission Docket Number: 06-AFC-5

Energy Commission Contact Person: James W. Reede, Jr., Ed.D Telephone: (916) 653-1245

Project Location: The project area is located in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County, adjacent to the Panoche Hills. The site is approximately 2 miles east of Interstate 5, adjacent to the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) existing Panoche Substation. The proposed site and substation are located south of West Panoche Road. The site is more specifically described as the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 15 South, Range 13 East, on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangle map (Figure 3.2-1). The assessor's parcel number (APN) is 027-060-785.

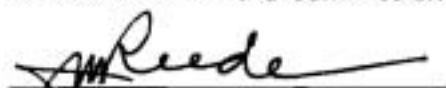
County: Fresno

Project Description: Construction of a 400 MW natural-gas fired, electricity generating power plant.

On December 19, 2007, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described project pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary of Resources under Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project.
3. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project.

The Commission docket files containing the final Commission Decision and other information regarding the project are available to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. The final Decision and other information regarding the project is also available on the Commission's web site located at www.energy.ca.gov.


Signature

12/19/7
Date

Project Ings
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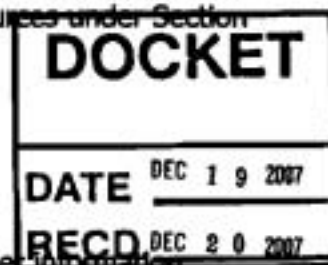
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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Appendix C

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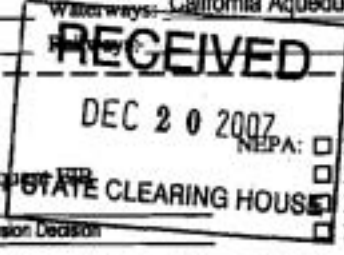
SCH # **8007121095**

Project Title: PANOCHE ENERGY CENTER

Lead Agency: California Energy Commission Contact Person: James W. Reede, Jr., Ed.D
 Mailing Address: 1519 - 9th Street Phone: (916) 653-1245
 City: Sacramento Zip: 95823 County: Sacramento

Project Location:

County: Fresno City/Nearest Community: Mendota
 Cross Streets: West Panoche Road and South Brannen Avenue Zip Code: 93840
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 027-060-78S Section: 5 Twp.: 15 South Range: 13 East Base: MDBM
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 5 Waterways: California Aqueduct, Delta-Mendota Canal
 Airports: _____ Schools: _____



Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec | (Prior SCH No.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres <u>12.8</u> Employees <u>14</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power: Type <u>Electric Generation</u> MW <u>400</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| Total Acres (approx.) <u>12.8</u> Permanent + <u>8</u> Temp | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducing |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Transmission System Impacts</u> |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

AE-20 Exclusive Agriculture, 20-acre minimum parcel size.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The PEC would be a nominal 400 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant consisting of four General Electric LMS100 natural gas-fired combustion turbine generators and associated equipment. The PEC is designed as a peaking facility to meet electric generation load during periods of high demand.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Appendix C, continued

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5F</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date November 14, 2007 Ending Date December 19, 2007

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: _____



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFG 753.5a (01/2002)

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Invoice Date: **12/19/2007**

Document No:

Deposit No: **4116**

Lead Agency: **California Energy Commission**
 State Agency of Filing: **Department of Fish and Game**
 Project Title: **Panoche Energy Center**

California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street-MS 15
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant Name
 Project Applicant Address:
 City, State, Zip

Project Applicant (check appropriate box) Local Public Agency School District Other Special District
 State Agency Private Entity

APPLICABLE FEES:

Environmental Impact Report:	\$0.00
Negative Declaration:	\$0.00
Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only):	\$0.00
Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs	\$850.00

Lien fee: \$0.00

Penalty: \$0.00

County Administrative Fee: \$0.00

Project exempt from fees \$0.00

\$0.00
Total Received \$850.00

Person receiving payment: Bill Terry, Accounting Technician

4 copies - Project Applicant, DFG/FASB, Lead Agency, County/State Agency of Filing

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