

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814Main website: www.energy.ca.gov

Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop for Avenal Energy (08-AFC-1)

The California Energy Commission Staff will conduct a workshop on the proposed Avenal Energy Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). The workshop will provide an opportunity for agencies, the public and other interested parties to present questions and comments on the PSA. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. The workshop will be held:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009
3:30-5:30 PM and 6-7 PM (recap)
Reef-Sunset Unified School District Headquarters
District Board Room
205 N. Park Avenue
Avenal, CA 93204
(Wheelchair Accessible)
(Map Attached)
(Remote Access Directions Attached)

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**Discussion Topics: All topics in the PSA with a focus on Air Quality, Biology,
Cultural Resources, Land Use and Traffic and Transportation**

Purpose

California Energy Commission staff recently filed its PSA on the Avenal Energy 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. Discussions will include all topics contained in the PSA with a focus on: Air Quality, Biology, Cultural Resources, Land Use, and Traffic and Transportation. 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 on the PSA are welcome and encouraged to be submitted in writing by **March 4, 2009**, to Ivor Benci-Woodward, Project Manager, at the address on this letterhead.

Background

On February 21, 2008, Avenal Power LLC filed an Application for Certification with the Energy Commission for the Avenal Energy generating facility. Avenal Power is seeking

Energy Commission approval to construct and operate a 600-megawatt (MW) generating facility in the city of Avenal in Kings County. The proposed generating facility would use dry cooled, combined cycle technology, consisting of two natural gas-fired General Electric 7FA gas turbines with heat recovery steam generators (HRSG) and one General Electric steam turbine. If approved, the generating facility would be built on approximately 34 acres of a 148-acre industrial zoned site located within the Avenal city limits, just south of the Fresno County line and approximately two miles east of Interstate 5.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public with assistance in participating in Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Public Adviser, Nick Bartsch at: (916) 654-4701, or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at:

PublicAdvisor@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.

Questions

General information about the proposed generating facility and related documents are available on the Energy Commission's website

at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/avenal>.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Energy Commission's media office at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. For technical questions on the subject matter, please contact Ivor Benci-Woodward, Project Manager, at (916) 654-3991 or by e-mail at: lbenciwo@energy.state.ca.us. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the Project Manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this notice.

Date: February 4, 2009

TERRENCE O'BRIEN, Deputy Director
Siting, Transmission and
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Attachments: Map and Remote Access Directions.

Proof of Service List

Mail Lists:

