



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
PIO PICO ENERGY CENTER

DOCKET No. 11-AFC-1

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REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On February 10, 2011, Pio Pico Energy Center, LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a nominal 300 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired simple-cycle generating facility, the Pio Pico Energy Center (PPEC). The project site is on approximately 10 acres of disturbed land located on Alta Road at Calzada de la Fuente in the Otay Mesa area of unincorporated San Diego County.

The Energy Commission found the AFC data adequate on April 20, 2011, and assigned a Committee to conduct proceedings on the AFC. The Committee held a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing at Southwestern College Higher Education Center at Otay Mesa on May 16, 2011, to view the proposed site, discuss the review process, and identify issues that could affect the schedule.

On May 24, 2011, the Committee issued a Scheduling Order. It contained a list of events that must occur in order to complete the certification process. In that Order, the Committee asked that the parties immediately inform the Committee should anything occur that might affect the schedule.

On June 8, 2011, the Applicant filed a Project Refinement document reflecting the proposed relocation of a portion of the proposed, underground natural-gas line. This triggered the need on the part of Staff to update several studies such as traffic impacts and the cultural resources survey.

On June 27, 2011, Staff informed the Committee of the need for additional time in light of the AFC refinement, and submitted a proposed revised schedule. The proposed revised schedule would result in issuance of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) approximately three weeks later than the originally scheduled date. Accordingly, the Committee issued a revised schedule on July 12, 2011.

On October 6, 2011, Staff informed the Committee that Applicant is revising the project to increase the level of water treatment and modify its wastewater disposal methods.

Staff also informed the Committee that The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) recently published its C1C2 Phase II Interconnection Study Report (Phase II Cluster Study) which necessitated the issuance of an additional 36 data requests related to the electrical transmission system upgrades that were identified in the Phase II Cluster Study as being triggered by the PPEC. Staff also informed the Committee that Applicant is also remodeling the PPEC's potential impacts to air quality, as required by the San Diego Air Pollution Control District ("District"). The modeling effort must be completed before the District can issue its Preliminary Determination of Compliance ("PDOC"). Because issuance of the PDOC is a precursor to Staff completing its air quality analysis, the ongoing modeling work is also delaying publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA).

Staff has therefore requested that the Committee revise the schedule to allow additional time for publication of the PSA in light of the above developments. We find that good cause has been shown for the schedule revisions, and accordingly we issue the attached revised schedule.

The parties shall promptly inform the Committee via memo, e-mail, or telephone contact with the Hearing Officer, of anything causing inability to meet a deadline. Any such communications shall be promptly docketed as appropriate. The Committee will request status reports and schedule status conferences as necessary.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For those individuals who require general 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 any scheduled event, contact Lourdes Quiroz no less than five days prior to the hearing at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail: [\[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us).

Obtaining Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020 or e-mail: [\[rrenaud@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:rrenaud@energy.state.ca.us).

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Eric Solorio, the Staff Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966 or e-mail: [\[esolorio@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:esolorio@energy.state.ca.us).

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/piopico/index.html>].

Dated: November 14, 2011 at Sacramento, California.



CARLA PETERMAN
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Pio Pico AFC Committee



KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Associate Member
Pio Pico AFC Committee

**PIO PICO ENERGY CENTER
REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

	ACTIVITY	Calendar Day
1	Application for Certification determined to be "Data Adequate" at Commission Business Meeting	04-20-11
2	Staff files Issue Identification Report	05-06-11
3	Informational hearing and site visit	05-16-11
4	Staff files 1st Round Data Requests	05-25-11
5	Applicant files Data Responses (round 1)	07-15-11
6	Data response and issue resolution workshop	08-24-11
7	Applicant files project refinement (reverse osmosis; water treatment)	10-28-11
8	Applicant files Data Responses (72(a-r) and 73(a-r))	10-31-11
9	SDAPCD issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	11-02-11
10	Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) filed	12-29-11
11	SDAPCD issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	01-06-12
12	PSA workshop	01-18-12
13	Public Comments on PSA are due	01-30-12
14	Final Staff Assessment (FSA) filed	02-28-12
15	Prehearing Conference*	TBD
16	Evidentiary hearings*	TBD
17	Committee files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)*	TBD
18	Hearings on the PMPD*	TBD
19	Committee files errata or revised PMPD (if necessary)*	TBD
20	Commission issues final Commission Decision	TBD
*Items 15 through 19 will be scheduled by the Committee		

TBD = To Be Determined

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maggie Read, declare that on, November 14, 2011, I served and filed copies of the attached Revised Committee Scheduling Order dated November 14, 2011. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/piopico/index.html].

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

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OR, if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:

- Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Original signed by: _____
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Hearing Adviser's Office