General – 7225

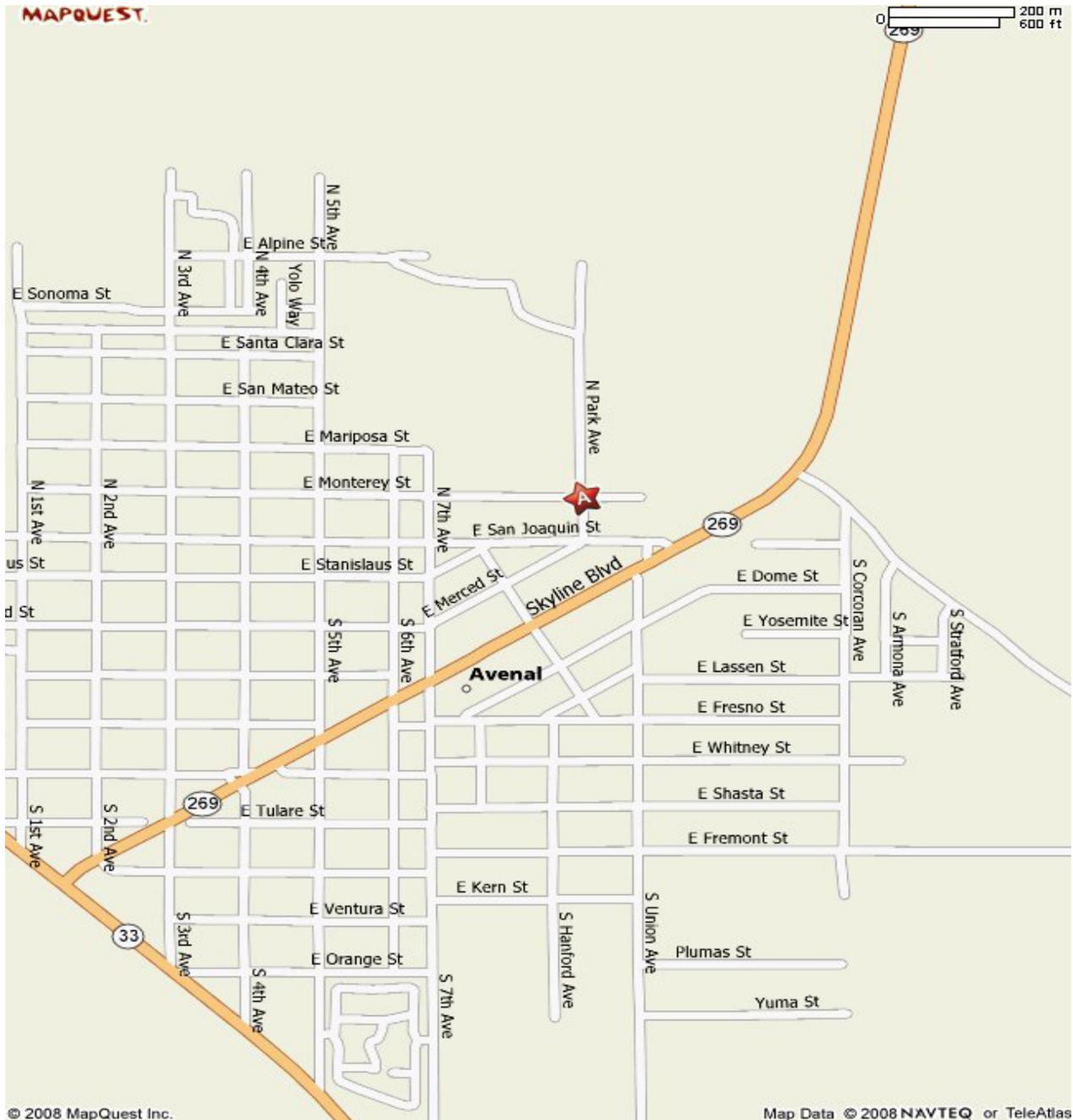
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Agencies – 7227

Libraries – 7228

Native Americans

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009
REEF/SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
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1:00 P.M.
205 NORTH PARK AVENUE
AVENAL, CA 93204
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From Interstate 5 (I-5): Take Lassen Avenue/CA-269 exit and proceed approximately 5.1 miles west on CA-269. Turn right onto E. San Joaquin Street and turn right again onto N. Park Avenue. The entrance is on N. Park Avenue immediately after E. Monterey Street.

Remote Access Directions:

Instructions to Connect via Telephone Only (No Computer Access)

1. Call: 1-866-469-3239
2. When prompted enter this meeting number: 928 849 274
3. When it asks for Attendee ID press: #

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1. Go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter the unique meeting number: 925 070 536
2. When prompted, enter your information and the following meeting password: SITING123!
3. After you login, a prompt will appear on-screen for you to provide your phone number. In the Number box, type your area code and phone number and click OK to receive a call back on your phone for the audio of the meeting. International callers can use the "Country/Region" button to help make their connection.

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If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239. Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
For the AVENAL ENERGY PROJECT

Docket No. 08-AFC-1
PROOF OF SERVICE
(revised 10/27//2008)

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, Teraja` Golston, declare that on February 5 2009, I deposited copies of the attached Avenal Energy (08-AFC-1) Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop in the United States mail at Sacramento 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.

Original Signature in Dockets
Teraja` Golston

Attachments